President’s Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

Dancers from the China Dance School & Theater of San Francisco
Trio Surf And Turf

In June, 36 TRiO SSS students took the opportunity to see Bodega Bay—surf and then hike through a giant sequoia redwood forest—turf. Biology Professor Carina Anttila-Suarez led the students on an all-day educational expedition to learn about conservation of marine species and environmental sustainability of ancient redwood forests.

Bodega Marine Laboratory

The first stop was the Bodega Marine Laboratory which is a recognized international leader in solving complex environmental problems impacting coastal ecosystems. It is a “living laboratory” where scientists study natural areas that are not impacted by humans. The day started with an introduction and overview of the mission of the laboratory followed by a tour of research laboratories that had ongoing experiments with organisms such as abalone, sea urchins, crustaceans and fish. Afterwards the students took a nature walk led by Professor Anttila-Suarez to explore the coastal prairie and intertidal ecosystems.

Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve

The second learning experience was a visit to the Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve where the oldest tree is estimated to be over 1,400 years old and the tallest tree is 1300 feet. Students learned about the importance of ecosystem resources provided by the ancient redwood forest. After a nature walk through the redwoods, students enjoyed a sustainable lunch served by Vice President of Instruction Sarah Perkins, TRiO SSS Director Raymond Jones, TRiO SSS Counselor Jessica Lopez, TRiO SSS Coordinator Arielle Smith and Professor Gregg Grist. After lunch the Skyline College Climate Corps Sustainability Coordinator, Sabrina Lawrence-Gomez explained the importance of sustainability in the global food chain. An interactive learning experience focused on best practices that students can use to reduce the carbon footprint from foods they consume in their everyday lives.

This event is part of Skyline College’s commitment to engaging students in sustainability and supporting education for a diverse community of learners.

The Sustainable Campus Initiative and TRiO SSS Project would like to thank the President’s Innovation Fund for supporting the event.

Article by Raymond Jones, Carina Anttila-Suarez, and Sabrina Lawrence-Gomez. Photos by Raymond Jones
RETAIL, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM PROGRAM ON CAMPUS

Skyline College was recently awarded a grant through the State’s Chancellors Office “Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy” Initiative to build on and develop innovative and high quality Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Programs in Bay Region Community Colleges. Through this grant Skyline has the exciting opportunity to build a Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Program on campus.

In our efforts to hit the ground running, we held our first Industry Kick-Off Event on August 20th. We hosted representatives from the following organizations, San Mateo County/Silicon Convention and Visitors Bureau, Hyatt SFO Airport, Hampton Inn, Daly City, Flying Foods Group, Visual Aids Electronics, Best Western El Rancho Inn & Executive Suites, Enterprise Holdings, and the Hilton SFO Airport Waterfront. It was a valuable opportunity to share information about the grant and to gain their support in building programs that meet the needs of an ever-changing industry. We are thrilled with the excitement and commitment from industry to support the activities of this grant.

The development of this program at Skyline College will create exciting new opportunities for students who are interested in the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Industry. There will also be many opportunities for faculty to get involved in curriculum development and other activities as we begin the development of this program.

Program Areas we are considering include, but are not limited to: Hospitality & Tourism Management, International Tourism/Cultural Relations, Meeting and Event Management, Gaming Management, Sports & Recreation Management, and Food & Beverage Management. We will explore options in: stackable credentials, certificates, and transfer programs. As we move forward in our efforts we will keep you informed about all of the exciting developments!

Article by Andrea Vizenor.

SIXTH ANNUAL ASIAN CULTURE WEEK

Skyline College celebrated its sixth Annual Asian Culture Week. The Skyline College Asian Studies Center, Physical Education, Athletic and Dance Department, and International Students Program in collaboration with the China Dance School/Theater of San Francisco hosted this special event which was supported by the President’s Innovation Fund to promote cultural exchange and international education. This exciting event consisted of an Asian Food Festival, an Asian Film Festival, and the Asian Culture Showcase. The Asian Culture Week turned out to be a very successful and memorable week for our faculty, students and the community.

The featured event, Asian Culture Showcase by the China Dance School/Theater of San Francisco welcomed very special guests of Skyline College; President Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud and the Dean of Science and Mathematics, Mr. Ray Hernandez. Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud made a remarkable welcome speech in both Chinese and English which enlightened the event!

Article by Hui Pate
Dennis Wolbers and Susan Brissenden-Smith Make Skyline Shine!

Each year individuals or groups who help Skyline College to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality are recognized. Awardees are nominated by the college faculty, staff and administrators and recommended for selection by the College Governance Council. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of Skyline College employees and one to a member or group from the community.

In the Skyline College employee category, this year, we are pleased to honor Professor Dennis Wolbers of the Library. Dennis is intent on helping students achieve their dream. He enhances the campus climate, academic excellence and open access mission through his leadership in advancing informational literacy. Dennis has been known to take particular care with students facing challenges to help them resolve their challenges. This is quite demonstrative of Dennis Wolbers’ steadfast “Students First” approach. Dennis has been active in participatory governance, including accreditation and curriculum committee work for many years. His inclusivity and respect for all is evident in every interaction one has with him. Congratulations to Professor Dennis Wolbers.

