



Victoria P. Morrow, President  
April 18, 2008

### **25 Year Celebration recognizes Skyline people**

Yesterday we enjoyed the annual district celebration to recognize those employees who have been with the district 25 years. The celebration honored 4 Skyline people about whom I spoke a bit and who received a gift:

Cass Christian, Admissions and Records Assistant

Suzanne Newcombe Cowan, Adjunct Faculty, Business (Fashion)

Judy West, Nurse

Also at the 25 year mark but unable to attend is John Frank, Adjunct Faculty in the Science/Math/Technology Division (Telecommunications).

### **Open Forum on the Draft District Strategic Plan**

The District Strategic Plan Task Force expects to have a rough draft of the Strategic Plan available for district wide review before this semester is out. In order to provide an opportunity for Skyline people to take a look at it and provide input, we are going to hold an

#### **Open Forum**

Wednesday, May 14

2-4 pm, Room 2306

We will also post it on our website with an opportunity for electronic input. The plan is slated to be refined, with further opportunity for input early in the fall, and Board action on it later in the fall semester.

### **Call for Nominations for Leadership position in ASSC**

Skyline College's Student Government is seeking your assistance in identifying and recommending student leaders to fill the many leadership positions that currently exist in our Associated Students organization, ASSC. Often, students do not see themselves as potential leaders and words of encouragement or affirmation make a huge difference on whether or not they pursue leadership opportunities. The Skyline College Student Senate Officer Nomination Form is available at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyline/sgov.html>. Please take the time to nominate at least one student and encourage your students to visit the Student Activities Office to pursue student leadership opportunities. Turn in nomination forms to the Student Activities Office, Room 6212, by Friday, April 30.

Elections will be held May 12-16 to fill all ASSC Governing Council positions for the 2008-2009 Academic Year. Students interested in running for an elected position must attend the candidate meeting on Wednesday, April 30 at 4pm in room 6203. For more information about ASSC, call (650) 738-4327 or stop by the Student Activities Office, room 6212.

### **Key deadlines coming up at the end of this month: PIF and Skyline Shines Awards**

- **President's Innovation Fund: Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 pm in the President's Office.** For the guidelines and the proposal form, see the Faculty and Staff page on our website at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.
- **Skyline Shines Awards: Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 pm in the President's Office.** Find the official Nomination Form (at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under "Skyline Shines Awards"). Nominations should be sent to Linda Ghio, Assistant to the President.

**Classified Staff fundraiser for student scholarships is underway**



*Skyline College*  
*Classified Staff*

Scholarship & Staff  
Development Fundraiser

**Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5**

To buy raffle tickets  
See your department staff assistant,  
office assistant or Cass Christian or  
Sylvia Martinez/A& R for tickets



**Prizes**

**Grand Prize Basket**  
Wheelbarrow full of garden supplies, tools  
and flowers  
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Pamper Yourself Basket  
(filled with AVON products)  
Tea Time Basket  
and  
**Spring Time Gift Baskets**

Drawing to be held Thursday, May 1, 2008

**Hermanos Program offers Education Summit**

The educational summit was held at South San Francisco High School on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Latino students and parents from Parkway Heights Middle School were amongst the 100 people in attendance. South San Francisco High School was chosen as the site for the summit because most Parkway students transfer there. The summit included three workshop strands: 1) Education, 2) Gang Prevention, and 3) Personal Experience. Workshops were presented in English (for students), and Spanish (for parents). Skyline College students from the Hermanos Club were part of every workshop, along with educational representatives, community members and police officers. The Hermanos Club helped coordinate the day's activities in partnership with SSFHS Hermanos. Shirlee Hoch and the South San Francisco Foundation for Youth provided the food. Community leaders SSF Police Chief Mark Raffaelli, San Bruno Police Chief Neil Telford and SSF Mayor Pedro Gonzalez helped barbeque. A special thank you goes to the Hermanos Club, the Latinos Unidos Task Force, Nohel Corral and Luis Escobar, the Cities of San Bruno and South San Francisco, SSFHS, Parkway Heights Middle School, the Puente Program, and the Center for Workforce Development for contributing to make this event a success.



### **This year's first Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) is well attended**

An estimated 90 high school seniors attended the first Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) for this year on April 12. PEP provided graduating high school seniors with one-stop services that included assessment testing and orientation, and will be followed by counseling appointments in the coming weeks. PEP students are granted priority registration for summer and fall, 2008. The April 12 PEP was distinguished by the heavy and enthusiastic participation of parents, who were treated to a separate orientation in Spanish, English, and Tagalog. All attendees were treated to a campus tour and lunch. This event was supported by many dedicated Student Services faculty and staff in Admissions, Counseling, and Financial Aid. Thanks to all of them, especially to Nate Nevado and Kenny Gonzalez for providing overall leadership for the event.

