



Skyline Shines

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Vision and Mission Renewal

Skyline College is engaged in a renewal of our current vision and mission during this Fall semester. The process was designed to synchronize with the budget and planning cycle and make use of new information that has surfaced from our recent Education Master Plan. The process encompasses a review of the college purpose and an assessment of where the college wants to be in ten years from now. The Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) is leading the process and is facilitating input from all constituency groups as follows:

1. The IPC in consultation with the Standard I Accreditation Committee drafted the first revision of the vision and mission statements and created a structure for college-wide input.
2. A draft of the revised vision and mission statements is being presented to all constituency groups (i.e., Academic Senate, Classified Senate and Associated Student Council) and college-wide for feedback and input. This email invitation for input is part of that process.
3. The IPC will review all feedback and make final adjustments to the vision and mission statements.
4. The College Council will review the final revised vision and mission statements and take them to their constituency groups for approval and then the Council will make a final recommendation to the President.
5. The President will approve the renewed vision and mission statements and take them to the Board of Trustees for approval.

In order to ensure that everyone who would like to weigh in has the direct opportunity to do so, I am providing the current draft of the new vision and mission statements here. **Please provide any feedback to Cathy Hesson by next Friday, November 10.** Here are the current followed by the proposed revisions.

Current Vision Statement

Knowledge, leadership, and community...Skyline College opens doors!

Current Mission

Mission Skyline College is a comprehensive community college that provides learner-centered education in a culturally rich and socially responsible environment. The College is proud of its tradition of open access and its climate of innovation. Technology, community partnerships, and economic development are hallmarks of the College. Skyline offers an array of services and instructional programs to support students in achieving their educational goals and to prepare them for a rapidly changing world.

Proposed Vision Statement 2006

Skyline College, a premiere institution of higher education, inspires a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

Proposed Mission Statement 2006

Skyline College is a comprehensive open access community college that provides student-centered education leading to transfer, career advancement, basic skills development, and personal enrichment.

The College is committed to preparing students to be culturally sensitive critical thinkers, technologically proficient and effective communicators, socially responsible lifelong learners and informed participants of a democracy in an increasingly global society.

Skyline offers innovative instruction and support services to a rich tapestry of diverse learners through the hallmarks of the college: academic excellence, technology, community partnerships, and workforce and economic development.

Please provide any feedback on the proposed Vision and Mission statements to Cathy Hasson by Friday, November 10.

Cafeteria naming poll next week

Expect an email from Shelly Hausman shortly inviting faculty, staff and students to participate in an online, instant runoff type vote on the new name for our Cafeteria. As you know from earlier messages, the Cafeteria staff invited proposals and 191 were submitted. The College Council culled that list down to five, and it is now ready for a college wide vote. Just so you can be thinking about it, the five proposed names are these:

- Café in the Sky
- Fireside Café
- Sky Café
- Snackademics
- Trojan Cafe

Shelly's email will allow you to quickly rank the five options, you will be able to vote online until November 13, and we will have the results by Tuesday, November 14.

New Security Chief

Jeffrey Hodges comes to Skyline as the new Chief of Security on Monday, November 6, 2006. His long and impressive background in security and law enforcement began when he worked as a security officer at the College of San Mateo while completing two Associate in Science degrees: Administration of Justice and Aeronautics Commercial Pilot Program. Jeff's began his twenty five year law enforcement career with the Alameda County Sherriff's Department in 1980, shortly after he began attending San Jose State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. During his career, Jeff received several promotions and worked a number of different assignments: as a Field Training Officer, Internal Affairs Investigative Sergeant, Lieutenant and, prior to his retirement, as a Watch Commander. Jeff's assignments included the courts, jails, headquarters, and patrol. He also spent six years assigned to a special contract in which he provided police services to the Peralta Community College District as a Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Supervisor, and CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Manager for the unit. He worked closely with the college presidents and coordinated services for the faculty, staff, and students. In addition to having completed the highest levels of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), Jeff has also completed an impressive array of specialized training, for example, Standardized Emergency Management System, Eco-Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Anti-Terrorism. He received numerous written commendations during his career with the Alameda County Sherriff's

Department. Jeff brings a wealth of experience and training in providing safety and security services to diverse populations. He is excited about coming home to the college district in which he started his education and career, and looks forward to serving the needs of the Skyline College community.

Skyline students take Tampa with scientific research



20 students representing Skyline College presented their original scientific research at the 2006 Annual convention of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), October 26-29, 2006 in Tampa. Ten of the students began their in the spring semester in Dr. Christine Case's Biology 230 class including the development of a research inquiry, designing experiments, implementing the experiments, collecting and analyzing data, doing a review of current literature. These same students later enrolled in Biology 690 and submitted abstracts which were evaluated and accepted for publication and presentation at the SACNAS convention.

