President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

4th Annual National TRiO Day hosted by Skyline College
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**Global Learning Programs and Services Division, Welcomes Delegation from Mexico**

On Wednesday, March 12, the President of Skyline College welcomed the Consul General of Mexico, Dr. Andres Roemer, for a partnership discussion on the topics of education and economic development.

Convened by Skyline College’s Division of Global Learning Programs and Services, the meeting included a brief tour of the Skyline College campus that included the Cosmetology Department, led by Coordinator Kym Jackson, as well as, the Solar and Building Science Learning Center lead by Dean Ray Hernandez and Instructor Bruce Greenstein.

Following the tour, College leadership and the Consul General enjoyed a working-lunch during which they explored partnership opportunities between international educational and economic development programs both at Skyline College and in Mexico.

“We are honored to welcome the Consul General to San Mateo County and provide him an opportunity to see the potential partnership possibilities with Skyline College,” said Richard Soyombo, Dean of Global Learning Programs and Services.

**Rock the School Bells 7 Success!**

On Saturday, March 1, Skyline College hosted its 7th Annual Rock The School Bells Hip Hop Conference to nearly 300 youth and students from various middle school and high schools in the Bay Area. They engaged in a number of workshops ranging from experiencing interactive activities such as utilizing different instruments to create beats, participating in a live writing and spoken word sessions, creating a collective mural, and experiencing a live dance audition. They also participated in career-related workshops such as learning effective strategies using social media, how to create a strong brand, and learning the ins and outs of getting into the music industry.

A series of workshops were held specifically for educators in the Bay Area. Over 60 educators, administrators, youth service providers, and directors participated in workshops that provided them with strategies utilizing Hip Hop pedagogies and ideological literacy practices that they can use in their classrooms and programs. Workshops included: Seeing Through the Lies: Ideological Literacy and Critical Consciousness, Word is Bond: Building Hope through Hip Hop, Critical Pedagogy, and Ethnic Studies, and Bringing Beats into the Classroom: Academic Applications of Hip Hop, Beatmaking, and DJing.

Here are some testimonials from facilitators and youth:

“RTSB was well organized, inspiring, and relevant. I left feeling culturally empowered, sustained, and humbles. Salute to Rock The School Bells for the important work that y’all do.” – Dr. Patrick Camangian, Ethnic Studies, University of San Francisco

“Rock The School Bells is unlike any other educational conference I have attended and is a truly unique and wonderful opportunity for youth, educators, and community members alike.” - Dr. Elliott Gann, Today’s Future Sound.

“Rock The School Bells was sensational. I’ve never experienced an education that was this entertaining and powerful.” – Student testimony

The Dean of Counseling, Dr. Angelica Garcia, provided a warm welcome to conference attendees, emphasizing that Hip Hop is an effective and valuable tool to educate and empower communities. One of the main speakers included Sebastien Elkouby, who served as the conference keynote speaker. He provided an eye opening and thought provoking presentation on how Hip Hop has grown as a business and how some artists knowingly sacrifice the integrity of Hip Hop in order to sell and feed into misconceptions of Hip Hop culture.

In addition to the many workshops and presentations, a special recognition ceremony for Rock The School Bells Scholarship recipients, Victor Moran and Cindy Castillo was held.
This event would not be possible without the support of the Center of Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education & Research (CIPHER), Youth Entrepreneurship Program, Low End Theory – Collaborative, San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, and the 4 Elements Hip Hop Club of De Anza College.

Many thanks go to Kevin Chak and the Skyline College Bookstore, Collective Green SF, Universal Zulu Nation – All Tribes SF, Whipt Baked Cookies, and many other local vendors for their gracious donations to the event.

For more information about Rock The School Bells, and CIPHER please contact Nate Nevado at nevadon@smccd.edu or visit www.rocktheschoolbells.com and www.skylinecollege.edu/cipher.

Article by Nate Nevado. Photos by Berlin Tomas & Shane Menez.

YEP Public Speaking Workshop

On Tuesday, March 11, students attended the Youth Entrepreneurship Program’s Public Speaking Workshop. This campus-wide workshop invited students to hear from renowned public speaking expert and business owner, Michael Neuendorff. Students learned the secrets of great public speaking and participated in interactive public speaking practice sessions. This dynamic workshop covered the following areas:

- how to become a stronger and more effective public speaker
- how to give a captivating speech
- oral presentation skills
- how to tell an engaging story

A number of students attended the workshop, including Business Plan Competition participants. The workshop also included tips on writing a winning business plan.

