President’s Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

Middle School Outreach Program hosted by Skyline College
Photo Credit Claudia Paz
14th Annual President’s Breakfast a Huge Success

The community poured into the 14th Annual President’s Breakfast on March 27 from 7:00 a.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center. The breakfast, hosted by Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, President and the Skyline College President’s Council, is the primary fundraising event for the President’s Innovation Fund. This fundraising event provides the community the opportunity to learn about the exceptional education offered at Skyline College and how the President’s Innovation Fund awards faculty and staff with seed money for creative programs and services.

Entrants were welcomed into the center by the Skyline College Men’s baseball players, Vince Lozano, Dabian Canales, Lance Montano, Ismael Orozco, Joey Carney, Nic Bongi, Aldo Severson, Mike Franco and the head Baseball coach, Dino Nomicos. Once inside, attendees enjoyed coffee that was provided by City Toyota of Daly City. ASSC President Kayla Razavi provided some inspiring welcoming remarks, indicating the continued support by the ASSC for the President’s Innovation Fund. Event Co-chairs Theresa Proaño and Kirsten Pinochi set the stage for a baseball themed event. Donning the Skyline College baseball jerseys, Kirsten and Theresa acknowledged the Spring Musical Performers, Skyline College students – past and present, faculty, staff, Past Presidents, the College Council, Deans, and administrators for their commitment and dedication. LaMonte Bishop representing State Senator Mark Leno and Leslie Guevarra and Marc Hershman representing Senator Jerry Hill were acknowledged. Assemblymember Kevin Mullin and his staff Virginia Kroger and Mario Rendon were thanked for their attendance. Rober Chua attended representing Assemblymember Phil Ting.

SMCCCD Board members in attendance were President Karen Schwartz, David Mandlekern, Richard Holober, and Tom Mohr. Several cities were represented including Councilmember Cliff Lentz from Brisbane, Daly City Mayor David Canepa and Councilmembers Ray Buenaventura and Mike Guigona, Colma Vice Mayor Rae Gonzalez, Pacifica Mayor pro tem Karen Ervin and Councilmember Sue Digre, Redwood City Mayor Jeff Gee, San Bruno Mayor Jim Ruane and Vice Mayor Ken Ibarra, and Carol Bonner, San Bruno City Clerk, South San Francisco Council member Pradeep Gupta. Surrounding School board and Harbor and Water Districts including President Maurice Goodman and Vice President Judy Bush, of the South San Francisco Unified School District; Anne Campbell, Superintendent for the San Mateo County Board of Education; Katherine Zarate Dulany – trustee for the Jefferson Union High School District; Eric Ruchames trustee from the Pacifica School district; Pietro Parravano of the San Mateo County Harbor District; and Katherine Slater-Carter – from the Montara Water and Sanitary District

The purpose of this annual breakfast is to showcase the President’s Innovation Fund programs that have funding from our community partners and to highlight a few. We also took the opportunity to acknowledge donors who make these programs possible.

Special mention goes to our Innovation Patrons at the $2,500 level: Bank of the West, City of Brisbane, and Kaiser Permanente. We are fortunate to have the Associated Students of Skyline College continue their support at the Innovation Patron $5,000 level. Our on-going partner, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, hosts this year’s breakfast at the “Dream out Loud” $7,500 level. Finally we continue to have to come up with new ways to describe this last sponsor who has hit a grand slam this year! We are so pleased to announce our $35,000 Premiere Presenting Sponsor – The San Mateo County Community College District Auxiliary Services & Enterprise Operations under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Tom Bauer! The entire list of PIF investors can be viewed here.

Vice Chancellor Tom Bauer provided inspirational remarks explaining why he and his team are so supportive of the effort. He announced the successful textbook rental program at Skyline College that has now resulted in saving students close to a million dollars since its inception a few years ago. Quoting Trustee Tom Mohr, he said that he was committed to closing the economic and opportunity divide between middle class students and so many community college students.

