President’s Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud
Brothers and Sisters Conference a Huge Success

On Monday, April 14, Skyline College hosted its first annual Brothers and Sisters Conference. The conference strengthens and expands Skyline College's existing outreach efforts to local high schools bridging the gap that currently exists in our educational pipeline for African American students. In collaboration with the African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP) learning community, CIPHER, Student Services, Career Advancement Academy Programs, and Career Technology Education Programs, the Brothers and Sisters Conference served as a great transition and welcoming opportunity for these students as they graduate high school and come to Skyline College. Sponsored by the President's Innovation Fund (PIF), the funds provided gave the team the opportunity to dream out loud. Components of the conference included:

1. Welcome
2. Institutional Welcome
3. Guest Speaker Milton Bowens
4. Enrollment Presentation
5. Program Fair
6. Campus Tour

Participating high schools included Capuchino, South San Francisco, Emery, Jefferson, and Lowell. Over 60 students were in attendance and they all were amazed by the programs and services Skyline College has to offer them.

Article by Kwame Thomas. Photo by John Serrato.

KinderCaminata at Skyline College

On Friday, April 25, Skyline College was invaded by over 350 Kindergartners and 140 parents as the institution held its first KinderCaminata event. This event in collaboration with the San Bruno Park School District provided activities for students throughout the morning. Students from Allen, Belle Air Elementary, El Crystal, John Muir, Portola and Rollingwood Elementary Schools were greeted by Skyline staff, faculty and students as they drove onto campus. Dr. Stanback Stroud, President, welcomed the students followed by Dr. David Hutt, San Bruno Park School District, Dr. David Hutt who thanked Skyline College for their participation and commitment to students.

Students, dressed in Skyline College “Kinder” shirts carrying backpacks filled with coloring books and pencils then participated in a host of activities at different locations throughout campus. Many thanks to San Bruno Fire Department, Skyline College Public Safety, San Mateo Community College District Construction Services, Allied Health, Cosmetology and Early Childhood Education programs for their fun-filled activities and exercises for the students. The event concluded with lunch and students left on buses going back to their respective schools.

This successful event was coordinated by Florentino Ubungen, Outreach Coordinator and Adriana Armas, Staff Assistant, Enrollment Services. In addition, over 60 Skyline College staff, faculty and students volunteered their time and created a wonderful experience for the San Bruno students, teachers and families. A special thanks to Joseph Morello, Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance for the use of the gymnasium and facilities for preparing the buildings for our visitors. This event would not have been possible without the support of the President's Innovation Fund at Skyline College.

Article by Dr. John R. Mosby. Photos by Raul Guerra.

Students Raise Funds for Cancer Research

A group of Skyline College students and staff joined forces last weekend at the San Bruno Relay for Life. The Relay is a 24 hour walk held in cities around the world to
raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The events are designed to "celebrate, remember, and fight back" against cancer. The San Bruno event was a memorable success, raising over $77,000 thus far. The Skyline College "Boo and the Biohazards" team, co-captained by retired staff member Pat Carter and student Christian Galang, have raised over $2,100! They also won the event award for the "Best Campsite." The fundraising continues through the summer, and team members would be happy to accept any donations.

Article and photos by Alana Utsumi.

**Business Lecture with Lisa Lilienthal**

On April 9, 2014, the Skyline College Enactus Club welcomed Lisa Lilienthal, founder of Green Earth PR Network, writer and public relations consultant to campus as part of the Business Speaker Series Event. The Event was hosted by Enactus, YEP, and KBD.

Lisa has more than 20 years of experience in mission-based marketing. The Green Earth PR Network works with clients to assist them in tapping into sustainability issues concerning their business. She is very passionate about green technology and sustainability.

Enactus President, Steven Wong, warmly welcomed the group. The Enactus Club chose Enactus member Nicole Harris to introduce the speaker. She is a Skyline College student, who has overcome adversity as a legally blind person, and is very active on campus with Enactus, BSU and is a candidate for ASSC president.

Lisa's presentation highlighted the notion of companies creating a brighter, sustainable world by promoting and advancing the concepts of sustainable production and consumption. She highlighted the journey of successful businessman, Ray Anderson, the chairman and founder of Interface, Inc., one of the world’s largest manufacturers of commercial and residential carpets. Anderson first turned his focus toward the environment in 1994 when he read The Ecology of Commerce by Paul Hawken.

This book transformed Ray's business philosophy as he felt the industrial system is destroying the planet and only industry leaders are powerful enough to stop it. The company's vision, through his direction, changed, promising to eliminate any negative impact on the environment by the year 2020 through the redesign of processes and products, the pioneering of new technologies, and efforts to reduce or eliminate waste and harmful emissions while increasing the use of renewable materials and sources of energy to stop it.

