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## **Student Recognition & Awards Ceremony Provides Support to over 130 Students**



This past Wednesday, May 9, 2012, Skyline College hosted the annual Student Recognition & Awards Ceremony in the College Theatre. Phyllis Taylor Gulbransen, the Mistress of Ceremonies, opened the program by acknowledging the students, their friends and family members. President Regina Stanback Stroud acknowledged the generous donors, special guests and community supporters for their vital contribution to student's success. Many special guests from the Board of Trustees, SMCC District, SMCCC

Foundation and the President's Council were in attendance including Chancellor Ron Galatolo, Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services and Enterprise Operations Tom Bauer, Executive Director of SMCCCF Stephanie Scott, SMCCCF Development Director Carrie Ridge, SMCCC Foundation Board President Steve Dworetzky and SMCCC Foundation Board member Gus Petropoulos.



Katherine Harer, Coordinator of the Honors Transfer Program acknowledged the graduating students of the Honors Transfer Program and Jeff Westfall, Phi Theta Kappa honor Society Faculty Advisor recognized the achievements of students in the Beta Theta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Scholarships sponsored by divisions, programs, Student Services, Learning Communities, shared governance groups, community groups and the foundations were awarded to over 130 students with a total amount awarded of over \$170,000. The Karl S. Pister Scholarship provides \$20,000 over two years for a recipient to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz was awarded to Christian Etienne.



Thanks to the faculty and staff in Student Services and specifically in the Financial Aid Office who made this wonderful program so successful for the students and their families.

*Article provided by Crystal Shetaya  
Photos by Cherie Napier*

## **Skyline College Research and Planning Office Director Becomes Senior Research Fellow for RP Group for 1 Year!**

Dr. Rob Johnstone announced that he has been asked to be a Senior Research Fellow with the RP Group for one year as they work on a host of national projects including Completion By Design, the Aspen Prize, and a Cross-State Data Initiative with Jobs for the Future. Key partnerships he will manage include The Community College Research Center / CCRC, Jobs for the Future, Public Agenda, Aspen Institute, Gates Foundation, Achieving the Dream, the Kresge Foundation, Edtrust, the Michigan Student Success Center, and the North Carolina System Office.

Rob has been working with the RP Group at 50% of the time during this 11/12 academic year will increase to almost full reassignment for the 12/13 academic year. Rob will continue to work with Skyline College on the Completion by Design project and will likely be on campus monthly to be a valuable resource and keep us connected to the work being done nationally.

I am excited about the opportunity this brings to Rob and the College. Skyline College will continue to benefit from having a direct source of “national expertise” on the completion initiative. Recall that we kicked off a Completion By Design forum to discuss our initiative to increase student success. Some faculty and staff have asked what should come next, now that we held the forum. Here are some of the general ideas about next steps that we may engage with Robs advice and expertise:

- Design Skyline Colleges's approach to using key data on student success and as a matter of course intervening at key loss points.
- Explore the intake / onramp process for incoming students, with a focus on getting students to choose a program of study and understand the course-taking pathway toward achieving success.
- Identify loss points and momentum points through pathways-focused data analysis.
- Support the work of the faculty in redesigning the developmental education curriculum at scale . (This would involve continuing to explore acceleration, contextualization, placement test prep, and / or the use of HS transcripts in addition to placement tests to place more students into transfer-level courses.)

Effective July 1, 2012 [Dr. David Ulate](#) will take on the primary research responsibilities for the college during the 1 year reassignment. The resources provide by RP Group to have Rob reassigned will allow additional support to handle the planning side of the office, particularly as we engage in our self-study for accreditation.

Let's wish Rob good luck in his work on the national stage and let's celebrate our first-hand connection to this good work so our college and student may benefit from it all.

*By Regina Stanback Stroud*

## Skyline College Business Programs Receive Program Accreditation

The Business Programs at Skyline College are now accredited by the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). Skyline College received the accreditation without any conditions, notes, or opportunities for improvement for a 10 year period. Skyline College is the **first** community college in California to receive this accreditation (there are four-year colleges and universities already ACBSP accredited in the state). The programs that are now ACBSP accredited at Skyline College include: Accounting, Business Administration, Business Management, Office Management, Lawyers Assistant, Multimedia Technology, International Trade, and International Logistics. On June 17, 2012, Skyline College will receive formal recognition at an accreditation banquet at ACBSP's International Conference in Baltimore, MD.



The accreditation process took about year to complete for Skyline College. A team of faculty lead by Christine Roumbanis, Professor/Coordinator of Business, Linda Whitten, Professor/Coordinator of Accounting, and Don Carlson, Dean, Business Division wrote a 150 page self-study in the summer and fall of 2011 for ACBSP. The business programs also made extensive changes in their curriculum and outcomes assessment processes in 2011-12 to meet the accreditation standards.





An ACBSP evaluation team came to Skyline College March 12-14, 2012 to review the self-study and confirm the college and business programs met its standards. That evaluation team consisted of Lorie Costello, Professor of Business, Saint Paul College, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Dr. Deanna Timmons, Chair of Business (retired) Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Dr. Idalene Williams, Accounting Professor, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Nebraska.

The Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs provides program accreditation to hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the US and the world. The ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation association for business education supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence. For more information about this organization, go to [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org).

*Article provided by Don Carlson*

## **Trojans Qualify for State Badminton Championships**

On Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Fresno City College, Skyline College's doubles team of Anna Nguyen and Liza Smirnov finished in second in the Northern California finals, meaning they'll be the second seed from the north at the state championships at San Diego City College on May 10<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Anna also came in second in singles, meaning that she will advance to the state championships as an individual as well. Congratulations to Anna, Liza, and Coach Fosberg and best of luck this weekend!