For more information on YEP program and the Business Plan Competition contact: Pcyeta Stroud stroudp@smccd.edu.

Article & photos by Pcyeta Stroud.

Transfer Fair a Success

On Wednesday, March 12, the Transfer Center hosted the 6th Annual Transfer Fair. The Fair hosted over 20 private colleges and universities who were available to answer student questions about transferring to their campuses. This year out-of-state universities were invited and University of Nevada, Reno and Arizona State University attended. College representatives commented on how impressed they were with the questions and preparedness of our students. The Transfer Fair was very well attended – over 150 students signed in to participate and additionally several classes came through. Over 20 Faculty and Staff attended the event.

Over 90 students completed student evaluations and their responses were overwhelmingly positive. One student said that “they learned about tuition for schools and about the many bachelor degrees private schools offer”. Another student said that she “learned there are many colleges that have her major, which leaves room for many options to transfer”. In addition to learning about private and out-of-state colleges, students were able to learn more about the various programs and services offered by the Transfer Center, Career Center, the Learning Center, The TRiO Program, Associated Students among other programs that support transfer on campus.

Alma Mater Day a Great Success!

In the spirit of promoting a campus-wide transfer culture and encouraging students to inquire about and plan for transfer, the Transfer Center hosted Alma Mater Day. In addition to campus announcement and emails, this is the first time Alma Mater Day was announced to the students through a campus-wide student email. Over 15 faculty and staff from the Counseling Division alone participated! Several other faculty and staff from various divisions participated as well!

Articles by Suzanne Poma. Photos by Claudia Paz.
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**Skyline College Student is a Coca Cola Scholar**

Skyline College student Irene Yim received a Coca Cola scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to community college students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and significant campus and community engagement. Irene is an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter and currently works in the Biology Stockroom. Irene is a food science major and completed a summer internship at the USDA to evaluate nutritional quality of carrots. She presented her research at the SACNAS conference in October. Irene developed and presented a workshop at the March 15th Expanding Your Horizons Conference on Molecular Gastronomy: polymer chemistry.

Article by Dr. Christine Case.

**Hospitality Banquet Server Training**

March 3-4, 2014, the Bay Region Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Grant Initiative (RHT), housed at Skyline College, hosted its first session in the Bay Region Training Tour. The workshop session titled “Hospitality Banquet Server Training” was held at the San Mateo County Event Center. This pilot training workshop attracted close to 25 participants throughout the county. Ronny Tompot, Assistant General Manager at the San Mateo Event Center and Andrea Vizenor, Deputy Sector Navigator for Bay Region RHT, co-taught this interactive and relevant banquet training.

The two-day training provided attendees with the skills necessary in banquet serving such as tray carrying, napkin folding and formal/informal table settings and excellent guest service. In addition to learning these skills, participants had the potential to earn industry recognized certifications offered through the California Restaurant Association, the certifications included: ServSafe Food Handler and ServSafe Responsible Alcohol Training. This was an industry-driven partnership project that was built with the support of leading industry partners in San Mateo County which include: Hilton SFO Bayfront, Hyatt SFO Airport, San Mateo Event Center, Primed and Prepped, Peninsula Works, and Acrobat Outsourcing. With the completion of this course, participants have gained skills that will assist them in workforce entry into hospitality careers and have learned the many exciting career pathway opportunities available in the Hospitality and Tourism industry.

Banquet server training is not the only stop on the RHT tour. For more information on future hospitality events and workshops contact Andrea Vizenor at vizenora@smccd.edu.

This activity is part of the Deputy Sector Navigator, Retail, Hospitality and Tourism “Learn and Earn” Grant awarded to Skyline College and the California Community Colleges Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy Initiative through the State Chancellors Office.

Article by Elizabeth Tablan.

**Regina Morrison Classified Employee of the Year**

Congratulations to Regina Morrison, Director of Financial Aid, on being selected as Skyline College’s Classified Employee of the Year. Regina’s selection at Skyline College placed her as a nominee to the SMCCCD Board as they consider the representative for the District to the State board of Governors.

