



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

March 12, 2010

### **Skyline faculty receive tenure**

Please join me in congratulating the following Skyline faculty who were granted tenure by the board of trustees at their March 10 meeting:

- Steven Aurilio, Administration of Justice
- Melissa Komadina, Counseling
- Lucia Lachmayr, English
- Nathaniel Nevado, Counseling

### **Skyline College selected as a winner of a 2010 Innovators Award of Excellence**

Skyline College has been notified of our selection as a winner of a 2010 SAMCEDA *Innovators Award of Excellence*. The college has won an award for Innovation in Public and Non-Profit Services. The award will be made on April 30.



### **Beta Theta Omicron is the Nevada/California Distinguished Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa**

The Nevada-California Region of Phi Theta Kappa Convention was held March 5-6 in Sacramento. The purpose of the convention is to celebrate 2009 accomplishments and kick-off the new honors study topic, The Democratization of Information. Beta Theta Omicron, Skyline's chapter, worked on several projects in 2009 under the leadership of Melba Madrigal, our chapter president. Melba and the other officers described their processes of development, implementation, and evaluation in a series of hallmark essays submitted to Phi Theta Kappa headquarters in February. Our chapter earned 5-star status, the highest level awarded by Phi Theta Kappa. Beta Theta Omicron has earned 5-stars annually since it was chartered in 1999. 2010 individual awards were won by the following Skyline students for their accomplishments during the previous year:

- Derrick Hau: Distinguished Chapter Officer
- Catherine Limcaco: Distinguished Chapter Member
- Christine Eco: Art Award, 2nd place
- Ashley Good: Literary Award, non-fiction
- Isaiah Lan: Regional Scholar, 2nd plate
- Christine Case: Distinguished Advisor

Our chapter won the Service Hallmark for projects that included raising money to rebuild Edgewood Community Center (San Bruno), buy a biofuel plant for Bridge2Peace Montessori School (Sri Lanka), and sponsor two children (in Guatemala and Zimbabwe). The chapter yearbook, which was designed and

assembled under the leadership of Christine Eco won the Yearbook Award. Nevada/California is the largest region in Phi Theta Kappa. There are 94 Phi Theta Kappa chapters in the region: including all six Nevada community colleges and 88 California community colleges. Beta Theta Omicron won the 2010 Nevada/California Distinguished Chapter Award. Here are advisor Christine Case and students Christine Eco and Melba Madrigal, in a photo taken by a willing passerby.



### **Haiti Now Task Force Benefit is tomorrow!**

The Haiti Taskforce along with the Child Development Center coordinated for the Associated Students Club Rush on March 1. The children sang in hopes of bringing awareness to the relief efforts for Haiti. Next, the Haiti Taskforce will be holding its benefit concert this Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Theater. It will feature the neo-soul group *Tone 7*, led by our own Dr. Tony Jackson. Special Guests will be For the Love of Art, First Born and HaitiAction.net. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$25 at the door. **Tickets are available on campus at the following locations:**

- Social Science / Creative Arts Office, Room 1108
- Language Arts / Learning Resources Office, Room 8112
- Student Activities Office, Room 6212

Tickets are also available online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/102850>. All proceeds go to the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund.



*Photo by Josh Irber*

## ***Transfer Fair: A Focus on Private Colleges & Universities arrives next week***

At the Transfer Fair, our students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Private colleges and universities to learn about admissions requirements, majors, housing, financial aid, transfer student resources, student activities, and more. Here are the specifics:

**Wednesday, March 17th, 2010  
10:00 am — 1:00 pm  
Student Center, Cafeteria**

Many colleges have been invited to participate:

Academy of Art University	International University of Nursing, St. Kitts
Argosy University	John F. Kennedy University
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine	Johnson & Wales
Art Institute of California, San Francisco	Kaplan University Online
Ashford University	Keller Graduate School of Management
Bellevue University	Life Chiropractic College West
California College of the Arts	Menlo College
California Institute of Integral Studies	National University
Chapman University	Notre Dame de Namur University
Cogswell Polytechnical College	Pacific Graduate School of psychology
Columbia Southern University	Palo Alto University
DeVry University	Patten University
Dominican University of California	Samuel Merritt University
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM)	Santa Clara University
Golden Gate University	University of Phoenix
Holy Names University	University of San Francisco
	William Jessup University

There will also be a workshop on ***Funding a Private School Education on Wednesday, March 31, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, Building 6, Room 6203.*** It is designed to help students who are considering transferring to a private school but are unsure of how to pay for the tuition, and explore options for funding a private school education, including loans, grants, and scholarships.

