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Open Forum on the Draft District Strategic Plan coming up next Wednesday

The District Strategic Plan Task Force has prepared a draft of the Strategic Plan and it is now available for district wide review at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under News and Information; see the "Draft Environmental Scan" and the "Draft Recommendations". In order to provide an opportunity for Skyline people to hear a brief presentation on it and to provide input, we are going to hold an

Open Forum

Wednesday, May 14

2-4 pm, Room 2306.

We will also provide for electronic input via our website; that mechanism will be available on our website by early next week. I will let you know when it goes up. The plan is slated to be refined after this round of input, shared with community representatives over the summer, and there will be further opportunity for district wide input early in the fall. The Board plans to take action on it later in the fall semester.

Review of our shared governance process is underway

This topic arises from both our accreditation self study findings and from a recommendation from the accrediting commission to create a policy for regular review of the governance process. We held an Open Forum on the subject on April 7, and the College Council then reviewed the findings from it. They address each of these four areas: planning and budget processes, committee structure and initiatives, communication processes, and governance structure overall. The constituent group leaders will now take these to their organizations for discussion and additional ideas. Those notes are called Shared Governance Review Spring 2008 and can be seen at

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>. You are invited to identify any additional issues and recommended actions by submitting them to your representative on the College Council. The ultimate goal of this review process is to identify any needed refinements to our governance process as well as to create a policy for regular evaluation of it.

Trojans qualify for state baseball playoffs

The Skyline Trojans Baseball team, based on their second place finish in the rugged North Division of the Coast Conference and 27-14 record overall, have qualified for the CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association) playoffs. The Trojans were seeded 13th in Northern California and will take on the Sierra College Wolverines in a best of three game series on May 9-10 in Rocklin, California. The first game will start at 3P on May 9th. The second game is scheduled for 11A on May 10th with a third game, if necessary, scheduled to begin a half an hour after the completion of that game. Because this is a CCCAA state playoff game, admission will be charged. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, staff and children. For directions to Rocklin, please visit the Sierra College website at <http://www.sierracollege.edu/>. And please join me in congratulating Coach Dino Nomicos and the team!

Cosmetology Open House includes student competition

The Cosmetology program held an Open House on May 5. Cinthia Saenz was the Instructor in charge for the student mannequin competition. The theme was HOLLYWOOD. They were to be inspired by their idea of Hollywood and bring it

to life on a mannequin. They had to demonstrate their map or plan of attack with their completed work. I had the privilege of seeing all of the entries on display in the Cosmo swing space at Pacific Heights. In the photos below, the students are explaining their projects, which were judged as part of the open house event. The first two students are Cara Korvi and Elisa Palazzo. Alfredo Vasquez, in the last photo, won the competition. Here is what Ms. Saenz had to say about it: "We had three students who were voted the winners but I feel the whole department won!" So do I.



Photos by Shelly Hausman

There is an updated "Design Build Project Briefing" on our website

On May 8, we held an Open Forum including the Educational and Facilities Master Plan Task Force and other interested people. Mitch Fine from WRNS Architects reviewed the schematic design for Building 4N, the status of the work on Building 11N and described the current rough plans for the Sitework. The attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about the project. An updated version of the "Design Build Project Briefing" is on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skynotes/index.html>.

Women in Transition (WIT) luncheon highlights successful students

This was our 3rd annual Spring Luncheon for the WIT program and about 50 faculty, staff and students were in attendance. Lori Slicton gave some feedback to the group about the WIT survey that was conducted among female Skyline students last fall with Cathy Hasson's assistance. Lori also announced the newly reinvigorated WIT Club. Former student Akillah Wali wrote a letter to address the WIT luncheon describing her pathway through Skyline and the WIT program to her current success; she graduates from Columbia University May 21 with a BA in Sociology. Here are photos of WIT students Brenda Smith and Connie Spearing and Priscilla Schwartz speaking at the luncheon about their experiences in the program. Jane O'Classen also spoke.



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See our Honors students present their research

Please join Katharine Harer, Honors Program Director, and me to hear the same presentations these students made at the Stanford Research Symposium in April.

