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## *Corrections*

*Sometimes we get it a little wrong but we always try to make it right. Please note the corrections of the mistakes made in the December 2, 2011 issue*



- The photos for the December 2, 2011 “Performing Arts Showcase A Huge Success” article were taken by Christopher Korp. Also, the article was written by Katharine Harer and Amber Steele

## Skyline View Takes the Prize for Online Journalism



*Skyline View staffers and their adviser, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, attended the Fall 2011 Journalism Association of Community Colleges NorCal Conference held at Sac State on Nov. 5, 2011.*

Skyline College journalism students attended the Journalism Association of Community Colleges NorCal Conference at Sacramento State University on Sat. Nov. 5, 2011. The event brings together more than 200 Northern California community college journalists, who spend the day attending workshops and competing in on-the-spot contests, with the conference culminating in an awards ceremony for mail-in entries in a variety of categories. The Skyline View took home General Excellence in Online Journalism. Former staffers Dean Santos and Robyn Graham won first place for feature photo and second place in profile feature story respectively. Current TSV opinions editor Joe Barrack took home an honorable mention in opinion writing for the on-the-spot competition.

## Success: All-Campus Sustainability Workshop #1



The Sustainable Campus Initiative is in full swing on the Skyline College Campus! There are three elements to this initiative: Faculty Learning Communities to enrich the sustainable education experience of our students; an Environmental Service Learning Course set for Spring Semester where students will work with campus facilities, adjacent cities, or organizations to further sustainable goals; and All-Campus Sustainability Workshops to offer widespread communication and education on sustainability issues.

The first All-Campus Workshop was held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> with a successful turnout of 40 students, staff, faculty, administrators, community members, and industry partners. Those who attended were awestruck by *So Right So Smart*, a film showcasing the story of Interface Carpets and other companies who revolutionized their business models by implementing energy and water saving measures, among other sustainable methods while maintaining and increasing their profit margins. In addition, Amber Lincoln, the Environmental Club President, and Briana McCarthy, Biology Instructor, gave presentations on exciting on-campus initiatives and the upcoming Spring 2012 Environmental Service Learning Course, respectively. Finally, attendees were left with

“The Do Something Wall,” and answered the question “How will you be more sustainable in your work and personal life?”



As part of the Sustainable Campus Initiative, two more All-Campus Workshops will be held during the Spring Semester and will focus on environmental, social, and economic topics. Stay tuned for the next one, coming up in early February. Suggestions for topics and ideas are welcome! To submit your ideas and to obtain more information on the Sustainable Campus Initiative, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at [virdehl@smccd.edu](mailto:virdehl@smccd.edu).

*Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh for her contribution to this article and for the photos.*

## **Student Success Task Force Informational Forum Held at Skyline College**

On Thursday, December 08, 2011, the Academic Senate hosted an informational forum for faculty, staff, students, and administrators to discuss the recommendations put out by the Student Success Task Force. This was the third in a series of district-wide forums: Cañada held their forum on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and CSM held theirs on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The legislation in SB 1143 proposes changes to Title V, which will result in enormous changes to community colleges. It is therefore vital that our campus community stay informed on the issues and engage in discussions about it.

The California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force was formed in response to Senate Bill 1143 (Liu, 2010) and was tasked with developing a plan to increase student success and completion in CCCs. On September 30, 2011, the SSTF released its draft

recommendations. Since that document's release, colleges all across the state have given feedback and the State Academic Senate has written several resolutions addressing the recommendations. Feedback was reviewed and a revision of the original recommendations was made on December 2, 2011. Final action on these recommendations is slated for February of 2012. All campus personnel are encouraged to read the entire document thoroughly, which is available at <http://www.asccc.org/1143>. Please visit the Skyline College Academic Senate web page for frequent updates as they are made available: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/acadsen/index.html> .

On Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the SMCCD Board of Trustees will hold a study session dedicated entirely to the SSTF recommendations. This meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at the district board room.

*Article submitted by Leigh Anne Sippel Shaw*

## **Skyline College Receives \$50,000 Planning Grant**

After a successful site visit by the Center for Law and Social Policy, (CLASP) the American Association of Community Colleges, (AACC) and the Ford Foundation, Skyline College is one of six colleges across the nation selected to receive a \$50,000 planning grant in preparation for further application for the \$350,000 - \$500,000 *Benefits Access for College (BACC)* grant. The BACC grant is aimed at increasing access of college communities to public benefits.