*Anna Nguyen is pictured on the left and Liza Smirnov on the right.  
Photo provided courtesy of Jan Fosberg.*

*Article provided by Joe Morello*

## **English Language Institute to host Skyline College ESL Registration Day Saturday, May 12, 2012**

For the third consecutive year, the ELI will hold its twice-yearly “Skyline College ESL Registration Day” at the Learning Center, room 5100, on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Formerly known as “Super Saturday,” this event is for new students of ESL who want to begin their study at Skyline College. ESL Registration Day lets new second-language learners get all of their application steps completed in one day; this is especially critical for second-language learners, whose difficulty with the all-English matriculation process often requires extra support and guidance. The ELI provides this support through its staff and many student volunteers. In one day, new ESL students can apply, take the placement test, get an orientation, and make an appointment with a counselor. The SparkPoint at Skyline College staff will be on hand to offer information about their services, as will Financial Aid. The Child Development Center will be open for parents to drop off their kids while participate, and snacks will be provided.



*This past "Super Saturday" ESL Registration Day event helped more than thirty new ESL students apply and register for ESL classes at Skyline College.*

The ELI wishes to thank the SparkPoint at Skyline College for its generous support in making Skyline College ESL Registration Day possible, as well as our many staff and student helpers. Any new student of ESL who wishes to take part in Skyline College ESL Registration Day is advised to arrive promptly at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday at the Learning Center. For more information, call (650) 738-7089 or email [skyeli@smccd.edu](mailto:skyeli@smccd.edu).

*Article & photo provided by Leigh Anne Shaw*



# Skyline College GTC and CAA Featured



## NEW VIDEO documents the work of the Green Transportation Collaborative (GTC) and Automotive Career Advancement Academy (CAA) at Skyline College

Led by Skyline College in partnership with Contra Costa College, Long Beach City College and the Automobile Service Councils of California (ACSSA), the Green Transportation Collaborative (GTC) has brought together automotive faculty, industry and workforce leaders to develop hybrid and electric vehicle repair training programs, improve automotive career pathway design, and train individuals for entry level and advancement in green transportation technology careers.



The Career Ladders Project provided strategic and direct assistance to support Skyline College and the GTC in reaching the goals of the project and in accelerating innovation with the colleges statewide. ASCCA provided vital support, leadership and guidance. Through the GTC, Skyline College took the lead in building alliances across industry, government – sponsoring Green Transportation events in Long Beach and in the greater Bay Area, and enlisting Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal, chair of the CA State Assembly Transportation Committee, in co-sponsoring the events. Other partners included Perfect Sky.

A **brief** new video produced by the Career Ladders Project highlights GTC accomplishments, challenges and design of the statewide collaborative, including:

- Skyline faculty worked closely with industry partners to expand curriculum and offer new, up-to-date instruction in hybrid and electric vehicle repair.
- Building on the CA Community Colleges' CAA statewide demonstration project, Skyline College and Contra Costa College built Career Advancement Academy “on-ramps” to a full automotive career pathway, integrating foundational academic with technical skills – to better enable young adults facing multiple barriers to post-secondary education and employment access to this high skill, high wage field.

- Skyline College faculty redesigned their auto program with flexible modular options aligned with ASE certifications, allowing students to advance their careers and "stack" successive levels of certificates toward an Associate degree and beyond.
- Together, Skyline College and its partners in the GTC are building the diverse, skilled workforce needed by automotive service employers to repair the growing numbers of hybrid and electric vehicles expected on California roads.

**Click on this link to view the GTC video:**

[www.careerladdersproject.org/new-green-transportation-collaborative-snapshot-video/](http://www.careerladdersproject.org/new-green-transportation-collaborative-snapshot-video/)



**For more information on the Green Transportation Collaborative visit this web link:**

[www.careerladdersproject.org/initiatives-programs/green-transportation-collaborative](http://www.careerladdersproject.org/initiatives-programs/green-transportation-collaborative)

**For more information on the Career Advancement Academies visit:**

<http://www.careerladdersproject.org/initiatives-programs/career-advancement-academies/>

**For more information on the Career Ladders Project visit:**

[www.careerladdersproject.org](http://www.careerladdersproject.org)

The Green Transportation Collaborative and Career Advancement Academy has been funded by a Green Innovations Challenge grant from the Employment Development Department, as well as by the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative.

*Article submitted by Career Ladders Project Staff*

## Organic Garden at Pacific Heights is Up and Running!



There is a new organic garden on campus in the Pacific Heights Courtyard! Students Jamela Brown, pictured above, and Clifford Feight partnered on a project for their Environmental Service Learning course, ENV5 680SD taught by Briana McCarthy and supported by Richard Inokuchi, Facilities Manager.

With Richard's support and guidance, Jamela planted seeds along the labeled rows provided, which included radish, lettuce, cucumber, bean, and carrot seeds. By the end of the summer they will be able to harvest all of the vegetables. Jamela is also trying to start composting on the garden site, bringing food scraps from home and is working on getting more organic compounds to mix with the food scraps. Jamela stated, "The future goal of the garden is to continually donate the harvest to the SparkPoint Center."

Students taking this course will be sharing their service learning projects during a conference-style poster session on **Tuesday, May 15th from 2:30-3:30pm** in 7-7104. Food will be provided and all are welcome to join in on this celebration!