President Stanback Stroud joined Vice Chancellor Bauer on stage to receive the giant replica of the $35,000 check. Dr. Stroud extended sincere expressions of gratitude to everyone, while acknowledging the executive administrators in attendance, Dr. Sarah Perkins and Eloisa Briones along with the esteemed faculty, staff, students and administrators of Skyline College.
Special thanks and acknowledgement was given to Chancellor Ron Galatolo and the SMCCCD team members, Vice Chancellors Nuñez, Keller, Blackwood and Bauer. Both presidents of Cañada College and College of San Mateo were in attendance and were thanked for their continued support – One team indeed.

Current recipients of PIF funds were introduced including:
- Dr. Hui Pate of the Asian Studies Center
- Kwame Thomas of the Brothers and Sisters Conference
- Christine Roumbanis, Linda Witten, Don Carlson and Dr. William Watson, Business Technology Speaker Series
- Nate Nevado, Center for Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education and Research
- Jessie Raskin, Center for Paralegal Studies
- Amory Cariadus, College Lecture Series
- Christine Roumbanis and Soledad McCarthy Enactus Student Chapter
- Dr. John Mosby, KinderCaminata
- Levinia Zanassi and Alexander Jones, Literacy Intervention Community Program
- Jessica Lopez, Middle School Outreach
- Shari Bookstaff and Chip Chandler, Science and Rehabilitation Collaboration using Interactive Metronome Technology
- Dr. Jude Nevari, Dr. Zachary Bruno, Amber Steele, and Alan Ceccarelli, Spring Musical
- Jennifer Mair, Step Up
- Pcyeta Stroud, Youth Entrepreneurship Program

The lights were then dimmed for a touching video created by Brian Kingston of Kingston Media, featuring the PIF Programs. The student speaker in the video, Carolyne Cornett, described her journey and the impact the SparkPoint Center has had on her life. As she finished telling her story from homelessness to hope, there wasn’t a dry eye in the room. She made it apparent that the donations really do make a difference in the lives of the students.

Two student speakers followed her with statements of their journey and the ways YEP has changed their lives. Both students, Sam Uce Veu and Nancy Peng entered and won the YEP Business Plan Competition.

The event culminated in the most creative and fun ask ever…..the cast of Avenue Q, students and puppets sang “Gimme your money!” in a way that roused the audience and inspired giving. President Stanback Stroud closed the event by announcing the winners of the baseball themed basket centerpieces that were created by Kirsten Pinochi and the Recology team.

Initial tallies of the receipts are at approximately $118,000 – shy of the $150,000 goal but an impressive increase over last year’s receipts. If you are interested in making a donation to the President’s Innovation Fund you may still do so at the Foundation Donation Page. (*Please note “President’s Innovation Fund” in the comments box to direct your donation to the PIF.)

Special thanks go to Susan Brissenden-Smith, Theresa Tentes and all of the Skyline College staff and administrators that worked behind the scenes to pull off a flawless effort.

Article by Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud. Photos by Raul Guerra.

**Middle School Outreach Project, an Extreme Success!**

Funded by the President’s Innovation Fund and in collaboration with the President’s Council and Parkway Heights Middle School in South San Francisco, the Middle School Outreach Project (MSOP) was founded two years ago with the goal of exposing middle school students to college and careers at a young age. In addition, the project serves to provide information about college and financial aid to parents in order to foster and support their development as educational advocates for their child.

In December 2013, during MSOP’s Welcome Day at Parkway Heights Middle School, the Middle School Outreach Team along with President Council Member, Teresa Proaño, interacted for the first time with the forty middle school 8th grade participants that comprised this year’s MSOPs cohort. During Welcome Day, the MSOP team also had an opportunity to meet and interact with our participants’ parents. Welcome Day served to acquaint both students and parents about the project as well as to answer any questions they had.