Biology 690 Research Projects:

- *Antibacterial Activity of Solanaceous Plants*, Raymond Lai & Rosanne Luu.
- *Antibacterial Properties of Zingiberaceae*, Madison Fandel & Jillian Vega.
- *Bacteriocins from Goldfish*, Judy Liu & Raymond Chow.
- *Antibacterial Activity of Lichens*, Lesley Hansen & Dustin Schiavo.
- *Antibacterial Properties of Plants Used in Traditional Chinese Herbs*, Laura Yusman & Paul Cotaco.

Their posters are at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skyline/smt/research.html>.

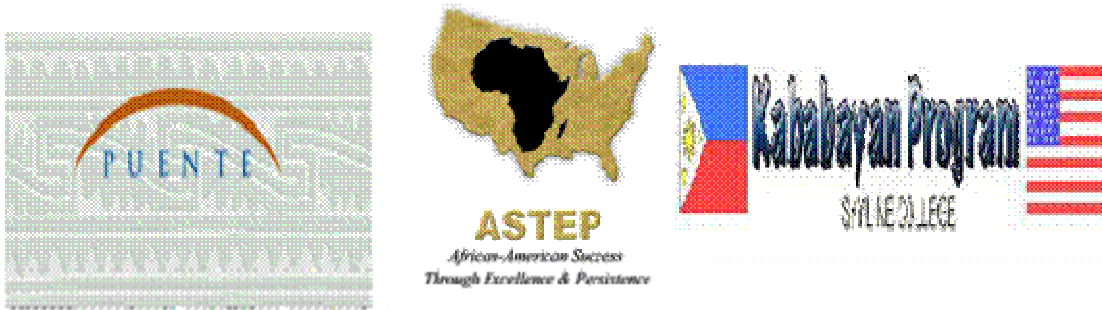
A second group of students conducted research at Skyline in a five week residential summer program in Marine Biology funded by the National Science Foundation. MESA Director Tiffany Reardon and Biology Instructors Shari Bookstaff and Kim Touneh worked with nine MESA students from both Northern and Southern California on the following projects:

- *Correlation of Temperature on the Population of Leopard Shark in the San Francisco Bay Estuary from 1993-2001*. Martha Gallegos & Javier Solis.
- *Comparison of Fledging Success Rates Among Brandt's Cormorants in Devil's Slida*, Berizohar Padilla & Aurora Mojica.

- *Relationship between Temperatures Changes and Population of the California Halibut in the San Francisco Bay from 1993-2001*, Rafael Montanez, Ivania Enriquez, Martha Acosta.

Certainly one of the highlights of the conference was Nasim Naderseresht 's poster *Detecting Planetary Debris Disk Around Young Stars Using Adaptive Optics* winning in the Physics and Astronomy Category. Nasim conducted her research with the Center for Adaptive Optics at UC Berkeley.

Puente/ASTEP/Kababayan Career Mixer



On the evening of Friday, October 27, approximately seventy students descended upon Skyline's cafeteria to participate in the first ever Career Mixer that was hosted and organized by P.A.K.--the Puente, ASTEP, and Kababayan learning communities. Students participated in two intimate workshops with the presenters, and later received information about how to seek internships. Twenty four presenters, many of whom are of color, described their careers, the benefits and drawbacks of their careers, and tips on pursuing such careers, with room for Q & A. They represented a wide range: Business, Health, Law, Social Work, Education, Engineering/CIS, Biology, Broadcasting. Students emerged from the evening eager to put into practice the tips that many noted on their evaluation form: the importance of networking, securing internships, and following their passions as they choose a career. They gave high marks to the presentations and especially enjoyed the informal atmosphere that gave them an opportunity to talk to the presenters. As for criticisms, many remarked that they would have liked the workshops to be longer and that more students on campus had an opportunity to attend. Kudos to the P.A.K. students who helped to facilitate the workshops and generally make the event a success, to ASSC President Luis Padilla for M.C.ing the evening, to Dean of Counseling Jennifer Hughes for welcoming our presenters and facilitators, as well as to Puente's Jacquie Escobar and Karen Wong, ASTEP's Pat Deamer and Lucia Lachmayr, and Kababayan's Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado for organizing the evening. Especial thanks to our presenters from the community and to the ASSC and the Career Center for providing funding.



(Photos by Liza Erpelo)

EOPS staff recognized at state wide conference

Two EOPS staff members were recognized for their years of service to the EOPS program at last week's 36th Annual EOPS conference in Sacramento in October. Pablo Gonzalez was recognized for providing over 15 years of service to the EOPS program, and Felix Perez for 30 years of service to EOPS. Both received their recognition during the Staff Service Award Luncheon. In addition, Pablo Gonzalez was a presenter at a standing room only breakout session on Tuesday, October 24, entitled *Four Principles of Personal Transformation*.

