



Skyline Shines

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Student fees drop to \$20 per unit in January

As you may already know, effective January 1, 2007, the California community college tuition fee will be reduced from \$26 per unit to \$20 per unit. This legislation was signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger with bipartisan support. The change amounts to a nearly 25 percent tuition fee reduction.

First Year Experience project is launched at Skyline

Last Friday, 55 Skyline faculty, staff, administrators and students met to launch the First Year Experience project. Skyline is one of only two California community colleges selected to participate in the national Foundations of Excellence in the First Year Experience project for 2006-2007. The project encourages college-wide engagement in a comprehensive and critical self-study that acknowledges both institutional strengths and opportunities for improvement related to the new student experience. Participating colleges develop an integrated plan that focuses on optimizing the students' first year in college in order to increase their success, enhance retention and create a value of lifelong learning. Skyline will focus on these "dimensions" established by the Foundations of Excellence: philosophy, improvements, roles and purposes, learning culture, assisting students with transitions, student culture and how we accommodate all students, campus diversity, and overall organization of the campus governance. Members of the campus community, faculty, staff and students are asked to join one of the eight dimension committees to give feedback which will help to create a more useful and user-friendly campus to Skyline's first year students. Thanks to the Steering Committee which is taking leadership for the project, listed here by the dimension committees they chair:

- Philosophy/Organization: Lori Adrian and Mike Williamson
- Learning Culture: Regina Stroud and Michael Moynihan
- Student Transitions: Jacquie Escobar, Melissa Komadina and Luis Padilla
- Student Culture/All Students: Lucia Lachmayr, Linda Allen and Silvia Cervantes
- Campus Diversity: Rachel Bell and Liza Erpelo
- Improvement/Roles and Purposes: Cathy Hasson and Arthur Takayama

If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please contact one of the chairs. The work will be done over about a six week period—this would not be a year-long commitment, so please join in! In addition, a survey of faculty/staff will be conducted from October 9, 2006 to October 27, 2006. Your perspective is critical in helping us create a successful First Year Experience at Skyline.

Art Faculty Exhibition opens October 9

Don't miss the Art Faculty Exhibition which will be in the Gallery Theater from October 9-November 3. There will be an Opening Reception on Tuesday, October 10, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Art Faculty Exhibition

See the work of these artists: Paul Bridenbaugh, Eileen David, Maureen Delaney, Richard Gordon, Bridget Fischer, Judy Hiramoto, Jody Keane, Ellen Lowenstein, Jim Promessi, Tiffany Schmeirer, Laura Siegal, Arthur Takayama and Ann Turner. Call 738-4257 for hours in the Gallery Theater.

Skyline's Escalambre publishes textbook

Rick Escalambre, Automotive Technology professor, has recently published, with Myron Maurseth, *MODE 6 & EVAP Systems Diagnosis & Repair* for the California Institute of Automotive Technology (CIAT). Rick is also credited with an innovation in automotive maintenance in the August issue of *Motor* magazine. It appears in the "Foreign Service" section of the magazine, and the author, Dan Marinucci, praises the particular resistor box setup which Rick showed him. He goes on to say, "Besides having an excellent reputation for its automotive program, Skyline College is a satellite training center for both Toyota and Nissan." Congratulations to Rick and thanks for spreading Skyline's good name!

Naming the "No Name Café"

The cafeteria will be getting a name, drawn from among the dozens of proposals submitted by Skyline students, faculty and staff. We are using a process similar to the one we used for selection of the Building 6 inscription. That is, the College Council is culling down the very long list of proposals to a short list which will then be published college-wide for an online poll. We hope to do that next week or the week after. We hope for students to weigh in heavily, along with the rest of us.

Building 7 health concerns—an update

We are awaiting reports on the various aspects of the investigation into these health concerns which are taking place. As soon as results are available, I will let you know.

Coming Up ...

Friday, October 6

- Last day to apply for a degree/certificate
- Women's Volleyball at Hartnell College, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer, vs. Ohlone College, home, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Hartnell College, 4 p.m.
- Lee's Denim Day sponsored by Health Center, for cancer research

Monday, October 9

- Faculty Art Exhibit, times vary, through Nov. 3, Gallery Theatre
- First Year Experience Survey-Faculty and Staff thru Oct. 27
- Low Cost Vision Exams, 1:00- 3:30 p.m., Health Center

Tuesday, October 10

- Faculty Art Exhibit Reception, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Gallery Theatre
- Women's Soccer, vs. Canada College, home, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Evergreen College, 4 p.m.

- Depression Screening, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Building 2 Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 11

- Wrestling at Chabot College, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 13

- Skyline Management Council Retreat
- Women's Volleyball vs. Monterey Peninsula, home, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer, at Gavilan College, 4 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Las Positas College at Skyline, 2 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

Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- 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/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.