Victoria P. Morrow, President
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President's Report to the Board of Trustees
I gave my monthly report to the Board Wednesday night. It is available at http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/.

Website redesign update
The Web Site Redesign Project is moving along on schedule. In June, the Fresh Look Advisory Web Site Redesign Committee worked to select and refine new dynamic graphic web site designs. Variations of this design will be used in each of the areas designed for different types of visitors, or what are called "PODs." The colors were selected based on the color palette within Skyline's design standards for capital construction projects.

In the next few weeks, the web site templates will be tested for "508 compliance" to ensure their accessibility to people with disabilities, servers will be prepared, and the site will begin to be built with support from the District ITS team. Meanwhile, the current site's information will continue to be updated and inventoried. OmniUpdate, a content management system (CMS) piloted on the district web site, will allow the information management of the new website to be very user-friendly. The goal is to soft-launch the new web site (while keeping the old site up simultaneously for some time) at the end of the fall semester.

Thank you to the Fresh Look Advisory Web Site Redesign Committee members for their dedication to this project and attention to detail. They are: Lori Adrian, Anyta Archer, Rakefet Avramovitz, Brittany Piccolotti, Tom Broxholm, Teresita del Castillo-Brown, Laura Fraser, Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber, Nick Kapp, Kristi Parenti-Kurttila, Judy Lariviere, Maria Norris, Raydan Al-hubaishi, Leigh Anne Sippel, Wendy Smith, Regina Stanback-Stroud and Jasmine Witham.

Skyline holds a welcome day for new students
One of the projects arising from our Basic Skills Initiative, and a long-standing interest on the part of many Skyline people, is a welcome day for new students and parents. It is happening this fall on Saturday August 16 just before classes begin, in the Main Theater. The event is designed to give new, returning and transfer students a jump start on ensuring their success in college by attending this informative, interactive, and fun half-day event. They and their families will have the opportunity to receive valuable information about college programs and services; connect with college faculty and staff; meet fellow students and make new friends; and take a tour of the campus. The event will also include small group discussions, student and parent workshops, a program fair, the chance to meet faculty, and a free barbeque, giveaways. Postcards announcing the event are being mailed to registered students and flyers are being given to students undergoing assessment. There is an online registration form for the event at www.SkylineCollege.edu under "Events." Faculty and staff will be contacted through your respective deans to participate and provide program and service information.

Achieving Success: Let's Get Started

A **FREE** welcome and information day for new Skyline College students and families

Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008
9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Silicon Valley Foundation awards grant to Skyline's Hermanos program
The Silicon Valley Community Foundation awarded a grant of $33,150 for salary support for the Hermanos Program at South San Francisco and Capuchino High Schools. The Hermanos Program addresses the academic, psychological and social needs of Latino males through academic support, mentoring and family support. The goal of Hermanos is to work with male students to address issues of poor motivation, lack of academic skills, college readiness; and to enroll these students in college upon high school graduation.

Auto Tech program trains instructors from all over North America
Our 2nd Annual Train-The-Trainer class was a tremendous success. Twenty-one instructors from across North America attended the class at Skyline College. Twenty-six hundred dollars in donations from the automotive industry was raised to offset the cost of refreshments, lunches, donuts, and materials. The instructors enjoyed the networking, technical information, and hands-on training. Everyone in attendance were very impressed with the hospitality shown them by the automotive staff and the admissions and records office. This photo is called "Found the leak!"

Welcome to Rob Johnstone, new Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness
Dr. Rob Johnstone will be joining the college on August 4, replacing Dr. Cathy Hasson who is now at the San Diego Community College District. Rob comes to us from Foothill College, where he has been for the past six years, first as their college researcher for three years, and then as Vice President of Instruction and Institutional Research for three years. His PhD is in social psychology from the University of Oregon and his master's degree is in experimental psychology from San Jose State. He has a good deal of experience as a researcher in the private sector as well.

There are now 110 California community colleges

Our state wide system of California community colleges now numbers 110 separate colleges. Woodland College, part of the Yuba Community College District, was granted initial accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges) at the commission's June meeting.

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/.