Regina Morrison has dedicated 17 years of service to Skyline College working her way up from Student Assistant to Director of Financial Aid. As a former student of Skyline College, she knows firsthand, the importance of making resources available to students who have financial need. Her passion and talent is in serving students from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Regina is respected for her expertise in the financial aid community. She serves as the Region Three Representative for the California community Colleges Financial Aid Administrators Association which allows her to keep abreast of student services, financial aid and legislative news. Regina is a key leader in various committees at both the college and district level including such committees as the Benefits Access to College Completion Committee and the College Internal Audit Group. Regina is well respected by faculty, staff and students. The
nominating team wrote, “Regina’s commitment to equality, equity, her ability to help all students realize their potential, and her understanding of the needs of different cultures and economic backgrounds makes her a compassionate, intelligent and conscientious educator. She is a perfect example of why Skyline College shines!” Congratulations to Regina!

Article by Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud.

4th Annual National TRiO Day hosted by Skyline College

On Saturday, February 22, 2014, Skyline College hosted this year’s National TRiO Day in partnership with Canada College’s TRiO and Upward Bound programs. The event was a success hosting close to 200 students, staff, and faculty in Building 6. This student-led event was comprised of student selected workshops, guest speakers, keynote speaker, and activities throughout the day. The theme of this year’s event was A Day of Service and students contributed to a can food drive to support the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Workshops consisted of two alumni panels covering Transition to College and Study Abroad. In addition, workshops focusing on Financial Literacy, Financial Aid, Leadership & Service, and Taking the “Pro” out of Procrastination were facilitated by Melanie Espinueva, Jose Milan, Anthony Heimuli, and Nate Nevado respectively.

The day was kicked off by a short history of TRiO programs, which were created in the 1960’s in response to President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty and an encouraging welcome by President Regina Stanback Stroud. Following Dr. Stroud was a general session on Internships and Volunteer work facilitated by Alex Jones, Job Developer with Workability III and Career Counselor. TRiO students benefited from the lunch-time College and Program Showcase. A number of universities setup tables to provide information to students during this lunch hour, including San Francisco State University, University of San Francisco, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, Sonoma State University, and Notre Dame de Namur. Programs such as Financial Aid, Sparkpoint at Skyline College, A2B, CIPHER, and the Transfer Articulation Bridge were present.

This year’s keynote speaker was Leopoldo Rosales, a TRiO alum and former member of the Warner Bros. group, Malo that toured and appeared on shows such as American Bandstand. With hit songs such as Suavecito, Leo recounted his path from upbringing and stardom to the lowest of lows, and finally graduating Skyline College with honors and now being an elite marathon runner. You can see a video of Leo performing Suavecito at the age of 18 as the lead singer and drummer on this clip filmed in Vancouver Canada in 1972: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwmtbLJdKvI

Leo was appreciative of the opportunity to speak to high school and college TRiO students. “I can’t stop thinking about the conference. I feel like I’m still there talking to the students. I’m finding so much more depth in my story. My mind and spirit keep recalling events that were so tough and I’m finding meaning in them like an equation that I am finally understanding. Believe me when I tell you that when I talk to the students, one more piece of my broken heart gets healed and mended back into the whole. Thank you again for trusting me with your students.”

Leo’s note is an indicator of how genuine and transparent he is and was at the conference to students. There was a line of students waiting to speak with him about how he touched on things that the students themselves are going through and how they too can find meaning and success in their path to graduation and transfer.

Article by Nohel Corral. Photos by Raul Guerra and Felix Perez.

Sports Attorney Everett Glenn visits Skyline College

Noted sports attorney Everett Glenn, the recipient of the 2013 Trailblazer Award in recognition of his long and distinguished career in sports, spoke to a group of over 100 students of the Cosmetology Program on Tuesday, February 26, 2014. The event was sponsored by the Cosmetology Program through Program Coordinator, Kym Jackson, as part of Skyline College’s series of events celebrating African-American
All students enrolled in any other of the District’s three colleges are welcomed to participate. Students participating in the competition are eligible to receive one-on-one coaching and mentoring from business owners, CITD representatives and faculty to refine and perfect their business plans. Cash prizes will be awarded to three winning business plans to help support their start-up business ideas.