Article and photo submitted by Renee Bass and Christine Roumbanis.

**Administration of Justice Student Wins Top Honors at Academy**

Skyline College Administration of Justice student, Nicole Ruggiero, received top honors during the 78th Peninsula Law Enforcement Explorer Academy graduation ceremony held on Thursday, April 10th, at the South San Francisco High School auditorium, in South San Francisco. In addition to studying criminal justice at Skyline College, Nicole is also a member of the San Bruno Police Department's Police Explorer Program, a co-ed division of the Learning for Life program, which is a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America. The program is open to youth between the ages of 14 and 21 years old. The program emphasizes leadership, civic responsibility, values, and social interaction.

Police Exploring, founded in 1972, is a career-oriented program that gives youth the opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement and criminal justice by working with law enforcement agencies in non-enforcement capacities as they learn about the profession. Explorers must attend the Explorer Academy within one year of joining. The academy meets on nine consecutive weekends where they receive over 100 hours of classroom and practical training in such areas as first aid, patrol procedures, criminal law, juvenile procedures, report writing, crime scene investigation, traffic laws, and more. This is in addition to many hours of rigorous physical training, including pushups and long-distance running.

During the academy, students must do well in their classroom studies and other training and are given points for their daily achievements. Nicole earned a perfect score of 1,000 points out of a
total possible 1,000 possible points. She was at least 25 points ahead of her closest male and female competitors.

“My classes at Skyline College really helped me excel at the Explorer Academy because I already knew much of the subject matter they were teaching from my Administration of Justice classes”, said Nicole. Nicole is pursuing her degree in Administration of Justice with the goal of becoming a police officer.

The graduation ceremonies were attended by graduates’ family members, police chiefs and command staff, police explorer post advisors, and by Nicole’s Administration of Justice Professor Steve Aurilio.

ASTEP’S FIRST ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS WAS A SLAM DUNK

Skyline College’s Beta Theta Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received several awards at the honor society’s 2014 international convention held April 24-26 in Florida. Over 4,000 students from 1,300 chapters attended the convention. Beta Theta Omicron received the Honors in Action Theme Award, the Honors in Action Award, and the 2014 Distinguished Chapter Award. Awards are based on the chapter’s Honors in Action project. The project must address the Honors Study Topic (The Culture of Competition) and must include scholarly research as well as a service component. Chapter members write a 2600-word essay describing their planning process, literature review, the project and implementation, and results. During 2013, Beta Theta Omicron mapped and analyzed an invasive plant on Sweeney Ridge.

On Saturday, April 26, the African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP) learning community hosted its first annual three on three basketball tournament in the Skyline College gymnasium. The tournament, held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. was open to all students within the San Mateo Community Colleges. Ten teams participated, competing against each other for first and second place prizes. Breakfast and lunch was provided along with giveaways throughout the day. Teams and visitors were entertained during half time with performances from Urban Youth Society, a student organization at Skyline College.

The first place team: 300 Gunners- students Vika Jimenez, Elijah White and Terry Booker won three $75 gift cards to Amazon.com. The second place team; The Kings-students Jordan Dougherty, Aaron Brown & Etienne Boutan won $50 gift cards to Amazon.com. In addition, there were students sponsored by the ASSC and Kappa Delta Beta. The following programs helped sponsor the tournament: Associates Students at Skyline College (ASSC), Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), Urban Youth Society (UY), Black Student Union (BSU), Center for Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education and Resources (CIPHER), SparkPoint, and African Success Through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP).

The Learning Center Director Presents at 40th Annual ACTLA Conference

Skyline College Learning Center Director, David Reed, presented a concurrent session at the 40th Annual Conference of the Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance (ACTLA) in Anaheim, CA on Friday, April 24. The title of his
The presentation was well-received and sparked some lively exchanges about data gathering and assessment among the participants who included community college learning center staff, administrators, students, and staff from the California Community Colleges Chancellors Office. Next year’s ACTLA conference will be held in San Francisco March 27 – April 1, 2015, and the Skyline College Learning Center staff is looking forward to participating and representing the College and District.

Article by David Reed.

**Vocal Jazz Ensemble Wins Second Place at Reno Jazz Festival**

The Skyline College Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band, led by Michelle Hawkins and Zack Bruno, traveled to Reno, Nevada on April 12, 2014 to perform at the Reno Jazz Festival, the largest and most prestigious jazz festival in the Western United States. College, high school, and middle school choirs and bands from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona performed and received constructive comments from prominent music educators and ensemble directors who served as judges and clinicians. Students also attended live concerts and recitals by professional jazz musicians who performed as part of the festival. The Skyline College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, in its first semester of existence, earned second place out of 12 ensembles in the collegiate division. Skyline College student musicians were thrilled with the award and honored to represent Skyline College and the Music Department at this high-profile event. “I can’t wait to perform again!” exclaimed Calvin Htet, tenor and first-year student. The Skyline College Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band will perform at the 2014 Commencement Ceremony on May 23.