This garden would have never been possible without all the generosity and never ending support of Richard Inokuchi and his facilities team, pictured below. They are, left to right, Diego Zarco, Randy Burris, Omar Cruz-Gutierrez, Sheikh Hussain, and Armando Gonzalez. This garden is designed to be a pilot, and the hope is for the garden to benefit the Skyline College community and provide a learning context for all classes interested in utilizing it.



*Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh, Briana McCarthy, Richard Inokuchi, and Jamela Brown for contributing to this article and providing photos*

## **Come Learn More about the New Basic Skills Acceleration Courses**

Skyline College's College Success Initiative (CSI) Committee has been working diligently on ways to best serve our basic skills students. As a result of hard work from the Language Arts, Math/Science/Technology, and Counseling Divisions, Skyline College will be offering Basic Skills Acceleration courses to help eliminate exit points for students as they go through the Basic Skills sequence in Math and English. Eliminating exit points has shown to drastically increase completion rates of developmental sequence and transfer level courses.

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 2pm – 3pm** as the College Success Initiative (CSI) committee will host an open forum on our Acceleration program that we are implementing this upcoming 2012-2013 academic year.

**\*Please Note\*** The forum will take place in **Building 4, room 4170**.

For more information, please contact Nohel Corral at [corraln@smccd.edu](mailto:corraln@smccd.edu) or Chris Gibson at [gibsonc@smccd.edu](mailto:gibsonc@smccd.edu).

# Skyline Shines Award Call for Nominations



This award is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline College to shine with quality programs and services. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of the Skyline College employees and one to a member or group from the community.

Nominations should be made by the deadline - **4:30 pm on Friday, May 18, 2012** - using the attached [Nomination Form](#) to describe the ways in which the nominee(s) help the college live up to the college's values, described below under "Criteria." Nominations must be submitted electronically to Theresa Tentes, Assistant to the President, at [tentes@smccd.edu](mailto:tentes@smccd.edu) . If you have questions, please contact Theresa at the email address above, or at 650-738-4111.

## President's Innovation Fund Deadline 5/18/12

The President's Council would like to invite proposals for the 2012 – 2013 President's Innovation Fund. The Presidents Innovation Fund (PIF) is an initiative designed to support creativity and innovation at Skyline College. Faculty, Staff and Administrators are encouraged to "Dream Out Loud" and propose ideas that will support the college's Mission, Vision, Values and Goals.

Please click on

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/presinnovationfund.html> and then click on the Application symbol.

Signed proposals along with an electronic copy should be submitted to the President's Office / [tentes@smccd.edu](mailto:tentes@smccd.edu) before **5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2012**.



# Spring Informal Dance Show

## Friday, May 18th 2012 1pm

Skyline College Dance Department presents an Informal Spring Dance Show, featuring performances by our Dance Production Class, Contemporary Modern Dance Class and with special guest dancers from the College of San Mateo's Performance Dance Ensemble and Skyline College's own Kababayan Program! We will also show three selections from our Spring Musical, CABARET; a great chance to get a taste of the show if you missed it!

Come and join us for a brief show that will close out the Spring Semester with excitement and entertainment!

Friday, May 18th 2012  
1pm  
Skyline College Theater

Contact: Amber Steele  
SteeleA@smccd.edu  
650-738-4439

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San Bruno, CA

Skyline College Dance Department Presents an

# INFORMAL SPRING DANCE SHOW

Performances by  
Skyline College Dancers,  
CSM's Performance Dance  
Ensemble and more!