**Skyline Honors Students Present Their
Stanford Research Symposium Projects**

Luis Bill, Ashley Good, Max Kalinin, Michael Lam, Connie Spearing & Leo Szeto

Tuesday May 20th
2:00-3:30
Room 6202

Refreshments provided



El Cinco de Mayo—its true origins are revealed

Monday was a beautiful and joyful day—sunny weather, and filled with mariachi music, and happy children working their way to the candy inside the piñata. We also learned from John Ulloa that Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence

Day (which actually falls on September 16) but rather celebration of victory for Mexico in the Battle of Puebla, over the French. According to a flyer prepared by the students, "While Cinco de Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico, it is mainly observed in the state capital of Puebla. However, in the United States, it is becoming a popular holiday to celebrate Mexican culture. Kids and families can try delicious Mexican food, listen and dance to Mexican music, make and admire Mexican art." Many people helped to coordinate this event: Luciana Castro, Lucia Lachmayr, Connie Beringer, Amory Cariadus, Jose Perez, Felix Perez, Marcy Escobar, Amory Cariadus, Shelly Hausman, Luis Escobar, Kamla Bucceri, ASSC and some of the students in the daytime Spanish classes (Jonathan Madison, Alva Aguilera, Mauricio Flores) as well as the members of the LASO and Hermanos clubs. Helping out were Ingrid Alfaro-Perez, Roberto Anstirman, Jorge Hernandez, Bianca Pasillas, Michael Nguyen, Ruth Ordenana, Renato Pena, Ismael Rosales, Jenny Santiago, Madeline Stark, Alfredo Villagomez-Rivera, Jack Torres Noemi Perdomo and Maggie Gutierrez. Those students instrumental in planning the event were Roberto Anstirman, Jorge Hernandez, Michael Nguyen, Ruth Ordenana, Renato Pena, Ismael Rosales, Alfredo Villagomez-Rivera, Marcia Soares, Jack Torres and Maggie Gutierrez, Noemi Perdomo. The DJ from the Hermanos program was Tony Jara, supported by Saul Morales, Sthiv Valencia, Luis Osorio and Jose Zaragoza. Flyers and leaflets were drawn by Jorge Hernandez, copy was done by Renato Pena and Maggie Gutierrez and editing by Ismael Rosales.



Photos by Shelly Hausman

Skyline Blood Drive takes the cake!

The May 7th Skyline Blood Drive was a great success!! 114 units of blood were collected, the largest number of units we have ever collected at one drive since we started the blood drives in 1978. This brings the grand total of units donated by Skyline College to 2505 in 31 years! The Red Cross has informed us Skyline College holds the number one position for college blood drives for 2008 so far, and the number two drive overall in the Northern California Region. We won't have the final tally of the Automotive vs. Cosmetology competition until early next week. We will let you know as soon as we get the final results.

A bit more on PCN

I would like to fill a gap in my *Skyline Shines* item last week on *Lovewrecked*, this year's wonderful PCN (Pilipino Cultural Night) production. In addition to expressing my appreciation to Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado, I would like to extend thanks to our other two Kababayan Program counselors, Marisa Mariano and Melanie Espinueva, and the two Filipino Dance instructors, Bonifacio Valera, Jr. and Victoria Hafalia. Thanks also to Rich Tidd for all of his help and hard work in the theater. Thanks to Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor for printing the programs. And of course, without our deans and their assistants, this would not have been possible: Connie Beringer and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Donna Bestock and Mary Anne Leary, and Joe Morello and Sandra Hatzistratis. But most of all, the biggest thanks need to go to the students in the English 104: Applied English Skills in Cultural Production class. Without their ideas, passion, energy, and dedication, this show never would have been possible.



Photo by Jeremy Lassen

Skyline's English Department partners with Notre Dame de Namur and their graduate students

For several semesters, Skyline's English Department has had a formal arrangement with Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, to mentor their graduate students working toward a degree in the Master of Arts, English (MAE) program. Several English faculty have served as mentor teachers to these graduate students, interested in pursuing a career in teaching. The mentoring program has already yielded benefits to the English Department by providing Supplemental Instruction leaders for its fall pilot project to link up some basic skills English courses with Supplemental Instruction. The Skyline College/NDNU connection will continue into the 2008-09 school year. The Skyline faculty involved have been Jim Bowsher, Katharine Harer, Nina Floro, and Jeff Westfal, and the graduate student who will be continuing with Jeff as his SI leader in the fall is Jarrod Feiner.