Each year a speaker is selected to serve as spokespersons who will reflect on the impact that the PIF program has had on them. This year we heard from Pcyeta Stroud. Mrs. Stroud is a mentor in the African Diaspora Program and the Program Services Coordinator of the Youth Entrepreneurship Program, founded by the Center for International Trade and Development, now located in the newly formed Global Learning Programs and Services Division. Pcyeta says that her job is to serve students in a way that enables them bring their creative ideas to life in the form of newly created businesses, furthering their own professional development or furthering their education. She told her story, her journey and how PIF not only changed the lives of the students in the YEP program but her life as well.
Between January through March, 2014, Skyline College counselors facilitated a series of bi-weekly educational and career-related workshop at Parkway Heights Middle School. Students learned about Goal Setting, Motivation, Career Planning, and College Preparedness. During these workshops, the middle schoolers were highly engaged and very inquisitive!

In an effort to engage the parents throughout the project, the team hosted Parent Night at Parkway Heights Middle School on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Parents received important information about high school requirements, the various systems of higher education in California, as well as financial aid and the process to apply for it. Parents learned that it is never too early to begin talking to their child about college.

Lastly, on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, the project team hosted MSOPs Student Conference at Skyline College for forty participating middle school students and Parkway Heights Middle School staff. During the conference, students toured the campus and visited various CTE labs, including Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology, and Automotive Technology. In addition, they visited the track and had the opportunity to speak with Skyline College student athletes about their experiences playing sports and being a college student. Furthermore, middle schoolers had the opportunity to experience a college class firsthand and got their very own MSOP Student ID!

The Middle School Outreach Project was a tremendous success, which served to instill motivation and the desire to attend college among participants. In their own words:
- “I enjoyed this program. It helped me increase my understanding of college.” T.A.
- “Education is really important for your future.” D.A.
- “College can be fun.” J.C.

Article by Jessica Lopez. Photos by Claudia Paz.

WOW! Women on Writing Event Inspires the Campus Community

Writers and readers from all over the Bay Area gathered at Skyline College Saturday, March 15, 2014 for WOW! Voices Now: A Morning of Readings and Refreshments, an annual celebration of creativity during women’s history month. The appreciative audience of 70 women and men savored literary work crafted by a wide variety of writers.

Event coordinator Kathleen McClung welcomed the two featured speakers, award-winning authors Kirstin Valdez Quade and Caroline Goodwin, both former Stegner Fellows at Stanford University and current Stanford creative writing instructors. Kirstin Valdez Quade read an excerpt from her short story, “Nemecia,” which won the 2013 Narrative Prize and is included in The Best American Short Stories 2013. Caroline Goodwin, recently named the first Poet Laureate of San Mateo County, read poems from her book Trapline and new work.

During the lively question and answer part of the program, both authors spoke candidly about their writing process and the challenge of preserving quiet time for writing in busy lives. Caroline Goodwin encouraged writers to start each day reading poems rather than checking Facebook. Kirstin Valdez Quade spoke of keeping a writing journal to help maintain focus on the slow, solitary work of crafting fiction. Both writers talked about the patience necessary to continue working on creative projects over many months and years.

After a break for book signing, networking, and continental breakfast, Skyline College English and creative writing professor Katharine Harer presented ISA Scholar Awards to two
Ten writers from the community shared their poetry and prose during the Open Reading hosted by Professor Harer. The writers explored families, cultures, peace, war, nature, and other themes, and their tones ranged from light and humorous to mournful and meditative. Jessica Powers, a Skyline College English professor and novelist, and Avital Pelman, a Skyline College student and Learning Center tutor, were among the ten Open Readers.

“It's so important for writers to come together for creative nourishment,” said Skyline College English professor and author Kathleen McClung. “The WOW! community spans all ages, interests, and backgrounds. The common ingredients are encouragement and support.” The WOW! conference was founded over ten years ago by Marijane Datson in collaboration with Skyline College faculty, staff and community members.

Over 1,000 Girls Expand Their Horizons in Science and Math

On Saturday, March 15, over 1,000 middle and high school girls from San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, and Santa Clara counties attended Expanding Your Horizons at Skyline College. EYH is a conference geared toward increasing interest in the critical STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) through hands-on workshops.