with excerpts from our Spring Musical  
**CABARET**

Photo by Skyline College Photo Club

## FREE ADMISSION!

**The Visual Merchandising Class Presents:  
Golden Gate Cultures – Diversity in San**

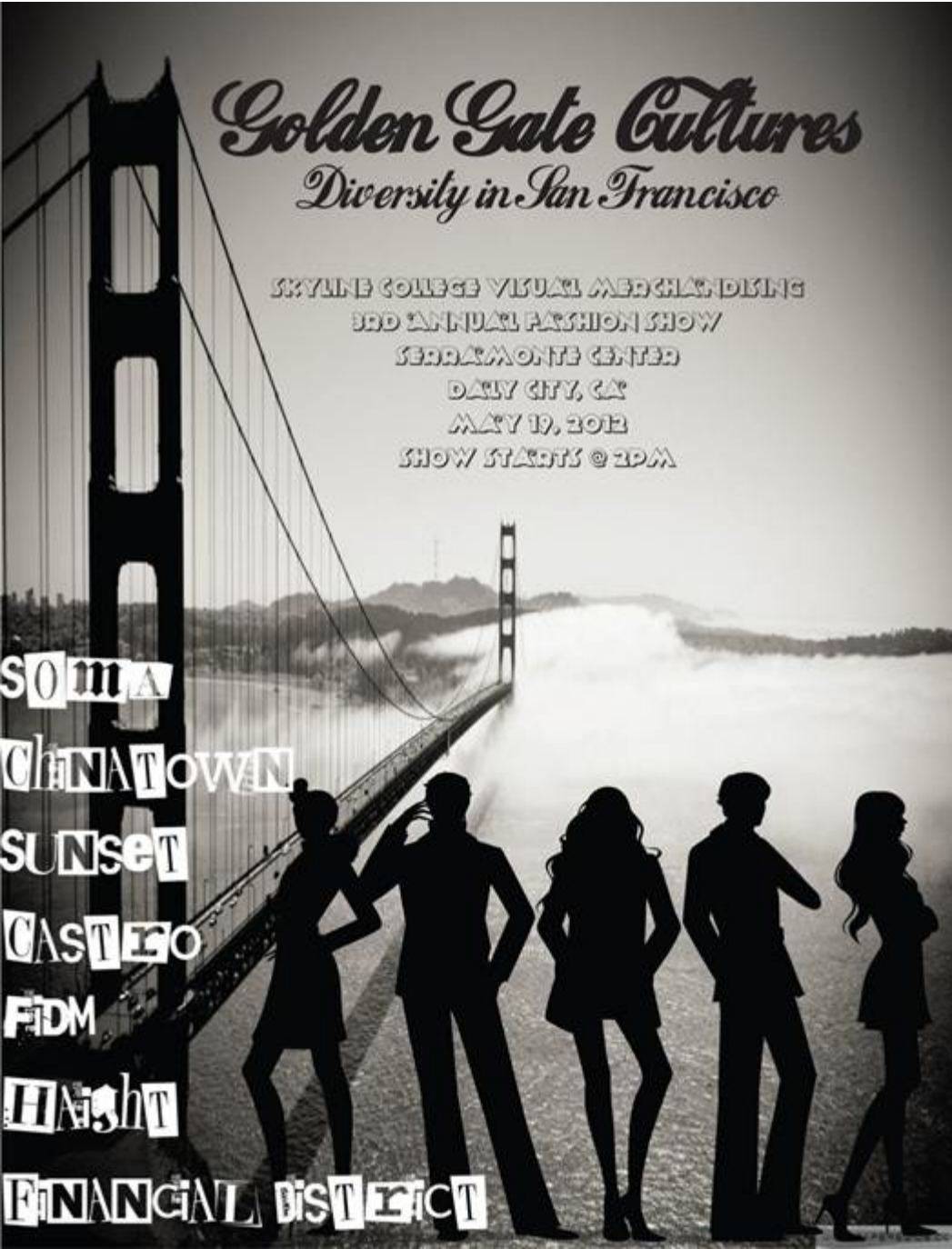
## **Francisco**

The Visual Merchandising class at Skyline College is proud to present its third annual fashion show entitled Golden Gate Cultures: Diversity in San Francisco, on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Serramonte Shopping Center. Show starts at 2 p.m.

Under the supervision of Michael Murphy, the fashion show is being run and organized by a diverse group of students coming from different cultures and backgrounds. In previous years, the fashion shows were focused on clothing for people that were on a budget while battling the recession. This year students wanted to get away from that. The recession is old news and it is time not to worry about how much we spend. A representation of different styles from well-known districts of San Francisco will be showcased in this year's show. Come and see the students serve C.E.O. realness with looks from the financial district, take a load off with the cool, laid back attitude of the Haight District, or show your true colors with looks from the Castro.

Models of all shapes and sizes will be strutting down the runway in your favorite Serramonte stores. This fashion show is family friendly, free of charge, and did we also mention that it is next to the food court. So bring your friends, family, and cameras and support Skyline Colleges Fashion Merchandising class and Serramonte Shopping Center. Come to the fashion show and see how many different cultures are sculpted through clothing.

For additional information please contact Michael Murphy at Skyline College.



*Article provided by Michael Murphy*

## **Lloyd LaCuesta To Speak At Commencement**



Commencement at Skyline College will be special this year, not just because so many deserving students will be graduating, but because KTVU Channel 2's well-known TV personality Lloyd LaCuesta will address graduates in honor of their achievement.

LaCuesta has had a successful career in broadcast and will be retiring this summer. He was born in Honolulu, HI and attended Cal State-Los Angeles and San Jose State, where he received a B.A. in Journalism and Political Science. He received an M.A. in Journalism from UCLA.

LaCuesta was news editor of the Radio and Television News Center at San Jose State and won the Sigma Delta Chi Award for documentary and news feature reports. He also served in the U.S. Army as a military broadcast journalist for the American Forces Korea Network.

Before coming to KTVU, LaCuesta worked as a writer/editor for KNX/CBS Radio in Los Angeles and as a writer/producer for KABC-TV in Los Angeles and KGO-TV in San Francisco.

He has won Emmy Awards, received honors from the Peninsula Press Club, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the Associated Press. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Asian American Journalists Association in 2004.

LaCuesta has been very active in bringing more minorities into the field of journalism. He is a past National President of the Asian American Journalists Association and was the first National President of Unity '94, which organized the first National Convention of America's Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American Journalists. He currently serves as the director for the Asian American Journalists Association's Study Tours Program.

His most memorable career moments include: coverage of the first landing of the Space Shuttle at Edwards Air Force Base; his travels to the Philippines, the land of his parents; a flight into the Mt. St. Helen's volcano crater; and coverage of the trip of three fathers to Vietnam in search of the Amerasian children they left behind.

We are honored and excited to have such a distinguished commencement speaker at Skyline College!

## **Art Riggs Guest Lectures in Massage Therapy**

Art Riggs, well known in the massage and bodywork field for his work as a deep tissue massage therapist, certified Rolfer, author, and workshop presenter, was a guest instructor at the Thursday, April 19, 2012 massage therapy class

here at Skyline College. This was the final speaker in a series of distinguished professionals from the field who have addressed the class as they near graduation in, this, the inaugural year of the massage therapy program at Skyline College.



Riggs spent the entire class time with students introducing them to the fundamentals of deep pressure bodywork. The class eagerly engaged in what was a lively and stimulating session with this master of technique.

“You could tell he was passionate about his work from how enthusiastic he was in his presentation,” said one student about Riggs’ session. “I’m motivated to learn more about deep work now.”

Riggs was equally impressed with these Skyline College students commenting on how he enjoyed “such a fine and fun time” with the class.