In the Community member or group category, it is our pleasure to honor Ms. Susan Brissenden-Smith, a founding member of the Skyline College President's Council. Susan has demonstrated a long-term commitment to Skyline College through her leadership in the President’s Council and in The Breakfast Committee. She supports the mission, vision and values of the college by being instrumental in raising resources for the President's Innovation Fund, a fund that supports innovation and ideas and allows faculty and staff to “Dream Out Loud”. Susan is an ambassador for Skyline College to vendors, businesses, community organizations and local leaders. She uses her network and influence to develop donations both financial and in-kind to support Skyline Colleges. She has assisted the president in identifying and expanding community resources to support various programs and services. As a result of Susan’s commitment, Skyline College faculty and staff have been able implement hundreds of innovative ideas, programs and services. Congratulations to Susan Brissenden-Smith!

Article by Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, President. Photos by Raul Guerra and Keisha Ford.
SKYLINE COLLEGE BOARD REPORT
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ACCREDITATION UPDATE

As Skyline College worked through the self evaluation process for accreditation, we completed a number of projects and initiatives to make sure that we implemented every standard at the highest level—sustainable continuous quality improvement. These changes yielded many resources that are very helpful as we do our work. Over the next five weeks we will highlight some of them. First up is the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (http://skylinecttl.org/).

As part of continuous improvement at the college, The CTTL was created as a hub of innovation and professional development where faculty, staff, and administrators can find resources and opportunities that will help them strengthen student learning, engagement, support, and success.

What's Available at the Center:

- A series of regularly scheduled Workshops on How To's, Best Practices, Trends in Education, and Professional Development opportunities.
- One-to-One assistance with WebAccess, use of Smart Classrooms, and other instructional software and technologies.
- A Critical Conversations Lounge where faculty can engage in discussions about teaching and learning while enjoying comfortable chairs, calm and beverages.
- A Lending Library containing current literature on teaching and learning.
- An Equipment Loan Program for faculty to try out new technologies and explore instructional utilizations.
- An online Video Library with short how to’s and copies of webinars and presentations affecting education.
- An experimental classroom, The Learning Space, where workshops are hosted and a place where faculty can come and experiment with classroom technology.

Visit the CTTL website at http://skylinecttl.org/ for information.

Skyline Shines!

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.

SKYLINE COLLEGE ART GALLERY EXHIBIT-
JERRY ROSS BARRISH

Come see an assortment of eccentric figure sculptures fashioned by Pacifica-based Artist Jerry Ross Barrish. Made from recycled material that Barrish scavenges at the beach and other locations, the sculptures all are constructed and then used in narratives that the artist writes and explores in his videos.

Don't miss this exhibition now through October 26 at the Skyline College Art Gallery.

Check out our website for gallery hours and more information.

http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery/index.html

Article submitted by Paul Bridenbaugh

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Image 1: Group of people smiling and engaged in discussion.
Image 2: A figure sculpture made from recycled materials by Jerry Ross Barrish.

The African Diaspora Program Presents: Allensworth: An Exhibition of California History at the Skyline College Library

The Skyline College African Diaspora Program provides opportunities for internationalizing the college, sponsoring programs of international studies and exchanges, developing linkages among institutions of the world, providing technical education assistance to other countries, and presenting arts and cultural experiences through education, curriculum, and outreach.

In partnership with the African American Museum and Library at Oakland, the African Diaspora Program presents the Allensworth Exhibit where individuals may learn about the historic Central Valley town of Allensworth, a symbolic representation of self-determination for all African Americans in the areas of education and economic development.

The exhibition runs through January 2014.
Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am - 9pm
Friday 9am - 2pm and Saturday 10am - 2pm

Lecture Series: A Call to Consciousness
To Host Jimmy Santiago Baca

Skyline College presents Jimmy Santiago Baca, award winning poet and writer, Tuesday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Theater, Building One.

Please join us as Mr. Baca reads from his new book Singing at the Gates and discusses the upcoming documentary adaptation of his award winning memoirs, A Place to Stand.

“His voice, brutal and unflinching is unique in America... one worth paying attention to.” – The Nation

Born in New Mexico of Indio-Mexican descent, Baca was raised first by his grandmother and later sent to an orphanage. A runaway at age 13, it was after Baca was sentenced to five years in a maximum security prison that he began to turn his life around: he learned to read and write and unearthed a voracious passion for poetry. He is the winner of the Pushcart Prize, the American Book Award, the International Hispanic Heritage Award and for his memoir A Place to Stand the prestigious International Award

Other works by Jimmy Santiago Baca include:
A Place to Stand
A Glass of Water
Martín & Meditations on the South Valley
Adolescents on the Edge
Stories from the Edge

For more information about Jimmy Santiago Baca visit www.jimmysantiagobaca.com.

Additional information about the documentary film A Place to Stand is available online at http://aplacetostandmovie.com.