President’s Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

Skyline College Classified Senate
Photo Credit: Raul Guerra.
Classified Senate wins “Model Senate Award” from State Association

Each year, the California Community College Classified Senate (4CS) awards three to five Classified Senates in the state of California with the “Model Senate Award.” This year the Skyline College Classified Senate was nominated, and won!

A model senate, as defined by 4CS, “exercise[s] their role in shared governance with autonomy and professionalism” and “assist[s] other colleges in developing their local senates or councils.” We had to provide evidence that we had met with the criteria, including items such as being recognized by the college administration in college governance, a cooperative relationship with collective bargaining agents (CSEA), having an up-to-date website, and more.

This past academic year, the Skyline College and Cañada College Classified Senate leadership joined with staff members from the College of San Mateo to work on a plan to re-build a Classified Senate on our sister campus, to provide proper representation of the classified staff. Once an interview with the Classified Senate President Alana Utsumi had been conducted, our nomination moved forward to the 4CS board, where a vote placed us among the winners.

An award of this nature is only possible because of the direct participation and engagement of our classified staff who attend meetings, provide feedback, and help plan events and activities, along with backing from Skyline College administration. A special thanks goes to President Regina Stanback Stroud for her strong support and guidance, and for placing value on the decisions and opinions of the classified staff at Skyline College.

The Classified Senate will be officially presented with their award at the June 2015 Classified Leadership Institute, at which Skyline College will be represented by six staff members.

To find out more about the Model Senate Award process and requirements, you can visit the 4CS website at http://www.ccccs.org/activities/awards/model_senate_award/model senateaward.html.

Congratulations, Skyline College Classified Senate!

Article by Alana Utsumi. Photo by Raul Guerra.

Beta Theta Omicron in the Top 10 Phi Theta Kappa Chapters

Skyline College's Omicron Theta Beta Chapter was named Fifth Finalist for Most Distinguished Chapter at the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa Conference in San Antonio on April 18. The Most Distinguished Chapter is an international award and the highest honor given to a Phi Theta Kappa chapter. Skyline College ranks sixth out of 1,280 chapters. Nearly 4,000 community college students participated in the three-day conference that was filled with scholarship and leadership forums. Keynote speakers included physicist Michio Kaku and songwriter John Legend.

“T’m proud of our students and chapter officers for their dedication to excellence and service,” said Christine Case, Phi Theta Kappa Advisor. “This recognizes their outstanding service to our college and the community and makes our chapter one of the top ten chapters in the world.”

Photo from left: Jaimelynn Alvarez, Sam Reveles, Livius Darmawan (front), Oladipo Toriola, Susan Wu, Donway Sy
Skyline College's chapter also received the 2015 Distinguished Honors in Action Project and 2015 Distinguished College Project Award. The chapter has consistently earned national recognition since its chartering in 1999. And has earned the Nevada/California Regional Distinguished Chapter award five times.

The awards were the result of competitive essays documenting the chapter's multiple projects this year, including a year-long service project that taught computer literacy to local senior citizens called Together We Thrive and a project that brought science labs to middle schools.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,280 chapters at two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, and Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. There are 94 chapters in California and more than 3 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.

Article and photo submitted by Christine Case.

“First Ever Paralegal Career Night a Success!”

On Thursday, April 16, over 80 guests attended Skyline College’s inaugural Paralegal/Legal Career Night. The event, held on the second floor of Building 6, featured three discussion panels on legal employment and education: Pathways to Law School, Getting Started as a Paralegal, and Career Options for Paralegals.

The panelists—practicing lawyers and paralegals, legal recruiters, hiring managers, and legal educators—offered inspiring stories, key insights, and hard won professional advice, all with the goal of helping students achieve their goals of entering the legal profession. The response from students in attendance was positive.

“The truth is that I’ve been questioning my decision in my career choice lately... Attending the career night and talking to one of the panelists help me to keep pushing myself. So, I just wanted to say thank you!” ~Minh

“I feel much more comfortable with the opportunities that lie ahead...I felt encouraged in my interest in law, motivated by the smart words of so many professionals, and happy to see all of the program's students gathered in one place together.” ~Bryan

This event was made possible by Skyline College’s support for innovative events and programming and by the hard work and dedication of Jesse Raskin, Soledad McCarthy, Alina Varona, Lavinia Zanassi, and Lezra Chenportillo, and others who helped plan, organize, and staff the event.

Article by Alina Varona. Photos by Lezra Chenportillo and Alice Kuo.

“Day of Beauty” Relay for Life Fundraiser a Huge Success

With more than 100 clients served and $1,000 in donations collected, the Salon & Spa at Skyline College was proud to host a Relay for Life “Day of Beauty” fundraiser on April 15. Cosmetology, Wellness and Esthetics students offered a wide range of services including chair massage, makeup application, manicures and blowouts in exchange for a donation of $5 each. The salon buzzed with excited and energetic students who were happy to donate services for a cause.

Instructional aide Candace Dombkowski, a Relay for Life participant since 2012, organized the event to support a dear friend battling cancer. “Thanks to the amazing support of our department, the fundraiser was a great success,” said Candace about the event.
The English Language Institute (ELI) Brings Over Fifty Potential Students to Skyline College

ESL Registration Day, a twice-annual event held by the English Language Institute, is the highlight of the semester for the English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) department and the ELI. Fifty-two students, at least fifteen of them currently attending high school, poured into the Learning Center on Saturday, April 25 to learn about the educational opportunities at Skyline College.

In one day, ESL Registration Day lets new students apply, get a G-number, take the placement test, attend orientation, make an appointment to see a counselor, and learn about financial aid. The ELI then provides intensive follow-up to get every single student in to counseling appointments in the following week.