Skyline College hosted its 34th annual Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics. The conference is planned by volunteers from Skyline College and North San Mateo County Soroptimists. The Soroptimists also funded scholarships and school buses for north county girls. Girls came from 100 schools from Hayward to Gilroy and San Francisco to San Jose. Over 100 scientists volunteered to present workshops. A few workshops were presented by Skyline College students and Skyline College alumnae who have completed their baccalaureates. Skyline College faculty who presented workshops and/or mentored students developing workshops include Alice Erskine, Carmen Velez, Kylin Johnson, Ann Gearhart, Ray Hernandez, Melissa Michelitsch, Nick Kapp, Shari Bookstaff, Chris Case, Carina Anttila, Yvonne Malloy, Jo Silken, Nancy Ruis, Janice McOmber, and Julia Johnson. Another 70 Skyline College students volunteered to be go'fers at the conference to help usher girls between their sessions.

Girls in attendance heard first from keynote speaker Jan Yanehiro, who gave an inspiring talk, encouraging the girls present that they can do anything they want. Ms. Yanehiro is a former KPIX journalist and currently Director of Multimedia Communications, Academy of Art University. In her morning address, she pushed the girls in attendance to pursue their dreams.

The girls written evaluations show they were excited about the workshops. Their enjoyment of learning is what the conference each year is about. If the event can inspire these girls to take an interest in science and math, it will open so many doors to them. Women, and especially minority women, are underrepresented in math, science, and engineering. Studying math and science will open many careers for the girls and allow them to have the lifestyle they want.

In other sessions, girls dissected squid, built a roller coaster, collected forensic evidence at the “murder in the produce aisle,” made lip balm as “cosmetic chemists,” and “scrubbed in for surgery.” There were 40 concurrent workshops for girls. Each girl participated in three workshops during the day.

Expanding Your Horizons aims to encourage girls to participate in high school math and science courses, provide role models for young women who are interested in math and science, and provide support for and promote interaction between people employed by industry and education. Students and adults can obtain more information by visiting the conference website at skylinecollege.edu/eyh.

Planning committee members include AJ Bates, Shari Bookstaff, Pat Carter, Chris Case, Stephen Fredricks, Jon Freedman, Mousa Ghanma, Kylin Johnson, Pay Tyler, and Carmen Velez, and Alana Utsumi. Community members on the planning committee include Arlene Chang, Barbara Erli, and Judy Lewis.

Article and photo submitted by Dr. Christine Case.
Kappa Beta Delta (KBD) is the only Business honor society for Associate Degree schools. To earn a Kappa Beta Delta chapter, the school must be accredited Business Program Accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). Skyline College is the first associate degree school in California to earn this prestigious accreditation. The chapter is the first in California thus it is named the Alpha Beta Chi Chapter.

Membership in KBD is offered to Skyline College students who have completed a minimum of 15 units with an overall GPA of 3.4 or higher and completed at least three courses in one of the business majors. Student transcripts will denote KBD membership, they will be recognized at graduation, and members are eligible to apply for KBD International scholarships. Skyline College also has one scholarship for a KBD member.

Dean of Business, Education and Professional Programs, Donald Carlson greeted the new initiates and welcomed them to the society. Twenty-four students and one faculty were inducted March 13, 2014 into membership. Student inductees are: Maria Arquette, Hay Mon Aung, Ramzy J. Azar, Connie Corazon Bandola, Etienne Boutan, Rocky C. Branch, Jonathan Chan, Awinash Chand, Lisa Lin Chen, Alyssa Danielle Diaz, Ingrid Shalom Diaz, Sergio D. Foti, James Edward Frier, Thin Ranant Kyine Lain, Linda Lee, Dominic Gustavo Lucio, Chase Mahan, Kevin Christopher Mahr, Joseph Mendoza, Hninn Yu Mon, Yee Mon Oo, Alla Saba, Brian Tilton, Miguel Velasco. Faculty member Soledad McCarthy was also inducted.

Ms. Krone shared Marriott’s vision, their portfolio of hotels, the company culture and the many exciting benefits employees receive when working for their hotel brand.

