President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud
X-Treme Saturday at Skyline College

On January 11, over 125 new students participated in X-Treme Saturday, a one-day, one-stop shop for Spring registration. Dr. Blake, Vice President, Student Services, welcomed the new students and Nohel Corral, Director of TRiO Program, was the emcee for the day. This “one-stop” event provided students the opportunity to take placement tests in English and Math and meet with Counselors in a small group setting to plan their fall schedules and Student Education Plans (SEP).

During lunch, students participated in the Club/Program Showcase, introducing them to Learning Communities, Tutoring, Student Services and other programs at the College. Students later participated in an Orientation session and were able to complete their enrollment and registration in one day!

Highlights from Academic Senate Final 2013 Meeting

The Academic Senate held its final meeting of the 2013 year on December 13. Topics discussed included a revision of the charge of the Professional Personnel Committee, the ranking of the FTEFAC’s priority list of position hiring, and upcoming institutes and plenaries. All minutes and agendas for the academic senate may be found on the Academic Senate website.

In Spring 2014, the Academic Senate will test two dates for a change in permanent meeting time. Friday meetings have proven to be difficult for attendance and communication of vital information. All Spring meetings will take place at the regular Friday 1:10 – 3:00 p.m. time except for two test meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2:10 – 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 25, 2:10 – 4:00 p.m.

The Academic Senate honored Dr. Sarah Perkins with the following resolution, which was read and adopted by acclamation:

Skyline College Academic Senate Resolution Commending Dr. Sarah Perkins

Whereas, Sarah Perkins immediately and enthusiastically adopted Skyline College as her home upon her arrival in 2012 when she assumed the position of Vice President of Instruction, instantly demonstrating commitment and dedication to her new college community; and

Whereas, Sarah Perkins has facilitated the creation of several new initiatives directly resulting in rich and beneficial opportunities for faculty development such as the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, Faculty Boot-up Camps, Center for Innovative Practices through Hip-Hop Education & Research, and Study Abroad; and

Whereas, Faculty’s access to Sarah Perkins’ extensive expertise and creative vision has resulted in the continued improvement of many campus processes such as Full Time Equivalent Faculty allocation, curriculum approval, professional development, accreditation, international education, and the development and assessment of distance education; and

Article by Dr. John Mosby, Photos by Raul Guerra.
Whereas, Skyline College faculty have grown to rely on Sarah Perkins’ support and advice and have come to see her as an invaluable resource for facilitating the work of the College; and

Whereas, The success of Skyline College’s accreditation site visit of 2013 was greatly enhanced by Sarah Perkins’ efforts, leadership, and cheerleading chants of “Does Skyline College meet the Standards?”; and

Whereas, Sarah Perkins’ admirable qualities of collegiality, responsiveness, accessibility, and respect are outpaced only by her tireless and fastidious work ethic, making her “the administrator for the faculty that she never had”; and

Resolved, That the Skyline College Academic Senate acknowledge Sarah Perkins as an indispensable member of our college community and a model for all who are privileged to work with her; and

Resolved, That the Skyline College Academic Senate express its deepest appreciation to Sarah Perkins for all the work that she has done and will continue to do in the interest of making Skyline College shine.

Article by Leigh Anne Shaw, Photo by Raul Guerra.

**WELCOME DR. MARIA ANGÉLICA GARCÍA!**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. María ‘Angélica’ García to Skyline College as the new Dean of Counseling, Special Programs and Matriculation.

Dr. García has a strong professional and educational background in higher education with an emphasis in social justice and education equity as both administrator and faculty member. She has an earned doctorate from San Francisco State University in Educational Leadership, a Masters from San Diego State University and Bachelors from St. Mary’s College of California. Dr. García’s enthusiasm, commitment and dedication are contagious. She has a proven track record in the areas of advocacy, high school transition program and program development. She embodies our ‘student first’ philosophy! Again, let’s welcome Dr. María Angélica García!

Article by Dr. Joi Blake.

The Transfer Post!

The Transfer Center is now host to the beautifully constructed Transfer Post! In collaboration with Elizabeth Gochez, President of Skyline College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and other members, a directional post was created to represent the many avenues Skyline College students can choose when it comes to transfer. The post features directional arrows pointing to many colleges and universities that Skyline College students have already transferred to such as San Francisco State University, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, University of Southern California, UC Santa Cruz, Cal State East Bay and many more.

The Transfer Post is currently located in the Transfer Center for viewing, but it will be located at various events in the Spring 2014 semester. Look for it at our annual Transfer Fair for private and out-of-state colleges and universities scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 12 from 10:00 am- 2:00 pm. You will also find it during our tabling events throughout the semester when our Transfer Ambassadors will be available in Building 6, Fireside Dining Room to answer transfer related questions.

We encourage you to please stop by the Transfer Center in the coming Spring 2014 semester to see their very talented work displayed and to see if your Alma Mater is posted!

Article by Michele Haggar, Photos by Phi Theta Kappa Chapter.
Skyline College Students as Social Entrepreneurs

This fall, Skyline College Business 680 students were encouraged to translate their dreams into reality.

Students who joined the Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship course were mentored by Professor Rachel Zabaneh as they learned to identify their unique gifts and talents and design a sustainable project to make a difference in the community.

As the students identified social problems and developed data driven solutions, their final goal was to present their business plans before a panel of judges who would decide the $1,000 Dora Stoner Award for Social Entrepreneurs.

