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### **Accrediting Commission action confirms that Skyline shines**

Just in case you missed my Monday message on this, and for the sheer pleasure of repeating it, I will repeat that Skyline's accreditation has been reaffirmed. The accrediting commission's action letter is available on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/index.html>. The final report from the visiting team is also there (*Visiting Team Final Evaluation Report [2007]*), including the team's commendations and their recommendations to us. Skyline had only five recommendations; there were also three district-wide recommendations which went to all three colleges.

### **Website Redesign project is moving along**

This week, the college kicked off the next step of the Fresh Look Project; the Web Site Redesign. The Web Site Redesign Advisory Group and others met with Interact Communications, our redesign consultant, to begin the process. The redesign will draw on Skyline's existing research as well as new research done in Spring 2008 to determine the structure of the new site. The website will be organized to tailor information to Skyline's external audiences (current students, high school students, prospective students, community/business members). A "soft launch", which introduces newly-designed web pages for a time while some of the former web pages are still active, is slated for November 2008. The Fresh Look Web Site Redesign Advisory Group, composed of representatives from faculty, staff, administrators and students, and the Office of College Development, Marketing and Public Relations will lead the effort. During this process, please feel free to log your ideas, suggestions and concerns in the "Web Site Redesign Project eSuggestion Box" found on [www.SkylineCollege.edu](http://www.SkylineCollege.edu). Thank you to all who attended the meetings, talked with Interact, as well as to District ITS for their invaluable support!

### **Two Skyline College students selected for the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team**

The recipients are Richard Chiang and Kahee "Joanne" Jo. The All-USA Academic Team program annually recognizes 60 outstanding two-year college students. Phi Theta Kappa, *USA TODAY*, and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the All-USA Academic Team program annually. To be eligible, a student must post a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and be eligible to graduate with an associate's degree. Richard Chiang has earned a 3.93 GPA in business at Skyline College. He has served as president of Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Beta Theta Omicron. Through his work with Phi Theta Kappa, he brought several community service programs to campus such as feeding the homeless in San Francisco, a project he has been involved with since 2006. He is a strong sponsor of environmental causes and supports PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). His goal is to earn a degree in business. Kahee "Joanne" Jo, 24, from San Francisco, has earned a 3.84 GPA in the Microbiology program at Skyline College. She plans to transfer to the University of California Berkley in Fall 2008 to study microbiology/pre-medicine. In addition to being Vice President of Communications for the Beta Theta Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, she is an active member of MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement), the Honors Transfer Club and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She has done research on antimicrobial compounds and presented her findings on the use of a traditional Asian herb as a food preservative at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science convention and SFSU Bridges program. She co-authored a published paper on antimicrobials. She has been listed on both the National Dean's List and the Skyline Dean's List. Here are Richard and Joanne.



**Great new facility now underway for “Facilities”**

Last Friday, a Groundbreaking Ceremony was held to commemorate the construction start on a new Facilities Maintenance center (FMC) for our Facilities Department. Most members of the college never saw the old facility, perched on the hill behind the trees just east of Parking Lot 2. But as part of my new president tour of the grounds with Richard Inokuchi, I got a good look at it and was greatly impressed with its decrepitude. So it was with a good deal of pleasure that I was the MC for the ceremony. I mentioned what this new Facilities Maintenance Center will do for the college: ultimately it will support our students, because it will support the essential people who make our buildings and grounds beautiful, functional and effective. I said that I was very glad that they will finally have a facility of their own which is beautiful, functional and effective. These people work miracles at Skyline all the time—it is so second nature to them that they probably don’t even know that they are miracles. In our rough climate, there are always special challenges layered on top of the routine challenges. And they rise to the occasion over, and over, and over—flood, fire, trash dumping, vandalism, power outages, graffiti—they handle it all. Their pride in the institution and their commitment to our mission is apparent in everything they do, and so I want to take this opportunity to thank them for that. Scheduled completion will be January 2009 and will include three LEED certified buildings. They’ve waited a long time for this landmark occasion and they were glad to see the old 1940s-vintage buildings disappear. Check out the big grins. The top photo is the daytime staff, with their names below the photo, and the second photo is the evening staff, with their names below the photo.



Daytime staff:

Front row (L to R): Seini Mateialona, Richard Inokuchi, Vinnie Samujh, Giao Van Bui, Jimmy Louie, Phill Fong  
Middle row (L to R): Tony Vassalle, Dave McCargar, Sheikh Hussain, Manny Granillo, Diego Zarco  
Back row (L to R): Martin Morales, Tony Gulli, Bob Spacher



Evening staff:

L to R: Jimmy Chan, Wendy Huang, King Lau, Millie Fields, Buu Khuu, Giao Van Bui, Richard Inokuchi, Allan Chan, Linda Liu, Dien Huynh, Harold Turner, Hugh Wong, (absent Tao Liu)

### **Skyline defeats CSM in Women's Basketball thriller**

Thanks to Joe Morello for this great description of the game:

Skyline College Women's Basketball team defeated the College of San Mateo on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in an overtime thriller by a score of 64-57. The win is the first in the history of the women's program against San Mateo. With the victory, the Trojans moved into sole possession of third place in the Coast Conference North Division and can clinch a post-season berth with a strong finish. The game was highlighted by 21 lead changes and two ties. San Mateo established an early advantage and was able to assume a 22-17 lead at halftime. Skyline rallied early in the second half to tie the game and neither team was able to gain an advantage of more than three points during the remainder of regulation play. In overtime, San Mateo quickly jumped out to a four point lead but the Trojans scored the last eleven points in the game to secure a 64-57 victory. Skyline was paced by Sophomores Marie Colon and Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas who scored 23 and 17 points respectively.

Here are Marie Colon and Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas.



### **Coming Up ...**

#### **Friday, Feb. 8**

- Women's Basketball at City College SF, 7 p.m.
- Baseball at San Joaquin Delta, 2 p.m.

#### **Saturday, Feb. 9**

- Men's Basketball vs. Chabot at Skyline, 3 p.m.



- Baseball at San Joaquin Delta, noon

**Sunday, Feb. 10**

- Baseball at San Joaquin Delta, noon

**Monday, Feb. 11**

- Census Day
- Film: Beyond Beats & Rhymes, 12:30 p.m., Room 6202

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

- Respiratory Therapy Program Open House, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., PH 206A

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**

- Men's Basketball at Ohlone, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Monterey at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- American Blackout Film Presentation, 12:30 p.m., Main Theatre

**Thursday, Feb. 14**

- Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship Workshop, 1-2 p.m., MESA Center Room 6205
- Duo Recital with Elizabeth Ingber and Megan Koch, 2:15 p.m., Rm 1111

**Friday, Feb. 15**

- Last day to drop a semester length class without appearing on record
- Lincoln's Birthday (Holiday)
- Men's Basketball at Cañada, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Lassen at Skyline, 2 p.m.

You can see the event calendar at [www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html)

To add events to the calendar, visit [www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html)

**Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?**

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

**Do you have a suggestion?**

One way to submit it is through our e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



**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/>

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