### **Skyline Students attend MESA Statewide Leadership Retreat**

Last weekend 7 Skyline MESA students and their Director Tiffany Reardon, attended the 15th Annual MESA Statewide in Santa Cruz, CA. The annual retreat at the Happy Valley Conference Center brings MESA community college students across the state -- from north of Sacramento to Santa Ana -- for three summer camp-like days of star-gazing, shared meals, sports on the lawn and break-out sessions that don't feel like class. The weekend is also meant as a networking and career-planning opportunity for students who are all enrolled in community colleges with MESA Programs. Scientists led students through a variety of activities Saturday. Some tried to debunk the gravity-defying Mystery Spot down the road, while others adopted the roles of plants and animals, then planned a live performance of how the food chain works. The festivities ended with the Engineering Boat Design Competition in which teams were given duct tape and cardboard to design a boat that would not sink. In the first picture are these students pictured left to right, Leo Szeto, Michelle De Mesa, Cristina Urista, Carmen Castro, Lana Allawad, Gebby Rodezno, and Rystian Cabellon. In the second picture are Michelle De Mesa and a team member in the Cardboard Boat Race.



**The word goes out across the state about Hermanos**

On Thursday, April 10, the Skyline College Hermanos program was invited to present at the California Community Colleges Student Services Conference in Los Angeles. Two students from Hermanos, Jose Zaragoza and Tony Jara, along with Hermanos club advisor, Pablo Gonzalez and Hermanos instructor, Luis Escobar, presented to a full room of professional educators from all over the state. The student's testimonial of how Hermanos had helped them change their lives left a powerful impression that brought to tears many of the attendees. After the presentation several people in attendance expressed their desire to start programs such as Hermanos on their campuses. On Friday, April, 11, both students, along with Pablo Gonzalez, went by invitation to Pioneer High School in Whittier, California, to share their personal experience with about 100 high risk students. The response from students and staff was highly positive. Pioneer High School, along with other schools in the area, is interested in starting a similar program on their campuses. The presenter below is Tony Jara speaking to students at Pioneer High School.



*Photo by Pablo Gonzalez*

**National Library Week is an open book at Skyline**

The Library celebrated National Library Week with a kick off Tuesday at 11 am, with cake and coffee served. In the photo below, Tom Hewitt, Barbara Daley and Carol Driscoll serve cake to students. They was also a preschool story hour on Wednesday and there will be a Bookstore and coffee cart raffle on Friday.



*Photo by Shelly Hausman*

### **Financial Aid Awareness Week is almost here**

Financial Aid Awareness Week will be officially held at Skyline between April 21- April 25. Targeting current Skyline students, the weeks' events are meant to encourage students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for both the current academic year and the coming year. The week's schedule includes: playing on a Nintendo Wii (April 21 & 24); karaoke and slushies on April 22; a hotdog barbeque on April 23; and a FAFSA Friday on April 25. Students participating in any of the events and who complete a FAFSA by May 9 have an opportunity to win the Wii. In addition, two workshops presented by Ed Fund will be held on April 22. The first entitled, "Budgeting 100" will take place from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, with the second "Savings 100" from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Both will take place in room 6203.

### **Health Fair draws students, faculty and staff**

The Skyline College Health Center in collaboration with the ASSC hosted a Health Fair on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to Noon. Agencies from the community participated, including Skyline's Cosmetology and Respiratory Therapy program. The Fair attracted a big turnout. Students had the opportunity to learn about available campus/community health related services and to get information about habits and practices that promote a healthy lifestyle.



Photos by Shelly Hausman

### **Keep our Water Clean- A Medicine Take Back Event at Skyline College**

Skyline College is hosting a medicine take-back event on campus for Earth Day. Clean out your medicine cabinet and bring us your unused and expired medications for safe disposal. This event is co-sponsored by the Teleosis Institute, a local nonprofit dedicated to keeping pharmaceuticals out of the water. Here is where you can bring such items:

April 22 & 23  
 11 am - 1 pm  
 Skyline College Main Quad

### **Career Expo brings 28 employers to Skyline**

The Career Center hosted the Career Expo 2008 on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Cafeteria. The Career Expo provided local industry representatives, Skyline students and faculty an opportunity to share information and become more familiar with existing employment and training opportunities in our community. The Career Expo attracted 28 Bay Area companies and over 56 employment representatives. In addition to networking opportunities, students were recruited for available part-time and full-time employment. Employers commented the event was "...the best Job Fair ever! Lots of students and community contacts. ... This is a Job Fair that we continue to look forward to." Special thanks to Professor Virginia Padron for providing overall leadership for this event, supported by Angelica Gorostiza, Jacqueline Escobar, Janet Weber, Crystal Shetaya, Patty Mendoza, Kristen Abel, Andy Davis, Adolfo Leiva, as well as our amazing student assistants: Lory Batioco, Dina Valdelomar, Yee Ying Chan, Lisa Scott and Kristi Parenti-Kurtilla. Thanks also to the faculty who supported the Career Expo event by attending with their students.