This prize was named after the instructor’s great-grandmother who saw the need for service learning among young people in the 1930s and was later invited to the White House to share her ideas with Eleanor Roosevelt.

On December 6, six outstanding projects were presented in Skyline College’s Multicultural Hosting Gallery as part of the 2013 Social Entrepreneurship Business Plan Pitch Day.

The first project was introduced by Miguel Perez, who designed the organization H.E.A.L. (Health Education Advocating Life-Longevity) whose mission is to provide community health awareness in the Latino community through educational events and product innovation.

Belinda Villahermosa submitted the A.C.T. (Artistic Community Team) Plan to encourage young people to find a passion in life through artistic mediums.

Jose Luis Sanchez Sosa developed "El Chan", a project focused on developing new irrigation techniques to maximize the use of water and revolutionize the global crop growing industry.

Vehicles for Life was founded by Emmanuel Sibug to provide vehicles for low income families in the S.F. Bay Area through a car award program.

The Hope Project is inspired and directed by Nicole Harris who will use her experience as being legally blind to inspire others to choose hope over despair through seminars, events for college students and tangible acts of service.

The final project and recipient of the $1,000 prize was The Torch Fund, founded and directed by mother and son team, Amy and Judah Darwin. Their goal is to provide opportunity for victims of human trafficking by providing private education. They will use the funds to pay for a year of tuition for one student in India.

Distinguished judges included Skyline College faculty, Professor John Saenz from the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development; Professor Jennifer Mair, Communication Studies Instructor, Consultant & Executive Director, Public Dialogue Consortium and Skyline College Sustainability Coordinator, Mr. Richard Hsu. Desserts were generously provided by the French Patisserie to celebrate the student’s hard work.

Truly, in the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” This spring, students are once again invited to enroll in Bus. 680 and turn their dreams into action.

Article and Photo by Rachel Zabaneh.

Hermanos y Hermanas Fall 13 Field Trip to UC Davis

On Monday, November 29th Alberto Santellan and Aricka Bueno took 34 Hermanos and Hermanas to the University of California, Davis. Before the field trip a few students expressed that they were nervous about going to a University and didn't know what to expect. Some students had a lot of questions and others were more wary. When we first arrived, a few students were talking about how big and beautiful the campus was. By the middle of the field trip, it was clear the trip was a success because every single one of the students looked excited and interested in college, more specifically a University. The UC Davis’ facilitator and presenter was Skyline College’s Hermano Alumni, Jorge Murillo. The field trip included a tour of the enormous campus, a presentation, lunch, and a student panel.
During the campus tour all of the tour guides were very engaging and knowledgeable about the University. They told the students about the popular majors on campus and were able to answer questions about other majors as well. The history and information about the campus really helped to spark the students’ interest and kept their energy high throughout the day. The students enjoyed every aspect of the field trip! As an educator and counselor, it was wonderful to see the students’ faces light up as they walked around campus and were able to connect with UC Davis student panelists and volunteers! Overall, it was an extremely memorable event for the Hermanos and Hermanas!

Article and Photos by Aricka Bueno.

**Men’s Basketball Teams Capture Tournament Title**

The Trojans completed a magical tournament weekend December 13-15 with a thrilling 62-60 victory over Cabrillo College to win the Annual Skyline College Classic on that Sunday.

The Trojans began the tournament with a convincing win over College of Marin, 83-72. Skyline College had five players score in double-figures. The next evening the Trojans faced College of the Siskiyous in the semi-finals. Skyline College trailed by seven points at half-time, but rallied to take the lead 60-59 on a basket by Kevin Brandenberg with less than thirty seconds to play. Siskiyous answered with a basket to take the lead with 6.7 seconds remaining. The Trojans quickly inbounded the ball and advanced it up the floor. Once again, Kevin Brandenberg found himself with the ball and a chance to take the lead. He drilled a 3-pointer at the buzzer sending the crowd into pandemonium.

The win over Siskiyous avenged one of the Trojans two losses of the season. Ironically enough Skyline College lost to Siskiyous by the exact same score earlier this year. In the first match-up, it was Siskiyous hitting the go-ahead 3-pointer late in the game.

All the excitement from the Saturday night game carried over to the Tournament Championship match-up with the 13th-ranked team in the state, Cabrillo College. Once again, the Trojans found themselves in a back-and-forth affair, trailing by one at half-time. The second half remained close until Cabrillo knocked down back-to-back shots from long distance, giving them a nine-point lead with six minutes to go. Skyline College came roaring back and pulled even on a basket by Aaron Brown with 37.3 seconds to play. Cabrillo called time-out and prepared to hold for the game’s final shot. Skyline College’s defense held strong and forced Cabrillo into a tough shot. Aaron Brown was able to grab the rebound and race coast-to-coast for a driving layup in traffic before the final horn sounded. The Trojans had pulled off the upset 62-60, once again bringing the crowd to its feet.

For the Trojans, Brandon Berkovatz was named the Tournament’s Most Outstanding Player. Kevin Brandenberg was named to the All-Tournament team. With the win over Cabrillo, Skyline College improved its record to 7-2 for the season. The Trojans played its next three contests on the road before returning home to face West Valley College on January 3rd where they won 67-65.

Article and Photo by Justin Piergrossi.

**Coming Events**

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