The competition will culminate in a Final’s Round. Students will have the opportunity to present or “pitch” their business plans to a panel of industry judges from various business backgrounds, and a chance to receive immediate feedback and suggestions to include in their plans. All plans that advance on to the finals round will be in the running for cash prizes totaling $3500!

Please come out and support the students!

**Date:** May 7th, 2014  
**Time:** 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Building 6, Room 6204

For more information on the Business Plan Competition or on how to be involved in YEP, please contact Pcyeta Stroud: stroudp@smccd.edu.

Article & photo by Pcyeta Stroud.

### Upcoming Events

#### Regional Conference of NAFSA

Skyline College will host the Regional Conference of NAFSA - the professional association for the field of International Education. More than 100 international education professionals from around Northern CA will be on campus for a day of workshops and professional development.

**Tuesday, April 1**, 2014  
7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Skyline College, Building 6

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Heritage Month. Attorney Glenn has represented over 30 NBA and NFL performers over the years, including 13 players selected in the first round of draft picks, several All-Pro performers and three inductees into the NFL Hall of Fame. He retired from actively representing individual players to lead the National Sports Authority, a non-profit organization to help college athletes. Attorney Glenn now helps the students, whose athletic capability fuels the college and professional capital-generating pipeline, become true beneficiaries of the financial harvest their talent has helped to create. The National Sports Authority is also helping diverse businesses, organizations and professionals gain comparable visibility and access to the sports industry's spending on goods and services.

During his “Conversation on Entrepreneurship,” Attorney Glenn shared his own entrepreneurial experiences and successes. He encouraged students to develop and nurture their entrepreneurial interests and skills in preparation for life after Skyline College. In response to corporate consolidation and down-sizing generally, Attorney Glenn advised the students to look beyond trying to just “get a job” to developing entrepreneurial approaches/ventures around making the goods, products and services associated with the beauty industry better, more efficient, cheaper, more environmentally friendly, etc. as ways to move their entrepreneurial dreams forward in their area of study. Appropriately, several campus resources like SparkPoint already in place at Skyline College to help students develop the skills and traits required to be not only cosmetologists and estheticians, but also successful entrepreneurs.

For more information on the Authority, contact Everett Glenn, President, at 562.619.8560 | eglennt@thensa.org | www.thensa.org.

Article by Lynsey Hemstreet.

### YEP Business Plan Competition Spring 2014

Youth Entrepreneurship Program’s Spring 2014 Business Plan Competition is currently underway! The Youth Entrepreneurship Program at Skyline College (YEP), has officially kicked off this semester’s bi-annual competition with a series of exciting orientations and workshops.

On March 11th, YEP held its second Orientation & Workshop for the Business Plan Competition. The orientation was designed to give the students an in-depth view of the competition and an opportunity to ask questions.
“Building Design + Building Science” Conference

It is the goal of this conference to increase the working knowledge of attendees in the categories of building performance, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, building materials, construction methods, design practice skills and design business media.

For those who work in the residential construction industry as a building designer, contractor, consultant, student or educator, this conference is not to be missed.

It is the first conference of its kind addressing building design while operating hands-on devices, bridging the gap between design and science. This year the conference will be 3 days filled with speakers, presentations, demonstrations, education, and networking. There will be sessions featuring the new Building Science Lab, a full-scale two-story portion of a house, to demonstrate and learn the dynamics of home performance with actual measuring instruments. During each day there will be two educational tracks, Building Science and Design Practice, where attendees may choose to bounce from one track to the other. With each day building upon the educational sessions, it will conclude with a keynote presentation, for a total of three keynote addresses during the entire conference.

Keynote Speakers Include:
Rick Chitwood, author of Measured Home Performance, mechanical engineer, mechanical contractor, educator and expert on optimizing residential home performance.

Ann Edminster, author of Energy Free, Homes for a Small Planet, primary author of LEED for Homes, educator and expert on Zero Net Energy homes. Dan Perunko and Gavin Healy, owners of Balance Point Home Performance, an HVAC and insulation contracting company, educators and building science experts in the practical applications of home performance.

Additional information, session descriptions and registration can be found at AIBD CA Conference 2014. We hope you will join us for this special opportunity to engage with building designers, contractors, trades people, consultants and students.

For more information regarding this event, please contact:
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