“I especially enjoyed their enthusiasm as a group,” remarked Riggs. They picked up the concepts very quickly even though these were new to everyone.”

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Art Riggs is the third prominent figure from the massage therapy field to address students in this Spring Semester. The series of speakers are introducing and highlighting fields of specialization or areas for continuing education for students.

*Article written by Rich Brown  
The photo credit goes to Terry Bell*

## **Ceramics Students Participate in 2012 California Clay Conference**





*Deanna Taubman with her sculpture The Unemployed Golems*



*Cindy Rubio with her ceramic pieces Nectar and Zamba*

Skyline College Ceramics Students participated for the fourth consecutive year in the annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art in Davis, April 26th to April 29th. The three-day conference draws ceramics students from all over the region to put on a display of their colleges' artwork, and to attend over fifty exhibitions by other colleges and universities from California. There were also many wonderful lectures by professional ceramic artists that included slide presentations and clay demonstrations. Each school is provided a space in downtown Davis to transform into a gallery for the weekend. Skyline College's space was in a large warehouse shared with Foothill College, East Los Angeles College, and West Valley College. The installation took a full day on Thursday and included painting pedestals, hanging lights and painting walls. Students learned first-hand how to set-up an

exhibition. Ceramics Instructor Tiffany Schmierer selected functional pieces as well as sculptures for the show, from all levels of Skyline College ceramics classes.

Skyline College's students also participated in a group art project, assembling a 7.5 ft. figure with many other college groups. Our students created and tiled the hand and forearm of the cement figure. Building the figure symbolized community colleges banding together against cuts to education. The completed



sculpture will be permanently installed in downtown Davis.

*Ceramic hand created by the Skyline College Ceramics Club for the community sculpture at the conference.*

*Students Jeff Richards and Erika Peterson work on tiling the forearm.*

Skyline College Students who attended the California Clay Conference received some funding from Associated Students through their membership in the Skyline College Ceramics Club.

*Article provided by Tiffany Schmierer*

## Fifth Annual Community College Honors Research Symposium at UC Berkeley



*Presenters, supporters and friends at the Honors Symposium*

On Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> the Skyline College Honors Transfer Program participated in an exciting and knowledge-packed gathering – the Fifth Annual Community College Honors Research Symposium. Over 250 students from community college honors programs up and down the state, along with their mentor teachers, honors directors and supporters, took over Dwinelle Hall on the Berkeley campus to share their original research projects. Eight Skyline College students were selected to present their work from a highly competitive pool of 184 proposals: Jenny Minh-Ai Phamhi and Lisa Razon (mentor, Shari Bookstaff); Noimee Lasat (mentor, Nick Kapp); Wayman Barnes (mentors, Jim Bowsher & Alice Shusterman); Jared Sagaga (mentor, Ilka Koskelo); Jazmena Bannag (mentor, John Ulloa); and Nicole Nahigian (mentor, Cindy Moss). Kajah Ram was also selected but was unable to present. A total of 80 proposals were chosen to present this year.



*From left to right, students Wayman Barnes and Jenny Phamhi*

The Symposium accepts proposals in any discipline, and Skyline College's presenters covered a unique array of subjects, from bioluminescence, to Homer and the mid-life crisis, to toxicity in farmed salmon, to the real meaning and history of Mardi Gras – and more. We heard nothing but praise for Skyline College's presentations – often from complete strangers. Skyline College sent more faculty moderators to the Symposium than any other college, demonstrating the generous support our teachers give to our students. Donna Bestock, Jim Bowsher, Luciana Castro, Nina Floro, Stephen Fredricks, Greg Grist, Katharine Harer, Kate Smith and Carmen Velez all volunteered their time to moderate student workshops.

In the spring of 2013, the Bay Honors Consortium will host the Symposium at Stanford. Teachers and students can start planning now. We'll hold an informational meeting for Skyline College students and teachers in early November to start gearing up. To learn more and to get inspired, you can go to the Symposium website to see a complete program of this year's event, or come by the Honors Office, Room 4242, and Katharine will give you a paper copy of the program. It's an invaluable experience for everyone who attends – students are empowered and faculty is pleased to be part of the process.





*Mentors and students at the Honors Symposium*

*Article provided by Katharine Harer, Honors Transfer Program Coordinator  
& Symposium Proposal Chair  
Photos by Teri Vo*

## **\$6,100 Awarded Toward Student Projects; Students Step Up Campaign**



Skyline College students came together on May 1, 2012 to hear the project presentations and engage in ideas to add to each of the project proposals. Students were also given the opportunity to add their names to the project teams to support the implementation process. Their final votes determined the winners of the Skyline College Students Step Up Campaign.



Thank you to all faculty, staff, administration and students who have participated and supported this campaign to engage and support Skyline College students' ideas and passions.

- \$2500 awarded to Hydration Station
- \$1200 awarded to Veterans' Center improvements
- \$1200 awarded to supporting AB540 student success
- \$1200 awarded to Open Mic, Music & Art in the student center

Congratulations to all who participated & thank you to Skyline College for the support.



*Article provided by Jennifer Mair*

# **Skyline College Hosts Delegation from University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria FUNAAB**



On May 1, 2012, Skyline College welcomed a delegation of three officers, Dr. Akinyemi, Prof. Bamgbose and Prof. Kehinde from the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria (FUNAAB). The delegation was invited to Skyline College by Richard Soyombo of the Center for International Trade Development (CITD). The purpose of the visit was to explore areas of opportunities for collaboration and partnership between FUNAAB, the CITD, and Skyline College.

