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This will be the last weekly edition of *Skyline Shines* until the fall semester begins. During the summer, I will publish it about once a month. Best wishes for a terrific and rewarding summer. I welcome the change of pace but I will miss seeing everyone around here. Summer departmental hours will be posted on the front page of www.SkylineCollege.edu by this afternoon.

Commencement tonight!

This will be our second year back in the Gym for the ceremony, and our second year holding the event at 5 pm. I look forward to a wonderful celebration of our students' achievement and recognition of the phenomenal work done by our faculty and staff in support of them.

And while you are there, check out the Athletics Hall of Fame

Skyline's Athletics Hall of Fame has been remounted beautifully and is now located on the lower floor of Building 3 near the entrance. The Hall recognizes 100 students, staff and community members who achieved excellence in their endeavors related to the Skyline Athletic Program. If you are participating in Commencement you will have a chance to take a look at it today, or swing by any time. Thanks to the following people who made it happen: Regina Stanback-Stroud, Jose Nunez and Patty Della Bona from the district office, Dino Nomicos, Mike Fitzgerald, Jan Fosberg, Andrew Ruiz, and Sam Goldman .



Photo by Rakefet Avramovitz

President's Innovation Fund awardees have been selected

I am pleased to announce this round of successful proposals that will receive support from the President's Innovation Fund (PIF). Skyline College's annual President's Breakfast raises the financial support for the President's Innovation Fund, as does the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation. The goal of the PIF is to provide start-up funding to faculty and staff developing innovative programs and services. With limited funds, the challenge is always to support as

many of the innovative proposals as possible. The list of awardees with descriptions of the projects will be posted later today on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypio/pif/index.html>.

- The HY-PHE Project (Heightening Your Personal Development through Higher Education)
- Gallery Theatre Upgrade
- Rock The School Bells: Multicultural Hip-Hop Conference
- ASTEP (African American Success Through Excellence and Persistence) Math Academy
- Hermanos - Adding a second high school
- Skyline Reads: What is the What
- Kababayan Filipino Folk Dance Company
- Hermanas – Building an educational bridge into higher education for young Latina students

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the creative and committed people who developed these proposals.

End of the Year Luncheon is a celebration and a fund raiser

Our annual End of the Year Luncheon last Tuesday was, as always, a joyful celebration and a recognition of some outstanding people who have made particular contributions to the college. And on top of all that, the event raised \$840 in funds for student scholarships. The two special recognition awards for Classified Staff this year went to Pablo Gonzalez (EOPS, Care and CalWorks) and Manny Tablan from the mailroom. The Academic Senate special recognition awards went to Rachel Bell, Michael Moynihan, Jacqueline Escobar and outgoing Senate President Carla Campillo. The Meyer Award for excellence in teaching presented to a new faculty member went to Liza Erpelo of the Language Arts Division. Richard Lambert was recognized in retirement. In honor of Sherri Bookstaff's return, a purchase of equipment was made for the Physical Education Department, thanks to the Senate and to Regina Stanback Stroud. In addition, Cathy Hasson, departing head of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness was recognized by faculty and others for her terrific work at Skyline for the past three years. Thanks to the Classified Council and the Academic Senate for bringing us this wonderful event every year. Thanks to Mike for his outstanding emceeing and terrifying annual predictions; to Sue Lorenzo and Kathy Fitzpatrick for the beautiful "Dancing with Stars" decorations; to the Library for the desserts; to the division, department and program faculty and staff for the incredible raffle baskets; and to Kennya Zepeda and Minerva Velasquez for their dancing! And finally, thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets to help support the student scholarships. The last photo shows Anyta Archer's pleasure at her raffle luck along with the three "judges"—Jeff Acidera, Eloisa Briones and Cass Christian.



Photos by Shelly Hausman

Skyline student to serve as Student Trustee next year: Virginia Rosales

Skyline student Virginia Rosales has been selected as the district's student trustee for the 2008-09 year. She was one of the three nominees—one elected by each of the three college student bodies, and was interviewed and selected by the panel of student leaders. Her photos have often appeared here in *Skyline Shines* and you may have seen her photos in student exhibits over the past couple of years. I look forward to working with her in that new role.