Women in Transition outreach event

On October 12th, the Women In Transition Program hosted an outreach reception. The event grew out of the Fall 2006 SOSC 160 WIT Seminar and was attended by approximately thirty women. The gathering provided an opportunity for WIT faculty, staff, and students to meet and share ideas about enhancing the program and promoting student success. The exchanges were positive and inspiring as the students discussed how they, with the support of each other, committed instructors and staff, have been able to pursue their educational goals. Thank you to all who attended and who have lent your support. Pictured below are Brenda Smith, Lori Slicton, Alessa Adamo, Rosie Bell, Frances Bright, Priscilla Schwartz, and Annie Vo. Not pictured are Edith Arias, Cynthia Arena, and Carla Prater who were also part of the WIT seminar.



(Photo by Virginia Rosales who is a WIT student and president of the Photography Club)

Dia de los Muertos celebration November 1

Skyline professors Luciana Castro, Hilda Fernandez and Lucia Lachmayr organized this celebration of "El Dia de los Muertos", a Latino honoring of those who have died. The program for the day included an introduction by Luciana to ensure that the participants understood that this is a day for celebration, Professor John Ulloa also talked about its meaning, Student Paul Fernandez provided a spoken word remembrance of a friend. Folklorico Altatonin performed and there was a piñata for the children of our Children's Center. Student clubs were invited to participate and create the "altares", or altars so commemorate people significant to them. For example, the Polynesian Club, advised by Leigh Ann Sippel, created a poignant tribute to the Crown Prince and Princess of Tonga, who died in the Bay Area this year in an automobile accident. The local Latino radio station, La Kalle (100.7) contributed to the program and spun music as students proceeded into the Main Theater where the program concluded with the film, "La Ofrenda." Thanks to the ASSC for the refreshments and to Felix Perez' wife, Maria-Elena, for the homemade tamales.



Norberto Martinez, Instructor Hilda Fernandez, Judith Gonzalez, and Michelle Crilly
(Photo by Shelly Hausman)

Skyline student wins karate medals

Victor Sindac, a full-time student here at Skyline, recently took first place in both Kumite (sparring) and Kata (forms) at the 8th annual FSKA World Karate Championships held in Las Vegas on October 21 and 22. This is a major event in the international karate scene with countries from around the world sending teams to compete. *Funakoshi Shotokan Karate of America*. "Shotokan" is one of many styles of Japanese karate. Eric Larsen says, "Victor is enrolled in my COMB 405, Advanced Shotokan Karate class but I can't take any credit for his accomplishment as he came to me already competing at a national level." He has been asked to participate as a coach next year when the World Championships will be held in England.



Coming Up

Friday, November 3

- Men's Soccer, CCSF at Skyline, 2 p.m.

- Women's Soccer, at West Valley College, 3 p.m.
- Transfer Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cafeteria, Building 2
- "Once Were Warriors" Polynesian Club Film Event, 6 p.m., Bldg 2 Room 2306

Saturday, November 4

- Women's Basketball at Sacramento City College, TBA
- Wrestling, Menlo Open at Atherton, 9 a.m.

Monday, November 6

- Hermanos Program Kickoff, 6:30 p.m., SSF Municipal Center
- Employee Voice Survey Accreditation Briefing, 2:30-4 p.m., Room 5131

Tuesday, November 7

- Election Day. Vote!
- Men's Soccer, at West Valley, 4 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan College at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Mission College at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Employee Voice Survey Accreditation Briefing, 2:30-4 p.m., Room 5132B.

Wednesday, November 8

- Skyline Museum of Tolerance Alumni presents "Horizon Line," 1:15 p.m. Main Theatre
- Women's Basketball, vs. Cabrillo College, at Skyline, 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Monterey Peninsula College, 6:30 p.m.
- Student Art Exhibit through 11/30
- International Latino Film Festival, 6:30 p.m., Main Theatre
- Gymnasium and Physical Education Complex Ribbon Cutting, 4:15 p.m., Building 3
- Job Fair, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Building 2 Cafeteria

Thursday, November 9

- Skyline Museum of Tolerance Alumni presents "Horizon Line," 1:15 p.m. Main Theatre
- Student Art Exhibit Reception, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Gallery Theatre
- SF Medical Examiner Chuck Cecil Lecture, 12:45-2:45 p.m., Room 2306

Friday, November 10

- Veteran's Day Observed (Holiday)
- Men's Basketball at San Jose City College, 4 p.m.
- Women's Basketball, at Consumnes River College, TBA
- Women's Volleyball, at Chabot College, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling at home, 3:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer, at Chabot College, 3 p.m.

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

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

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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 Chancellor's 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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