Article by Michelle Hawkins and Dr. Zachary Bruno. Photo by Teresa Tam Studio.

**Career Networking Night 2014**

Our 2014 Spring Career Networking Night sponsored by the Career Services Center was a success! Over 30 career professionals representing a variety career clusters including the following areas: Engineering/Technology Science, Arts/Communication, Business/Office Administration, Education/Human Services, Health/Medicine, and Law/Public Service participated in this year’s event. The purpose of the Career Networking Night is to inspire and encourage students to explore a variety of career choices. Over one hundred and fifty students attended the event with an opportunity to hear viewpoints from a myriad of experienced professionals. This event engaged students in exploring future career options. Our students response was positive and enthusiastic, and the event itself was very energetic and vibrant. “Pizza with Professionals” at the end of the evening provided students opportunities to network with representatives from the six corresponding career clusters.

Career Counselor/Instructor Lavinia Zanassi pictured with Jefferson Adult School students, presented two workshops on “Career and Academic Choice Success Begin With Self Awareness”. This collaborative effort between Career Services Center and Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Professor of English Speakers of Other Languages and Coordinator of the English Language Institute, is a result of a grant to expose Adult School English Language Learners to Skyline College lectures, programs, and services. Co-coordinator, Francisca Wentworth, ESL Teacher/Instructional Technology Coordinator and Jim Vogt, ESL Teacher were on hand to participate and share perspectives.

Article and photo submitted by Brian Jenney.
CITD Intern Success Story

The Center for International Trade Development (CITD) and the Retail Hospitality & Tourism Program (RHT) would like to congratulate former intern and Skyline College student, Christopher Chang, for being offered an intern position with the U.S. Commercial Service at the Department of Commerce (USDOC), in San Francisco. Chris is piloting the USDOC’s new Entry Level Internship Program. Thanks to the CITD and USDOC’s long history of collaboration and partnership, this opportunity was extended to a Skyline College student. Previously, only students at four-year universities qualified for intern positions.

Chris interned with the CITD and RHT Program during the Fall 2013 semester. In his role as intern, Chris carried out day-to-day operations of the office which included drafting marketing materials/articles, grant reporting, and detailed record keeping. Chris gained valuable skills and exposure to multinational companies, business professionals and government agencies through his internship with the CITD and RHT Program.

Chris began his internship with the USDOC in February. During his internship, he will learn about regional trade and business development activities and gain more experience with international trade, business/finance and business development.

To be exposed to similar prospects, Chris recommends that fellow Skyline College students, “Be hungry to learn and seek out all opportunities.”

Article and photo submitted by Pcyeta Stroud and Allison Mello.

Mental Health First Aid Event

On Saturday, April 19, 2014, Skyline College hosted a Mental Health First Aid training event. The event was a collaboration between Psychological Services and the Filipino Mental Health Initiative. Interest was high with over thirty-five people participating in an eight-hour training regarding how to help individuals experiencing a mental illness or crisis. Attendees consisted of staff members and students of Skyline College, and community members. The trainers, Jei Africa and Sisilia Sisita of San Mateo Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, led the group through engaging, interactive exercises as they covered topics such as: recognizing the signs and symptoms of common mental illnesses, learning the potential risk factors for developing a mental illness, and carrying out a five-step action plan to help individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Several students reported that it was a great and informative event. All attendees received a certificate of completion and are now recognized as Mental Health First Aiders.

Article by Liz Llamas.

Goodwill Orientation

The Skyline College Workforce Development Program and Goodwill Industries welcomed their second spring 2014 Skyline College Warehousing and Logistics cohort on March 31, 2014. Skyline College’s Business Division and Workforce Development partnership with Goodwill Industries awards certificates in Warehousing and Logistics to students wishing to reenter the workforce. For many of the Goodwill students, this is their first time entering a college environment.

As a result of the partnership, graduates are encouraged to enroll in the Career Advancement Academy. Students are currently enrolled in the Allied Health Bridge Program and the Entry Level Automotive Career Advancement Academies. The Career Advancement Academy (CAA) provides stackable certificates in Auto Entry Level Technician, Foundations in Early Childhood Education, Paralegal and Allied Health (EMT, Medical Office Administrator, and Sterile Processing).

Article by Soledad McCarthy. Photo by Jeremy Evangelista.
Upcoming Events

Bay Area Entrepreneur Center
Grand opening and Ribbon Cutting

Save the date!
Thursday, May 29, 2014
4:00 PM
458 San Mateo Avenue
San Bruno, CA 94066