Butterfly Graduation—Children’s Center’s 5 year olds move on

The 5 year olds in our Children’s Center, most of whom are children of our students, celebrate a big transition each year when they move on to kindergarten. The former “caterpillars” have become “butterflies” and our wonderful Children’s Center faculty and staff help them make the transition, along with showing the younger children what is ahead for them. The event was held in our Main Theater for the first time this year, in order to allow for more family members to attend, and there were well over 100 people there. Thanks to Judy Heldberg, Michelle Amaral, Kristina Brower, Martina Center, Vicky Feng, Nataliya Gamburg, and Rayna Rodriguez for their great work with the children, and for this beautiful event. Here are the Butterflies, thanks to photos by Kate Browne, Professor of Early Childhood Education.



Basic Skills Initiative update

As you know, we submitted our Basic Skills Action Plan to the state chancellor’s office on May 1. A number of components of the Plan will be moving along over the summer, and others will start up in the fall. The Academic Senate invited faculty interested in the 40 percent reassignment for the role of College Success Coordinator to express that interest by May 22, but there was an insufficient pool. So they will be reissuing that invitation in the fall. Meanwhile, here are some examples of the activities that will be taking place during the summer:

- The Counseling Division will develop a workbook to accompany the newly revised college orientation course, Career 410: College and Career Awareness; the course will be piloted in the fall.
- A student welcome orientation day, titled “Let’s Get it Started: Welcome Day at Skyline” will occur on August 16, the Saturday before the fall term begins.
- The Outreach team will continue its work, including lining up student ambassadors for the fall.
- All of the faculty and staff development components will move forward under the leadership of our Professional Development Coordinator, Phyllis Taylor, including planning for fall Faculty Inquiry Groups (FIG) and Teachers Teaching Teachers (Three-T).
- A Counseling Summer Institute will be held to look at best practices for working with first year students, including the case management of basic skills students.

- Work on the planning of a Skyline Middle College High School will continue, under the auspices of both Basic Skills and a state-funded grant, in collaboration with Jefferson High School.

The other components of the project will continue or begin in the fall semester. If you are interested in seeing our Action Plan, you can view it at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/collegesuccess/>. Go to Spring 08 Progress Bar and then scroll all the way to the right at the top.

Classified Service Awards Luncheon honors four

Our annual luncheon to recognize classified service took place last Friday. The following individuals were honored:

10 years: Sue Lorenzo

20 years: Kamla Bucceri and Pat Tyler

25 years: Cass Christian

The Skyline Foggerz performed as usual, and their performance was the best ever. The members are Terry Stats, Kristen Abel, Julene Rhoan and Cass Christian.

They gave the first ever public performance of a new tune written by Kristen entitled "Skyline Shines".



Photos by Shelly Hausman

Music from Creepy Crawly Movies, Musicals and Opera

Skyline's Solo and Ensemble Voice Class Recital occurred yesterday and we had the pleasure of hearing our students display the fruits of their study this semester. Thanks to Professor Jude Navari for his work with them and for the wonderful selection of pieces included in the program.

Solo and Ensemble Voice Class RECITAL



Filipino Community Commencement at Liwanag Kultural Center

On Friday, May 16th, nine students from the Kababayan Program participated in Liwanag Kultural Center's 3rd Annual Filipino Community Commencement, celebrating their achievements with students from Westmoor High School and Immaculate Conception Academy. Nate Nevado and Denyce Abrigo (current Kababayan Program student) were on hand as emcees, Warly Caturay (Fulbright FLTA) sang the American and Filipino national anthems, and Liza Erpelo and Nikki Santiago awarded the graduates with their stoles. This year's celebrants were Jan Salas, Emily Piros, Yab Cruz, Thomas Vallero, Joel Cayabyab, Rommel Conclara, James Brillantes, Jason Moorhouse, and Bo Bato.



Photo by Jamison Boyer

Pilipino Cultural Night 2008 World Tour

Well, not "worldwide," but they're definitely taking their dance show on the road this summer. Under the guidance of Filipino dance instructor Bonifacio Valera, many of the Pilipino Cultural Night students have been invited to perform their cultural and hip-hop dances at various venues throughout the Bay Area. Last Friday, May 23rd, the group performed at Jefferson High School's Fil-Am May Festival. This Friday, May 30th, they will be performing at Oceana High School's B.A.M. ("Because Art Matters"). On Saturday, May 31st, the cultural dancers will perform at the KTSF Asian Family Heritage Celebration at California's Great America in Santa Clara. On Thursday, June 12th, the cultural dancers will participate in a Fil-Am celebration in San Francisco, and on Saturday, July 5th, the students head back to California's Great America for the Kababayan Festival at Great America, the largest Filipino festival on the West Coast. For more information on any of these events, please contact Liza Erpelo.



