



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

December 4, 2009

### **Open Forum on the Budget next Wednesday**

We will be holding another Skyline Open Forum on the budget on **December 9 from 2-4 pm in the Theater**. Students are welcome to attend; our move to the Theater was in part to make room for them. The agenda will include these topics:

- The latest information on the projected resources the college will have next year.
- The budget reduction strategies the College Budget Committee is considering as they prepare their recommendation for me in the next couple of weeks.
- An opportunity for members of the college to ask questions and to comment on any of the strategies being considered.

Kathy Blackwood will join us to assist with the first topic and Ron Galatolo will attend to address questions as well. Please join us if you can. For the latest on the work of our College Budget Committee, see the update near the end of this edition of *Skyline Shines*.

### **Anna "The Hurricane" Julaton visits Skyline**

On Thursday, November 19th, Ana "The Hurricane" Julaton was a guest speaker for our Counseling 100 (College Success) students. Ana is originally from Daly City and a graduate of El Camino High School. She is currently the women's World Boxing Champion in her weight class. She spoke to our students about overcoming adversities, the importance of networking, and the benefits of setting goals. The students appreciated listening to her personal experiences as they were able to relate to her. They also had a chance take pictures with her along with her championship belt and to get autographs as well. Special thanks go to Nate Nevado, Nohel Corral, Kent Gomez, Natalie Tuckett, Caroline Ocampo, and Jessica Lopez for organizing an inspiring event for our students.





*Photos by Vic Bareng*

**The annual ceramics sale is here next week**

The Annual Ceramics Sale will be held in the Gallery from December 8-10, and the hours will be 8:30 am - 9:30 pm. You can come and find unique handmade pottery gifts. All work is produced by the Skyline Ceramic Art Students. The poster was created by Skyline student Linda Fahey.

**STUDENT CERAMIC ART SALE  
ON CAMPUS**

**YES!**  
3300 College Dr.  
San Bruno, CA  
first floor bldg 1

**in the Skyline Art Gallery**

**Tuesday, Dec 8th  
thru Thursday, Dec 10th  
8:30am to 9:30pm**

For more information contact ceramics instructor Tiffany Schmierer  
schmierert@smccd.edu

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### **ASSC Q&As are on the president's website**

The leadership of the Associated Students requested that I provide written answers to some questions concerning the September 2 shooting and other emergency preparedness issues so that they could share the information with other students. I have done that and the Q&A piece is posted on my website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/otherprezmsg.html>.

### **Skyline student wins International Essay Contest**

Skyline student Ashley Good won the Phi Theta Kappa 2009 International Essay contest. The purpose of the International Essay Contest is to stimulate research and intellectual reflection preparatory to meaningful civic engagement and encourage individual Phi Theta Kappans to creatively engage the Honors Study Topic, "The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges and Consequences." Ashley's essay on Fast Food and the Paradox of Affluence complements the Skyline Chapter's work on vending machine selections and sponsorship of two children.



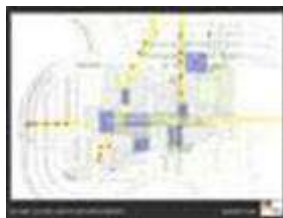
*Photo by Chris Case*

### **Concurrent enrollment night helps students make their start on college**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Counseling Division hosted a Concurrent Enrollment Info Night for parents and students. They provided information on how 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can get an "early start" on their college education while still enrolled in high school. Over 50 students with parents were in attendance to receive information about concurrent enrollment. Special thanks to Sandra Seibel, Senior High School Counselor from Terra Nova High School, who assisted with high school questions. Also, a special thanks to Gesarae Margate, a current Campus Ambassador, who shared her own experiences with concurrent enrollment. Thanks also to the Center for Workforce Development and Crystal Shetaya for providing food and light refreshments; and to Loretta Davis, Christianne Marra, Jocelyn Vila, Yesenia Morales, Rick Wallace, and Nate Nevado for their efforts in organizing an informative event.

### **Naming proposals for pathways and quads due January 15**

This is just a reminder that if you have ideas about specific names for our quads and major pathways, you can submit them via this eSuggestion Box, through January 15.



### **ASTEP learns at UMOJA V conference**

Faculty and students from the ASTEP Learning Community attended the UMOJA V Conference, INDABA: Building Community, held in early November in San Jose. UMOJA is the statewide African American Learning Community Consortium that Skyline joined this last spring. Professors Pat Deamer, Phyllis Taylor, and Pauline Wethington presented the workshop "It Takes a Village; Collegial Collaboration for Student Success". They also had the support of attending students, Floyd Pitts, BSU President and Shahid Solomon, BSU Vice-President. The faculty



attended through Professional Development funding and a Trustee's Grant provided for the membership in UMOJA.