After completing the tour, students were able to spend time in operational departments such as front desk, room service, human resources, meeting and event planning and guest services. It was a unique opportunity for students to see first hand the role these departments play in the success of the hotel and how valuable their interactions are with guests who visit while in the bay area.

Students who participated in this event where dressed like true professionals, respectful, engaged and represented Skyline College very well! There will be many more exciting work-based learning opportunities available for students as the Hospitality and Tourism Degree Program becomes fully developed. Stay tuned for additional developments.

The Green Gorillas, a team of students at Skyline College, is conducting a composting pilot program in the Building 6 Fireside Dining Room through the month of March to demonstrate the convenience of composting and to educate the campus community on why recyclable and compostable materials should be diverted from the waste stream.

Landfills are the largest source of methane emissions in the San Francisco Bay Area, accounting for almost half of the region’s total methane emissions. Methane, a greenhouse gas, is 34 times more potent than carbon dioxide in trapping heat within the
Join us at Skyline College

Wednesday, April 23rd or
Thursday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. for a free film screening and discussion to follow in Building 4, Room 4180.

Film Synopsis:
A passionate argument on behalf of the middle class, INEQUALITY FOR ALL features Robert Reich – professor, best-selling author, and Clinton cabinet member - as he demonstrates how the widening income gap has a devastating impact on the American economy. The film is an intimate portrait of a man whose lifelong goal remains protecting those who are unable to protect themselves. Through his singular perspective, Reich explains how the massive consolidation of wealth by a precious few threatens the viability of the American workforce and the foundation of democracy itself. In this INCONVENIENT TRUTH for the economy, Reich uses humor and a wide array of facts to explain how the issue of economic inequality affects each and every one of us. The film premiered at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival and was picked up for distribution by The Weinstein Company - RADiUS.

Resources:
Website: http://inequalityforall.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/InequalityForAll
Twitter: https://twitter.com/InequalityFilm
Trailer: http://bit.ly/1ikWtTn

A Call To Consciousness with Tim Wise

Tim Wise, Antiracist Essayist, Author and Educator

Thursday, April 24 at 11:00AM
Student and Community Center Building 6, Room 6202

For more information about Tim Wise, please visit Mr. Wise’s website.

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SKYLINE COLLEGE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

On April 1st more than 150 participants gathered from colleges and universities around Northern California to share ideas and build connections during a regional conference of NAFSA - the world’s largest association of international educators. Session topics ranged from international student advising issues to biculturalism to study abroad and campus internationalization. The event was hosted by Skyline College’s new Global Learning Programs & Services team in collaboration with NAFSA.

Article and photos by Gary Fleener.

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For more information about the Green Gorillas program, or to find out what you can do to improve waste diversion on campus, please contact Richard Hsu, hsur@smccd.edu.

Article and photo submitted by Richard Hsu.

atmosphere. Reducing the growth of landfills by recycling and composting is therefore an important step in mitigating global climate change. The Green Gorillas are doing their part by educating the campus community on the need for composting at Skyline College. Part research project and part peer-education campaign, the composting pilot program will determine how much waste from the dining hall and adjacent restrooms can be diverted from local landfills and identify potential cost savings for the college.

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KinderCaminata Program

The first KinderCaminata Program is designed to expose kindergarten classes from surrounding communities to college.

Friday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Skyline College

Transportation and lunch will be provided as well as student giveaways. For more information please contact Outreach Coordinator Florentino Ubungen at (650) 738-4256 or ubungenf@smccd.edu.

An Evening with Dr. Cornel West

University Professor
Philosopher
Influential Intellectual

Wednesday, April 30, 2014
6:00 p.m.
Skyline College Theater
Building One

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Early Intervention Symposium

Join us for Skyline College’s Early Intervention symposium with keynote speakers Dr. Sima Gerber and Dr. Barbara Kalmanson. This year the symposium will also feature a parent panel and two former Skyline College students.

Saturday, May 3, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Skyline College Theater

44th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Save the date!
Friday, May 23, 2014
5:00 pm
Skyline College Gymnasium

Achieve!