Singkil dance photo by Liza Erpelo; studio photo by the Jefferson High School Photo Club.

Lovewrecked sweatshirts and DVDs now available!

The purple sweatshirts are available for \$25 each, and the DVDs are \$10. Please contact Liza Erpelo. All proceeds will go to funding for next year’s Pilipino Cultural Night. Supplies are limited, so get yours now! I have mine—hard to go wrong with the combination of PCN and purple.

Skyline research posted on our PRIE website

You will see below in the College Council update that we have posted Ray Hernandez’ MA research on smoking on our website for Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE). Also there is a study Cathy Hasson did at Lori Slicton’s request concerning the Women in Transition program. Both are at this address:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/Surveys%20&%20Focus%20Group%20Studies/research6.html#top>.

College Council update

The Council held its last meeting of the year on Wednesday.

1. **Skyline Shines Award:** The employee nominations for the award were reviewed and the winner was selected. The award will be announced and given at our Opening Day meeting on Friday, August 15 in the Main Theater.
2. **Website redesign update:** Sandy Irber provided a brief update. The project is on track for a late fall launch of the new website. It will run simultaneously with the old site at first. The designs are being finalized through the Fresh Look Project’s Website Redesign Task Force.
3. **College Hour proposal:** The subcommittee of the Council reported on their draft proposal. The College Hour would need to be on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday late morning or early afternoon, and be 1 to 1 1/2 hours long. They are discussing whether there should be no classes during that time (“dark”) or whether there should be some classes allowed. There is no clear information from other colleges on the effect of College Hour on enrollment. The group is analyzing our class schedule data to determine the degree of the effect on our offerings and will report back at the first meeting in the fall.
4. **Assessment on Skyline’s smoking policies:** Ray Hernandez presented the findings from his Master’s Thesis research project entitled “Skyline College: Reducing Campus Environmental Smoke Exposure. Since this survey was administered to both students and employee, you can find the documents under both “Students” and

“Employees” here:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/Surveys%20&%20Focus%20Group%20Studies/research6.html#top>. His recommendations have been presented to the Health and Safety Committee and they will consider them in the fall and bring a recommendation for next steps to the College Council.

5. **Follow up on Governance evaluation:** The findings from the April 7 Open Forum on our governance processes are being discussed within the constituent groups to identify any additions needs. This topic will be taken up by the Council at its second fall meeting. The result will be make any needed changes to our governance processes and to develop a policy for regular evaluation of it.
6. **Draft Skyline Technology Plan:** Regina Stanback Stroud provided a brief update on the plan and shared the current draft. Feedback should be shared with her by October.
7. **District Shared Governance Council update:** The group’s most recent meeting included discussion of the grade change policy, the group’s consensus decision making model, codes of ethics and the Draft District Strategic Plan.
8. **District Strategic Planning Task Force update:** Vicki Morrow provided a brief update on the May 14 Open Forum and indicated that the notes on the feedback at the forum had been given to Skyline’s representatives on the district Task Force. This topic will be taken up by Skyline’s College Council at the first fall meeting.
9. **Proposed Student Equity Committee:** The council discussed the proposal which has had some review by the constituent groups. The initial feedback reflects support for the intention and focus of the committee but concern about whether the topic of student equity should be handled via a new committee or embedded in an existing one, in order to limit the number of committees at Skyline. There was discussion about how to link this topic with the Governance review (see above) and include an examination of our committee structure with an eye to ensuring that our highest priorities are getting addressed. The topic will be resumed at the first fall meeting.
10. **College Council Annual Report:** Vicki indicated that the usual annual report, assembled from the records of the year’s meetings and organized by topic, will be prepared during the summer and posted on the website. Prior Annual Reports are available on the College Council website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>.

Coming Up ...

Friday, May 30

- Final Examinations
- Commencement, 5 p.m., Gym

Saturday, May 31

- Final Examinations

Monday, June 2

- Final Examinations
- Day and Evening Classes Close

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/>

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