#### **Skyline professor publishes new book**

Shari Bookstaff, Skyline Professor of Biology, has written a book about getting her life back following the removal of a benign brain tumor. She is holding a book signing on Saturday, December 12 at 1:30 pm at Family Martial Arts Center in Pacifica. A book signing at Skyline is being planned for next semester. More details about the book can be found on Facebook and the book is now available in the Skyline College Bookstore. I have already started reading my own copy and I am having trouble putting it down.



#### **Poet shares her work and her story with Skyline lit class**

Former WOW! panelist, poet Meliza Bañales, visited English Professor Lucia Lachmayr's Literature 225-- Contemporary poetry class. Here is how Lucia describes the event: "She performed some of her spoken word as well as answered questions for the class. She was an engaging and dynamic guest speaker, talking about everything from her shifts in attitude during college, to her mission to stay true to her ideals. Her stories about her slam tours were hysterical and she ended with the amazing poem "Do the Math"

<http://lodestarquarterly.com/work/57/> as well as some of her new work.” I recommend clicking on that link and seeing the poem for yourself.



*Photo by Virginia Medrano Rosales*

### **College Budget Committee (CBC) update**

The College Budget Committee met on December 3, 2009 co-chaired by Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones. In addition to the CBC, students, faculty, and student-parents attended.

- 1. Report from meeting of the Board of Trustees:** President Vicki Morrow shared the draft of the Reaffirmation of Core Values of the SMCCCD Board of Trustees. The Board places the preservation of core mission courses and programs as its highest priority. The statement captures the board's sense of the tradeoffs between instructional delivery here and the services that support student success. It also shows the board's support for transfer/workforce development. They expect the colleges and district office to look at programs that do/do not meet core mission and values. The Board acknowledges the faculty's commitment to students and believes that student support services may need to be reduced, consolidated and/or automated to preserve classes and programs to meet student demand.
- 2. Program Improvement Viability (PIV) Committee update:** Ray Hernandez reported on the meetings held by the PIV and Curriculum Committees. Two programs that are not requirements for the completion of Skyline degrees and certificates were brought to PIV: family consumer science and health sciences. The PIV Committee made a recommendation to the Curriculum Committee to eliminate both programs. However, the Curriculum Committee did not approve the recommendation. As a result, the Curriculum Committee will not have a recommendation to eliminate academic programs.
- 3. Latest resource allocation for 2010-11:** District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood presented the VPs of Instruction and Business Officers her latest projection for 2010-11 considering the state budget deficits projected next year. Skyline's goal went down to 7,613 FTES (from 8,051), thus increasing Skyline's target for budget reductions by about \$400,00 to a total of \$1,695,114.
- 4. Budget Reduction Strategies--continuation of review & discussion:** CBC had to make tough choices while trying to balance strategies that will generate dollar savings as well as reduce FTES. With the Curriculum Committee's decision, the elimination of academic programs is no longer a budget reduction strategy. President Morrow announced the second administrative position that will be eliminated, the Director of EOPS. She indicated that the current director will assume the role of Interim Dean of Enrollment Services. VP Student Services Lori Adrian explained the impact of categorical budget reductions on the general unrestricted fund. After retirements, defunding positions and shifting

expenditures to other categoricals, a small amount of fund 1 support will be needed to keep these programs. CBC voted to add the reduction of hourly counseling by 1.0 FTE and the reduction of fall and spring sections to the list of budget reduction strategies for recommendation to the President. These will bring the total Cuts Implemented and Recommended to \$1,722,149. The CBC will review and finalize its recommendation to the President at the next CBC meeting.

**Next Meeting:** CBC is scheduled to meet on December 10. Everyone is invited to the Skyline Budget Forum to be held on Wednesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Theater.

**Coming up...**

**Friday, December 4**

- Men's Basketball, Consumnes River Tournament, through December 6
- Aids Awareness Week, Quilts display in Building 6, through December 6

**Saturday, December 5**

- "Comfort and Joy" Concert Choir, Sanchez Concert Hall in Pacifica, 7:30pm

**Sunday, December 6**

- "Comfort and Joy" Concert Choir, Theater, 3pm

**Tuesday, December 8**

- Student Ceramic Sale, Gallery, 8:30am-9:30pm, through December 10

**Wednesday, December 9**

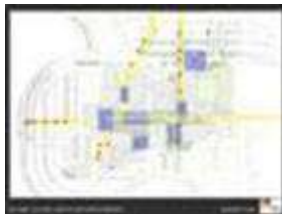
- "Crude Impact" Documentary Film, Room 6205, 2pm
- Open Forum for Budget, Theater, 2pm

**Do you have a suggestion?**

One way to submit it is through our general **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/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the new link to our [Naming Paths & Quads e-suggestion Box](#)



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



And for ideas about Skyline's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration next year, here is the link:



**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/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>