The delegates were received by Skyline College staff including Mike Williamson, Vice President of Instruction, Dr. John Mosby, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Services, Jaye Akin-Taylor, Project Director for the International Student Program, and Richard Soyombo, Executive Director of the CITD who was represented by Allison Mello. Dr. Regina Stroud, President, took the time to meet briefly with the group to welcome them to Skyline College.

The delegates' visit included tours of the Renewable Energy Home Site, the Network Engineering lab, Cosmetology Department, the Child Development Center, and the Automotive Department led by Mike Williamson and Don Carlson. Dr. Akinyemi noted FUNAAB's strong interest in collaboration and partnership related to technical education and careers.

The visit ended on a very positive note with a written expression of interest and action plan from Dr. Akinyemi to President Stroud identifying areas of opportunities as; Staff/Student Exchange, Curriculum Development,

Continuous Professional Development, Joint Conferences, Reciprocal Trade Missions, International Trade Promotions, as well as the African Diaspora Program and Cultural Exchange. The delegation extended an official invitation to key members of the Management and Staff of Skyline College and the CITD to visit their institution in Nigeria, to further fortify the relationship and the development of an MOU.

*Article provided by Jaye Akin-Taylor*

## **Transfer Initiative Discussion - Student Perspectives**



On Tuesday, November 8, 2012 the Skyline College Transfer Center hosted an open discussion on transfer with Skyline College students. Using the Completion By Design model as a framework for the discussion, students were invited to provide their perspective on how well Skyline College is meeting the needs of its transfer students. During this two –hour lively discussion, students spoke candidly about what they felt the college was doing well and provided feedback on what was not working. Most importantly, the students provided a long list of recommendations for improvement in the near future and in the upcoming year.



In putting this event together, we, the Transfer Center, thought that we would come out of this the winners. While we indeed received some great feedback and learned a great deal from the students, we found out that the students themselves left the event feeling like winners. The students commented on how they appreciated having the opportunity to make their voices heard and have their ideas validated. In setting the tone for the discussion, we told the students that “anything goes” – all ideas would be included on our list. This freedom to speak set the tone for a discussion that was honest and fruitful. As the Transfer Center and the college continues its Inquiry of Culture on Transfer as it strives to make Skyline College a top transfer institution in the bay area, the continuation of open student discussions and forums will be key.

The student’s recommendations and those recommendations provided by the faculty and staff during the college-wide Transfer Initiative Discussions held on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, will be presented to the college during next week’s edition of Skyline Shine.

*Article provided by Jacqueline Escobar*



## **Beta Theta Omicron provides leadership for Phi Theta Kappa chapters**



Skyline College's Beta Theta Omicron members made a presentation at the Phi Theta Kappa District Leadership Summit. The Summit was held at Merritt College on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Irene Yim, Ronnette Naungayan, and Camille Espiritu made a presentation to guide other chapters to becoming five-star chapters. And, in the spirit of Phi Theta Kappa fellowship, they encouraged other chapters to set a five-star goal and compete for international awards. These students represented us eloquently, with poise, and with confidence. Also in attendance were Tulsi Solanki, Genesis Quiroz, Rashin Parsa, and Paula Rivera.

*Article provided by Christine Case*

## **Skyline College's Transfer Center hosts Transfer Conference for high school students**

On Saturday, May 5, 2012 the Skyline College's Transfer Center hosted its' first-ever Transfer Conference for high school students. Outreach was conducted in collaboration with high school counseling and career center staff at six of our local feeder high schools. Graduating high school seniors, juniors and parents attended from various high schools including Terra Nova, Westmoor, El Camino, Oceana and South San Francisco High School.

The event began with an engaging student panel. Four Skyline College students shared their experiences at Skyline College, their transfer plans, campus involvement and advice and tips for new students. Four transfer focused workshops followed and were led by Skyline College faculty and staff. Workshop topics included: Choosing a College Major, Transfer Basics, Financing a Four Year Education and Parent Transitions.

Feedback regarding the workshops, presenters and information provided was overwhelmingly positive. One mother said, "I am so excited for my daughter. I want to go to Skyline now!" Students and parents were asked to complete

evaluation forms. One student stated that “being able to listen and talk to students was a big help”. Another student wrote, “I learned the most about choosing my major. Before attending this conference I was so confused on what to choose or not. Because of this conference I now have a better understanding about it”. Another student commented that the conference provided a thorough explanation to every concern she wanted to clarify. It was clear from the discussions held and the evaluation of the event and topics covered that this group of future Skyline College students left better prepared to realize their transfer goals.



*Students participate in a break-out workshop “Choosing a College Major”,  
facilitated by Lavinia Zanassi*

The event was concluded with a raffle, campus tour and closing remarks made by Dr. John Mosby, Dean of Enrollment Services who shared some inspiring words with attendees.

Many thanks to the student panelists: Jackeline Monrroy, Victor Moran, James Rodriguez, and Jesus Julian Rocha Silva. Thank you to the Skyline College faculty and staff who made this event possible: Lavinia Zanassi, Jessica Lopez, Jocelyn Vila, Jacquie Escobar, Suzanne Collins and Dina Valdemar. Special thanks to Kevin Chak from Skyline College’s bookstore for donating a laptop computer on behalf of the bookstore.



*Parents participate in a break-out workshop on Transitions, facilitated by Suzanne Collins and Jacquie Escobar*

*Article written by Suzanne Collins and photos taken by Jessica Lopez*

## **Family and Consumer Science Program Review**

Family and Consumer Sciences presented its program review recently to the Skyline College Curriculum Committee. The goal of the Family and Consumer Science program is to prepare individuals to effectively function and respond to the ever changing dynamics of family, community, and work environments. Moreover, individuals are trained to demonstrate skill mastery as well as analytical thinking applicable to other fields.

