



Skyline Shines

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Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

If you do, just email me about it. Meanwhile, thanks to everyone who is keeping me posted on important news about our students, faculty, and staff, and about our programs and services. I appreciate hearing about it, sharing it with Skyline and with our Board in my monthly report to them.

Building 7 health concerns—an update

Last week Chancellor Galatolo sent an email message updating everyone on health related concerns which had been raised about Building 7 at Skyline and Building 36 (Science) at CSM. Here is the latest on the investigation into Building 7: An epidemiologist at the Northern California Cancer Center (NCCC) will be sending Harry Joel, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, a report based on the three instances of tumors at Skyline. As soon as the district receives the NCCC report, it will be made available. Last Tuesday air quality testing was done and we are waiting for the results. Mike Williamson will be meeting on September 22nd with an Industrial Hygienist who has a PhD in Chemistry, and with an attorney specializing in environmental issues. They will be visiting the site to obtain more information. Harry estimates that the investigation may be concluded within two weeks.

I was asked in the Academic Senate last week about whether Skyline would be able to benefit from the experience of CSM as it moved into its Science building, and I have learned that we will. Our three moves this winter—Building 6 (Student Center), Building 7A (Science), and Building 8 (Language Arts and Business)—will all build upon that experience in relation not only to the ventilation systems, but also the security system, technology infrastructure, furniture, move management, scheduling and all of the other components of moving into a new building.

Employee Voice Survey—Make your voice heard!

We are making good progress on our survey, as you can see from the thermometer below. Please add your voice to the mix so that we have the fullest, richest possible picture of Skyline as possible from employees' point of view. Thanks!

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Interim Director for the Learning Center selected

Leslie Shelton has been selected as the Interim Director for the Learning Center, and will start on October 2. Dr. Shelton comes to us with a background in Transformative Learning/Educational Psychology and Student Development & Counseling. Leslie started Project Read in South San Francisco in 1985 and acted as director until 1999, when she left to pursue doctoral studies.

Currently, she is the Community Program Manager of Early Care and Education Services for the City of San Jose. Leslie's experience with a diverse community of learners in Northern San Mateo County and her sensitivity to underrepresented groups of students has given her the opportunity to ["develop"] a deep understanding of the richness of different cultures and their different values, perspectives and unique talents," in her words.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies

We will be celebrating the opening of our modernized and new buildings in the coming months. Two of those buildings are already in service, and planning is underway for those occasions:

- **PE/Athletics and Dance building (Building 3):** the Ribbon Cutting will coincide with the Opening Game of Women's Basketball on **Wednesday, November 8th**, allowing us to celebrate both a modernized building and the new Women's Basketball team.
- **Automotive facility (Buildings 9 and 10 and part of Building 8):** **Thursday, December 7th**, to coincide with Auto's annual winter luncheon.

Also, I want to alert you early to the date next semester when we will celebrate the opening of the new Student Center (Building 6), part of our new science complex (Building 7A) and the modernized Language Arts and Business building (Building 8). We will do that on **Wednesday, February 14**. I mention it now so that if there are events you would like to coordinate with the celebration, you can do that.

Coming Up ...

Friday, September 15

- Women's Volleyball vs. Butte College, home, 1 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Gavilan College, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

- Women's Soccer vs. College of the Redwoods, home, 1 p.m.

Monday, September 18

- Faculty Art Exhibit, through Nov. 3; Times vary; Gallery Theatre

Tuesday, September 19

- Women's Soccer vs. Yuba College, home, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

- Women's Volleyball vs. Ohlone College, home, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 22

- Women's Volleyball at College of Alameda, 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at Las Positas College, 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Yuba at Skyline, 4 p.m.

For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at

www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

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- The System Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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