200 parents and students visited Skyline for Concurrent Enrollment Information Night

Nearly 200 parents and students attended Skyline College's Main Theatre on Wednesday evening, May 7, to learn more about our Concurrent Enrollment Program. The interactive one hour information session was attended by 9th-11th grade students and their parents from the Jefferson Union High School District and South San Francisco Unified School District. The presentation was led by Skyline College Counselors Kenny Gonzalez and Nate Nevado, and Regina Biagini, Counselor from Terra Nova High School. The session provided parents and students the opportunity to ask a wide array of questions about our Concurrent Enrollment Program. Thanks to Kenny and Nate for their leadership in planning this event.

Community college mental health professionals gathered at Skyline this week

Skyline College hosted the California Community College Mental Health and Wellness Association (CCCMHWA) meeting on May 7, 2008. There were 27 mental health professionals representing 18 different community colleges from the Bay Area to Fresno in attendance. The CCCMHWA mission is to advance student mental health services on community college campuses. The event was coordinated by Beverly Muse, Psychological Services at Skyline College, and Lori Adrian, VP of Students and Dean of Counseling Rick Wallace welcomed the group to Skyline College. The board unveiled the new website: www.cccmhwa.org, completed the membership application and discussed future projects for the 2008-09 academic year.

Skyline hosts a panel for Small Business Appreciation Month next week

In honor of May being Small Business Appreciation Month, Skyline College, in partnership with Wells Fargo, will present a Young Entrepreneurs Panel Discussion on Thursday, May 15, from 12– 1:30 p.m., in Room 6202. The panel features Michael E. Parker, Stellar Enterprises, creator of Value-Centered Management Philosophy and Business System and author of *Who Said So*; Leila Perreras, Circle Communications; and Janice Weeks, Web Coast Graphics. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 650-738-4492.



Students can now get their parking permits mailed to them

A new process for issuing parking permits to students has begun with the Summer/Fall 2008 registration. Students who register up to one week before the start of any term and purchase parking permits will have their parking permits mailed to them with their *Registration Statement*, which includes a list of classes and a fee summary. Those who register within one week of the start of the term will still need to come in person to pick up the permit. The new process has been designed to improve services to students and to eliminate the long lines at the registration/cashier's areas. In order to make sure that students are aware of the new process, an email is being sent to all currently registered students. WebSMART has been modified to provide students with directions for purchasing the permit online, with information as to the process for mailing. In order to ensure broad communication regarding this new process, I would appreciate a brief announcement to students in your classes. For questions or additional information, students may log on to WebSMART or contact the Admission and Records Office (738-4251) or the Cashier's Office (738-410).

A correction about BSI

In last Friday's edition of *Skyline Shines*, I described the results of the planning done for the BSI (Basic Skills Initiative) project and thanked the many dozens of people who were involved in the deep assessment of our needs which has been conducted this year. I indicated that we will be moving forward on the many excellent plans which were developed. However, I inadvertently left Stephen Hearne's name out of the list of Assessment and Implementation Participants.

Coming Up ...

Friday, May 9

- EOPS International Spring Festival, 6:30 p.m., Main Theatre
- Baseball playoffs though May 10, at Rocklin
- Skyline Shines Award Deadline, 4:30 p.m., Office of President
- Badminton State Championships at Skyline through May 10, noon

Saturday, May 10

- Badminton State Championships at Skyline, noon
- Baseball playoffs, at Rocklin, 11 AM

Monday, May 12

- Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony, 4 p.m., Main Theatre
- ASSC Election Days through May 16, Room 6102
- ASTEP& BSU Blackout: Barbecue, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Quad

Wednesday, May 14

- Faculty Inquiry Group, 2-4 p.m.
- Open Forum on the Draft District Strategic Plan, 2-4 pm, Room 2306

Thursday, May 15

- Small Business Appreciation Month panel, noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 6202

Friday, May 16

- Baseball Playoffs, through May 18
- Spring Community/Jazz Band Performance, 7:30 p.m., Main Theatre

You can 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 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/>.