The program's current focus has been to offer popular nutrition courses at the college. In addition, the program offers an interdisciplinary AS degree and certificate option for students. Careers opportunities for graduates in Family and Consumer Sciences include: Dietician/Nutritionist, Food and Nutrition Sciences Instructor, Product Developer in the Food Processing Industry, Marketing Specialist in the Kitchen Appliance Industry, Food Stylist, and Hospitality Management Professional.



Strengths of the Family Consumer Science Program highlighted are as follows:

- Health promotion and its connection with a healthy diet are critical for

students majoring in these fields beyond FCS.

- With the crises in obesity and the ramifications of long-term health care in the US, student's knowledge of nutrition is more critical than ever in our society today.
- The FCS program has a strong link with community service in its current curriculum.
- Family and Consumer Sciences Degree program offers a broad-based, interdisciplinary curriculum for its majors from many departments in the college.
- The Nutrition classes offered by Family and Consumer Sciences have been a tremendous success in meeting student's needs in many program areas, including science and health fields.







Opportunities for Improvement for Family and Consumer Sciences include:

- Improvement in course offerings including creation of internships for students in FCS courses
- Exploring the need for offering additional nutrition courses
- Implement plan in short-term for creation of a small kitchen demonstration area in Portable 3C
- Development of an in-house marketing strategy plan to bring higher visibility to FCS course offerings
- Explore cross-listing Nutrition courses with the Health Sciences.

Additional feedback obtained from the Curriculum Committee at the presentation included a recommendation to have the faculty and division leadership work with the Skyline College Transfer Center to review the AS degree curriculum and consider changes that would make the program more attractive for transfer students. Feedback seemed to indicate that there may be a strong need for this program for students looking for alternative bachelor degrees in fields such as nutrition, early childhood education, fashion merchandising and interior design. The faculty and division leadership saw this feedback as a tremendous opportunity to explore and they will work on this recommendation in the fall semester to help grow the program and serve students better.

*Article provided by Don Carlson*

## **Skyline College Staff Celebrate Bike to Work Day 2012**



In recognition of National Bike Month, all nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area celebrated the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 10, 2012. Two of our very own Skyline College counselors, Melanie Espinueva and Patty Kwok, participated in the celebration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row by exchanging their respective car commutes for a morning bike ride to Skyline College's campus. Bicycle commuting promotes health & fitness and has numerous environmental benefits. Visit <http://www.youcanbikethere.com/> to see how you can get involved with National Bike Month activities and next year's Bike to Work Day!

## Shared Governance

### SEED Committee Update – Building a Diversity Framework for Equity at Skyline College

The SEED committee will be providing regular updates to the campus community on the work that our subgroups are leading. To this end, the Curriculum subcommittee is asking,

**“What practices and processes in our algebra sequence impact equitable student success in transfer level Statistics?”**

With the help of the Institutional Planning and Research Office, the Curriculum subgroup created a data gathering plan in which Statistics students were disaggregated by ethnicity; whether the Statistics course taken was Math 200, Psych 171, or Bus 123; whether the course was successfully completed; and whether Math 120 was taken as a pre-requisite. The data gathered in turn informed surveys in which Statistics faculty and students were asked what Math 120 instructors could do to better prepare students for statistics.

Aligning inquiry questions with current Skyline College projects is highly encouraged and the above question is aligned with the acceleration project in Math and English.

Please note the room change for the next committee meeting: **Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm in 4-343**. If you have questions, please contact Vanson Nguyen, [nguyenv@smccd.edu](mailto:nguyenv@smccd.edu).

# **Shared Governance**

## **College Budget Committee**

The College Budget Committee met on May 10, 2012, co-chaired by Fermin Irigoyen, Academic Senate President, and Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services.

### **Report from District Committee on Budget & Finance (DCBF)**

The San Mateo Community College District credit rating has been increased by Standard and Poor making SMCCD the highest rated community college in the state! This results in lower interest rate for the district's obligations, particularly bonds approved San Mateo county voters. SMCCD bonds will be refinanced at a lower interest rate which will save San Mateo County residents \$12-13M in interest over the life of the bonds. Lehman Brothers has distributed the first of four or five payments to creditors. Since SMCCD accounts lost about \$25M out of the total loss for the county of \$125M we will probably see about 20% of the payments. Plan ahead pay ahead is scheduled for summer and fall to work with the open of registration for those two schedules on April 30. The district's Basic Aid status for the 2011-12 year has not yet been confirmed. County Counsel has written an opinion that we are basic aid, but the state has not made a decision. Finally, the state revenues are still falling behind expectations so the community colleges anticipate budget cuts for 2012-13. Eloisa Briones informed CBC that Kathy Blackwood recently announced that SMCCD has indeed achieved basic aid status. This protects the district from further cuts in 2012-2013.

### **Program Review Needs**

Interim VPI Mike Williamson reported on the recently completed 7 program reviews. He presented CBC with a Summary of Resource Needs brought forward in the program reviews. CBC will keep these for reference and consideration during budget deliberations over the next few academic years.