The five other colleges are Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio; Gateway Community and Technical College, Covington Kentucky; LaGuardia Community College, Long Island City, New York; Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Kentucky.

The planning period will include technical assistance, conference participation and collaboration with related organizations culminating in a proposal for funding to be submitted in May of 2012. BACC is funded through a collaboration of major funders, the Ford Foundation, the Lumina Foundation, and the Open Society Foundations, with contributions from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

For more information please contact Dr. William Watson, SparkPoint Director at 650-738-7035, [william.watson@smccd.edu](mailto:william.watson@smccd.edu).

*Thanks to William Watson for his contribution to this article.*

## TRiO Celebrates Diversity and End of Fall Semester



On Friday, December 2, 2011 over sixty TRiO students came together to celebrate the end of another great semester. In an effort to highlight the diversity that exists within the TRiO program at Skyline College, students were invited to bring a cultural dish to share with the group. Students brought dishes from Latin America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

During the event, TRiO students and staff were given the opportunity to display their ethnic and cultural background on a world map for the group to appreciate. In addition, various TRiO students also shared with the group stories about the traditions that take place in their culture during the holiday season. Attendees learned more about Noche Buena from the Philippines, Las Posaditas from Mexico, the offering of food to Monks from Thailand, and many other traditions from various cultures. The sharing of food and stories brought a sense of community and family to those present.



*(The cultures our students identify with come from across the globe as indicated with post-its.)*

The event was very successful among TRiO students and staff who had the opportunity to learn more about the great cultural diversity that makes up TRiO. We want to thank TRiO

students and staff for the delicious food provided, without your support this event would not have been possible.

*(Article submitted by Jessica Lopez and pictures taken by Myron Peralta)*

## Coming Up...

### **December 9, 2011**

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – State Championships @ Santa Rosa
- 1:00 p.m., Informal Fall Dance Show presented by the Skyline College Dance Department – Theater, Building 1; Free Admission; contact Amber Steele for more information at [steelea@smccd.edu](mailto:steelea@smccd.edu) or 650-738-4439
- 2:00 p.m., Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic @ Skyline
- 7:30 p.m., *The British Are Coming – A Celebration of Music From Across the Pond* presented by the Skyline College Concert Band and Jazz Band featuring music of the legendary Count Basie – Theater, Building 1; Free Admission; contact Zachary Bruno for more information at [brunoz@smccd.edu](mailto:brunoz@smccd.edu) or 650-738-4386
- Time TBA, Women’s Basketball – Fresno City Tournament @ Fresno

### **December 10, 2011**

- Time TBA, Women’s Basketball – Fresno City Tournament @ Fresno
- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – State Championships @ Santa Rosa
- 1:00 p.m., Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic @ Skyline

### **December 11, 2011**

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – State Championships @ Santa Rosa
- 12:00 p.m., Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic @ Skyline

### **December 11 - 17, 2011**

- Final Examinations – Day, Evening and Weekend Classes

### **December 13, 2011**

- 12:00 p.m., Intermediate Voice Class Recital – Gallery, Building 1; free admission
- 7:30 p.m., Intermediate Voice Class Recital – Gallery, Building 1; free admission

### **December 14, 2011**

- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., International Student Programs Holiday Mixer and Get Together – Building 4, Multicultural Center
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and BOG Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B

**December 15, 2011**

- 6:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Cerro Coso College @ Skyline

**Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!**

**December 16, 2011**

- 7:00 p.m., Tone 7 “Light + Life + Love” Tour presented by Skyline College Theatre Club – Building 1, Theatre; admission \$7 Students and \$10 General; for more information, contact Allan Ceccarelli at [ceccarellia@smccd.edu](mailto:ceccarellia@smccd.edu)

**December 21, 2011**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and BOG Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B

**December 23, 2011 – January 2, 2012**

- Winter Recess (College and Offices Closed)

**January 17, 2012**

- First day of Spring 2012 Semester

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

[http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news\\_events.html](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html)

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at [marrac@smccd.edu](mailto:marrac@smccd.edu).

## Guidelines Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week.

### Send submission to [skylineshines@smccd.edu](mailto:skylineshines@smccd.edu)

- Place your submission in a word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m." "The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.")
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e. "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.")
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e. "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011")
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e. Skyline College instead of Skyline)

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### 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>



**For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:**

· The California Community College 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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