### **Skyline hosts Capuchino High School BIOBus Tour**

Skyline hosted The Capuchino High School BIOBus Tour on Friday, April 11. The Tour travelled throughout the biotech industry in South San Francisco and received a guided tour of Cell Genesys before completing their tour at Skyline College. The tour included 13 students from Capuchino High School. Skyline professor Nick Kapp was joined by Skyline Biomanufacturing Certificate Program graduates. Together they treated the students to a biotech lab experience in Skyline's new science facilities. The Skyline graduates brought their industry expertise back to the campus to serve as mentors for the day for the visiting high school students. The mentors and students enjoyed lunch and held a structured Q and A that gave the students a direct contact with biotechnology professionals. Mentors included: Steven Casmer, Anju Chub, Ruben Dayao, and Peter Lee. The mentors helped the students identify skills for being a successful employee as well as key lab skills. Capuchino biotechnology teacher, Michael Dunn (photo, upper right), reports that the students had a great time learning about biotechnology and enjoyed being at Skyline. Thanks to Skyline Center for Workforce Development's Adolfo Leiva and Nohel Corral and Skyline's SMT faculty, Nick Kapp, and Dean, Mike Williamson for coordinating the event. BIOBus is funded by a grant from the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges.



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

**Third annual Pilipino Cultural Night is coming, for two nights this year**

It will be in our Main Theater, May 1 and May 3. Contact Liza Erpelo for advance tickets. I will be there May 1—it is truly not to be missed.

The Filipino Student Union, Kgbabayan Program,  
and Skyline College proudly present





# Lovewrecked

*Diary of a Karibunan*

Skyline College's 4th Annual Pilipino Cultural Night

**Preview Night** *Thursday, May 1, 2008*  
\$5 Pre-sale / \$10 at the Door

**Gala Night** *Saturday, May 3, 2008*  
\$10 Pre-sale / \$12 at the Door

Doors open at 7.00 p.m.  
Show starts at 7.30 p.m.

Skyline College  
Main Theater (Building 1)  
3900 College Ave  
San Ramon, CA 94583

For tickets or  
further information,  
please contact:

Jan Salas 650.392.4300  
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or please visit  
[www.SkylineCollege.edu/PCN](http://www.SkylineCollege.edu/PCN)



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Welcome to Rakefet Avromovitz

Rakefet Avramovitz is the new Staff Assistant in the Development, Marketing and Public Relations office. She recently returned from a seven month trip around the world. Prior to her travels, Rakefet worked towards social justice at the Child Care Law Center and at NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. She began here at Skyline on April 14.

### College Budget Committee (CBC) Update

CBC had its regular meeting on April 10, 2008.

1. **Enrollment & Productivity Update:** Cathy Hasson reported that Skyline has generated 7,409 FTES to date compared to its goal of 6,938 FTES. Productivity is 565 compared to this year's goal of 570. She distributed the day's Hyperion report which shows FTES for the current spring semester compared to spring last year. Skyline showed a phenomenal 13% increase over spring last year.
2. **Balancing Skyline's 2008-09 Budget:** Eloisa Briones reported that we do not have the site allocation for 2008-09 since Kathy Blackwood is still gathering information needed for the revenue and expenditure estimates that go into the resource allocation model. In the meantime, Eloisa provided the CBC with a summary of potential savings and budget reductions that will offset the budget shortfall for next year. She also alerted the committee to variables and unknowns at the state and local level that should be taken into consideration as we review our projections as these will change our early budget assumptions.
3. **Next Meeting:** May 1, 2008

### Coming Up ...

#### Friday, April 18

- National Library Week Raffle, Noon, Library

#### Saturday, April 19

- Baseball vs. Mission College at Skyline, noon

#### Monday, April 21

- Teachers Teaching Teachers (Three-T), 2-4 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 22

- Baseball vs. CSM at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Earth Day Activities, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Theatre

#### Wednesday, April 23

- Priority Enrollment Program Day, 3- 8 p.m., Bldg 2

#### Thursday, April 24

- Badminton vs. City College SF at Skyline 3 p.m.
- Baseball at Cabrillo, 2 p.m.
- M.E.E.T on Common Ground Workshop, 1-4 p.m., Main Theatre Lobby

#### Friday, April 25

- Skyline hosts California Automotive Teachers (CAT) conference, through April 26
- Puente/LASO's fundraiser at Giants game, 7:15 p.m., AT&T Park

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 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 our Web Site Redesign Project, please log in your suggestions and concerns in the "Web Site Redesign Project eSuggestion Box", also on <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/> or click the box below.





**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/>.