## ***WOW! Women on Writing conference succeeds in new format***

This year the *WOW! Women on Writing* conference was offered in a half day format last Saturday and called *WOW! Voices Now*. The two presenters, authors Dorothy Bryant and Genny Lim, were very well received by the audience. Thanks to Kathleen McClung, the event coordinator; Marijane Datson for many hours of skillful and thoughtful advance planning; Katharine Harer for moderating the Open Readings; and Kathleen Feinblum for her assistance at the event.

## ***Skyline student one of 20 nationally to be named a PTK Guistwhite Scholar***

Skyline student Ashley Good has just been named one of only 20 students nationally as the winner of a prestigious Phi Theta Kappa Guistwhite Scholar award. Phi Theta Kappa will recognize the 2010 Guistwhite Scholars at this year's Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida, in April. . The PTK press release describes the award:

“Guistwhite Scholars are chosen based on academic achievement, participation in Phi Theta Kappa programs and service to their colleges and communities. The 20 recipients for 2010 were selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 791 applicants. Each Guistwhite Scholar is awarded a \$5,000 scholarship for baccalaureate studies. The Guistwhite Scholar Program is named in honor of Dr. Jack Guistwhite and his wife Margaret Guistwhite. Dr. Guistwhite established the first designated transfer scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa members at Florida Atlantic University in 1975, and the first Guistwhite Scholars were recognized in 1992.”



### **Flex Day resources are available online**

We have been enjoying some outstanding presentations as part of our Flex Days this week, and a couple of sets of materials presenters used Wednesday are available online:

- Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, led about 100 people in a dynamic and provocative discussion of our students in a workshop entitled “Levers for Students Success.” The presentation is available at this location:  
<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/plans/assets/spring2010/Spring2010FlexDayPresentation.pptx>.
- William Watson and Virginia Padron wowed the crowd with their description of the innovative services available for students and community members at Skyline’s new Sparkpoint Center, a partnership with United Way Bay Area and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Their presentation is at <http://skylinecollege.edu/combiz/cwd/SparkPoint%20Center%20Presentation.pdf>.

### **Hermanas and Hermanos students attend Educational Summit**

On Saturday, February 20, twenty high school and college students who are enrolled in the Hermanos and Hermanas Programs at Skyline College attended an Educational Summit at California State University East Bay. The Educational Summit’s program focused on closing the educational gap for Latino and African American young people. The students participated in lectures and workshops that focused on the school-to-work transition, career planning, establishing academic goals, and financial aid and scholarship opportunities. The event was funded in part by a Career and Technical Education grant

to Skyline from the Chancellors Office, California Community Colleges. Special thanks to Skyline counselor Darlene Cárdenas for coordinating this event.



*Photo by Darlene Cárdenas*

### **Skyline College Health Fair coming on March 24**

Representatives from 29 community agencies and Health Care organizations will be on campus offering health information, disaster planning, and more. Here are the details on the event and a few examples of what will be available:

**March 24, 2010**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Student Center, Cafeteria**

**Get tested:**

Free AIDS/HIV testing, *San Mateo County HIV Program*

Free Hepatitis B screening and Hepatitis A and B shots, *San Mateo Hep B Free*

Blood Pressure & Lung capacity, *Respiratory Therapy Program Skyline College*

**Sign up for:**

Donating Blood at the Skyline Blood Drive May 12, *American Red Cross*

Smoking Cessation program, *Breathe California*

Relay for Life, *American Cancer Society*

Bone Marrow, *Asian American Donor Program*

**Experience or learn about:**

Aroma Therapy, Healing Singing Bowl, Reiki, Chiropractic, Hand Massage

Students who participate and whose faculty are offering extra credit will be given a participation slip. If you would like a poster for your classroom and/or for more information contact the Health Center in Room 2209 or at 650-738-4270 or [skyhealth@smccd.edu](mailto:skyhealth@smccd.edu).

## Coming up...

### Friday, March 12

- Scenes from the Puppet World, Gallery, through March 20

### Saturday, March 13

- Haiti Now - A Benefit Concert for Haiti Earthquake Relief, Theater, 6:30pm
- Men's Baseball – Skyline vs. Gavilan (Gilroy), 12pm

### Tuesday, March 16

- Men's Baseball – Skyline vs. Ohlone, 2pm

### Wednesday, March 17

- Transfer Fair, Building 6, 10am
- Career Networking Night, Building 6, 5pm

### Thursday, March 18

- Tenth Annual President's Breakfast, South San Francisco Convention Center, 7:30am
- Men's Baseball – Skyline vs. College of San Mateo (San Mateo), 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 **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, 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/>

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