### **2012-2013 Fund 1 Tentative Budget**

In January, CBC reviewed early projections of Skyline College's 2012-2013 site allocation. At the time, the committee recommended a preliminary tentative budget that included the addition of 5 new faculty and 2 new classified positions. The committee suggested that this be reviewed when the official tentative site allocations are provided by the district. Eloisa Briones presented the 2012-2013 tentative site allocation for Skyline College which increased by \$769,714 over 2011-2012, as well as scenarios that show the college's budgeted expenditures and contingency. CBC expressed the need to maintain at least 3% contingency as the baseline established in the balanced scorecard. As well, CBC wants the college to be fiscally prepared to assume in fund 1 the positions currently funded out of Measure G after it expires at the end of 2013-14. Based on these considerations, CBC approved a motion to revise its 2012-2013 tentative budget recommendation to one that includes 7 new faculty and 4 new classified positions. Two of the new classified positions will be budgeted and held vacant for Measure G positions as they are prioritized in the classified hiring request process.

### **2012-2013 Measure G Proposals**

The offices of the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services received 26 Measure G requests for continuing projects and 25 requests for new ones. Each request was evaluated on how it meets the college's mission, values & goals, its compliance with the Measure G ballot language, how it addresses the Completion by Design pathway to completion criteria and program review. The Vice Presidents presented the approved requests for new and continuing projects totaling \$2,649,172 which includes \$1.2 million for sections. The college's 2011-2012 allocation is \$2.4 million. CBC accepted the Vice Presidents' recommendation to fund the approved requests, and that the Administration consider other sources of funding to support the approved requests that exceed the allocation.

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## **Shared Governance: IPC**

The Institutional Planning Committee met on May 9, 2012 at 2:10 in room 4343. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Rob Johnstone.

1. Welcome
2. Announcements – Rob announced that he has been asked to be a Senior Research Fellow with the RP Group as they increase their national presence working on multiple completion initiatives. Rob has been working with them at 50% last year and will go to almost full reassignment during the 12/13 academic year. Rob will work with Skyline College on the Completion by Design project and will likely be on campus monthly to be a valuable resource and keep us connected to the work being done nationally. David Ulate will take on the primary research responsibilities for the college and we will likely bring in some replacement support to handle the planning side of the office, particularly as we engage in our self-study for accreditation.
3. Accreditation Update – CCSSE and Employee Voice – The CCSSEE was sent off yesterday. Rob thanked the staff for their hard work in getting all of the assessments proctored. We anticipate receiving the results back in a few weeks. The Employee Voice Survey is in progress and will be completed next Friday.
4. Accreditation Rubric Working Session Update – Rob reported on the Accreditation Rubric working sessions where targeted groups of participants worked through the three accreditation rubrics to be sure Skyline College is at the appropriate level for Program Review, SLO Cycle and Institutional Planning and Effectiveness. As gaps are identified, they will be addressed during the course of the self-evaluation.
5. Destination Colleges for Skyline College Students – Rob looked to see where students enrolled in 2009 showed up in higher education in 2012. We saw that the largest number of students show back up in community colleges. Rob will write up a small analysis of the data that helps identify the meaning of the data and the implications for having that information.
6. SMCCCD Definition of Student Success – As indicated in the handout,



“In the past decade, the colleges of SMCCCD – Canada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College, have become increasingly sophisticated in their use of data and evidence to address issues of student success. The colleges have largely evolved independently in their inquiry into these issues, and there is a desire to reach a common definition of “student success” that can be measured in a robust and consistent way. Of course, there are many definitions of student success, which vary widely in their scope and are very dependent on the lens with which one views success.” Rob shared some data that the Community College Research Center prepared related to student success outcomes for a particular college in Texas. The District Strategic Plan Committee, the Chancellor and IPC are requesting that the example data charts be run for the colleges in the SMCCCD. Rob will do so this summer.

7. Staffing Task Force– Regina reminded the group that they agreed to form a Human Resource Task Force to develop the staffing plan. The task force will be made up of CBC and IPC members, along with additional people as needed. Regina encouraged people to volunteer in the Fall so we can hit the ground running.
8. Free for all Thanks to Rob and Dave for their leadership in Institutional Research and Planning

## Coming Up...

### May 11, 2012

- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Sing to Spring Concert, Skyline College Theater; Jude Navari and Zachary Bruno, conductors; Margaret Fondbertasse, piano; Sami Alsalloom, flute; free admission

### May 11, 2012 – May 12, 2012

- Select members of the badminton team will be participating at the state championship in San Diego, CA

### May 12, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., ESL Registration Day, Building 5 – Learning Center; free child care: kids 3 and older can play while you register; for more information, call 650-738-7089 or [skyeli@smccd.edu](mailto:skyeli@smccd.edu)

### May 16, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

### May 17, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Talisman Awards Ceremony, Building 1, Art Gallery

## Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

### May 19, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Visual Merchandising Class Fashion Show at Serramonte Shopping Center – presented by Skyline College Visual Merchandising Class

### May 21, 2012

- 8:00 a.m., Federal Work-Study waitlist opens, Building 2 – Financial Aid Office

### May 23, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

### May 25, 2012

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Commencement, Building 3, Gym

### June 8, 2012

- 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Native American Heritage Night with SF Giants at AT&T Park, 24 Willie Mays Plaza, SF; pre-game festivities start at 6:00 p.m. and game begins at 7:00 p.m.; ticket is \$35 per person, to reserve and pay for your tickets, please email Rebecca Belloso at [skylinesacnas@gmail.com](mailto:skylinesacnas@gmail.com)

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 event, date, time and location to Cherie Napier via email at [napierc@smccd.edu](mailto:napierc@smccd.edu).

## Guidelines for Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to 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)

- **Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week's issue**
- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to ¼ or ½ 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).

### **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/>
- Skyline Shines* is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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