Kenny Gonzalez and Daryan Chan were the dynamic duo of counselors, tag-teaming orientations and providing triage counseling to students during the entire event; 32 students attended orientation on this day. Jacky Ip led the Assessment Center team in providing 46 assessments; all went smoothly due to the attentions of Jairo Barreto, who readied the computers in the Language Lab for the job.

ESOL faculty Leigh Anne Shaw and Garry Nicol guided the applications process, coordinating student workers in helping people fill out the complicated applications and move through the steps. ELI staff Selena Wu and Maria Somarriba were indispensable with translation, guidance, and facilitation of every step of the way. Minerva Velasquez processed G-numbers for

Study Abroad Program Outreach Efforts Gaining Momentum

The Study Abroad Program, part of the Global Learning Programs and Services (GLPS) Division at Skyline College, has ramped up its outreach efforts to as many students as possible regarding the exciting programs available this year: Havana, Cuba in the summer, a faculty-led program by Professor John Ulloa, and Barcelona, Spain in the fall which is part of the Northern California Study Abroad Consortium in which the District participates. GLPS staff presented in the Life and Career Planning (CRER 137) class at Cañada College about program details, how to apply, and the vast benefits study abroad will have for their resumes, transfer applications, and personal development and in two sections of the CRER 137 course offered at Skyline College.

GLPS held three information sessions across the District at Skyline College (Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30-7:30 PM), Cañada College (Wednesday, May 6 from 5:30-6:30, and College of San Mateo (Thursday, May 7, 6:30-7:30 PM). Professor Ilana Crispi, from Skyline College, will teach Art History, Drawing, and Life and Culture classes in Barcelona, Spain in Fall 2015, and attended the information sessions to answer additional questions.

Article by Alina Din. Photo by Zaid Ghori.
every attendee going through the matriculation process and lent her Admissions & Records expertise to many during the process. Charene Quan from Financial Aid explained the FAFSA process to students.

ESL Registration Day could not have been successful without Chris Gibson and Jonathan Paver of College Success Initiative (CSI), David Reed of the Learning Center, and the many deans who lent their support: Angelica Garcia, Mary Gutierrez, and William Minnich.

Article and photo submitted by Leigh Anne Shaw.

SKYLINE COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM WINS AND ADVANCES

On a chilly afternoon with a mixture of sun, fog and clouds, the Skyline College Baseball team defeated the DeAnza College Dons by a score of 3-1 to advance in the California Community College Athletic Association Baseball Playoffs. The game was tense affair and wasn’t decided until after a thirty minute delay in the ninth inning for a rule clarification.

Skyline College was paced defensively with an outstanding pitching effort by sophomore Aldo Severson. Severson, an Aragon High School product, pitched eight and two-thirds innings allowing just one run, while scattering six hits and striking out eight. Freshman Matt Seubert, a Carlmont High School product, got the save, his fourth of the season, by throwing just one pitch to record the last out of the ball game.

Offensively, Skyline College received contributions from Seubert with two hits and a run batted in and from sophomores Phil Caufield (Burlingame High School) and Ismael Orozco (Riordan High School) who chipped in with a run batted in each. The Trojans jumped ahead in the third inning on a Mike Franco (Burlingame High School) double and a Caufield single. DeAnza tied the game in the top of the fourth inning but Skyline College answered in the bottom of the sixth inning on a Suebert single and an Orozco run scoring double. In the eighth inning, the Trojans added a critical insurance run on a Caufield single and a Suebert triple.

With the win, the Trojans traveled to Fresno to play the second seeded Fresno City College Rams in a best of three series. The Trojans won the first game on Friday, May 1. Ultimately, the Rams won the series, but congratulations to the Trojans for advancing to the Regional playoffs.

Article by Anthony Brunicardi. Photo by Kevin Corsiglia.

THE MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS (MCPR) WINS AWARD FOR ANNUAL REPORT

On April 23, 2015 Skyline College Marketing, Communications and Public Relations (MCPR) was awarded Second Place for the College Annual Report at the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) Annual Conference in San Diego. This is the third year in a row the annual report has been recognized for excellence in design, writing and communications.

The annual CCPRO awards recognize outstanding work by California’s community college marketing and public relations professionals statewide. Its primary purpose as a professional development and service organization is to promote excellence in California’s community college public relations and related
professions. The organization serves as a central resource of information and provides counsel and assistance relating to the advancement of community colleges statewide and the professional growth of its members.

Please join me in congratulating Keisha Ford for design/layout/graphics, Connor Fitzpatrick and Dr. Gina Rosabal for writing/editing/research and Raul Guerra for support and photo research. Each of you are appreciated for your myriad talents and unyielding dedication!

Article by Cherie Colin. Cover design by Keisha Ford.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**14TH ANNUAL STUDENT RECOGNITION & AWARD CEREMONY**
Thursday, May 14, 2015
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Theater, Building 1

**BOO-CON (BETA THETA CONFERENCE)**
Friday, May 15, 2015
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Building 7, Room 7106

**SKYLINE COLLEGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CONCERT BAND**
Friday, May 15, 2015
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Theater, Building 1

**SKYLINE COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR**
Saturday, May 16, 2015
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Broadmoor Presbyterian Church,
377 - 87th Street, Daly City

**SPRING CHORAL CONCERT**
Sunday, May 17, 2015
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Theater, Building 1

**BLACK MEXICO: THE AFRICAN HERITAGE IN MEXICO**
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Building 4, Room 4170

**SKYLINE COLLEGE DANCE CONCERT**
Friday, May 22, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Theater, Building 1

**45TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**
Friday, May 29, 2015
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gymnasium, Building 3