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Skyline Shines Award Nominations

Due Monday, May 13th

The 2013 Skyline Shines Award Nominations are now open! The purpose of the awards is to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline College to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards will be made annually, one to a member or group of Skyline College employees and one to a member or group from the community. Please submit your nomination(s) by Monday, May 13, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. to the President's Office. The link to the application is as follows
<http://skylinecollege.edu/presidentsoffice/skylineshinesawards.php>.

Congresswoman Jackie Speier at Town Hall Meeting



May 1, 2013, three hundred members of the Skyline College Community attended and participated in a Town Hall Meeting with Congresswoman Jackie Speier in the Skyline College Theatre. Congresswoman Speier was the last speaker in the Business Lecture Series sponsored by the President's Innovation Fund Grant and spoke about the Twelve Commandments for business ethics. Monica Diliberto was the student Host from Kappa Beta Delta, The Business Honor Society. Lloyd Pena and Laura Sandifer co-chaired the volunteers.



Article by Monica Diliberto.

Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) Day at Skyline College



High school students from our local feeder schools participated in a Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) day at Skyline College on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The information-filled day consisted of breakfast, a welcome from our Outreach Office staff, Professor Vanson Nguyen who spoke about our First Year Experience (FYE) program and students were able to take their Math and English Placement tests. After testing, students ate a great pizza lunch and had an orientation from the Counseling Department. After completing all their matriculation steps, these students will have priority in enrolling at the College.

The successful day would not be possible without the support and hard work by the Assessment and Testing Center, Transfer Center, Counseling Services and Outreach Services.



Article by Dr. John Mosby. Photos by Florentino Ubungen.

Green Energy Summer Camp

High school juniors and seniors have a fun and educational opportunity this summer to learn about the green economy by registering in Skyline College's Green Energy Camp. The camp allows students to earn 2 units of college credit toward new degrees and certificates and degrees in the Energy Systems Technology Management (ESTM) department. For more information on the program, please visit the department's website: www.skylinecollege.edu/estm



In this week-long camp, students will learn:

- how social media can motivate others to save energy;
- how to create videos demonstrating the importance solar & energy efficiency are in reducing our carbon footprint; and
- the very latest technologies from solar, energy efficiency, and social media experts

The Camp is free to high school students enrolled in Skyline College's Connection Concurrent Enrollment Program and starts June 17 through June 21, 2013 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The registration period for summer session for continuing high school students begins on May 6, 2013. For more information, contact Rita Gulli, gullir@smccd.edu or 650.738.4491.

Article by Aaron Wilcher.

Skyline College Earth Week Success

Earth Day, April 22nd kicked off Skyline College Earth Week a series of interactive events led by Skyline College Environmental Club.

Tuesday April 23rd, students learned about the benefits of resource conservation. Environmental Club sponsored a screening of the motion picture *The Lorax*.

The Green Fair on Wednesday April 24th, attracted organizations and business with environmental programs and services in the community. Organizations sponsored booths featuring interactive displays. Event participants included: PG&E, Schneider Electric, San Mateo County Environmental Health, Recology San Bruno, American Cetacean Society, Tuolumne River Trust, and RecycleWorks. Automotive Technology displayed their clean energy vehicles: a Toyota Hybrid and the new Nissan Leaf.



Energy Systems Technology and Management program sponsored a booth featuring their new degree program, Associate in Science in Energy Systems Technology and Management. Faculty Celia Canfield and coordinators Aaron Wilcher and Anthony Lew showcased a solar panel display and educated students about solar technology and building science. Instructor Bruce Greenstein, gave tours of Skyline College's Solar and Building Science Learning Center in Pacific Heights.

Campus clubs showed their support for the environment with displays on plants, club research projects and efforts to increase sustainability. In attendance were Anthropology Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Science and Research Club, Environmental Club, Vet Club, and From the Ground Up. Environmental Science 100 students displayed their semester projects on polar issues in a symposium style.

Keynote speaker Captain Scott Shackleton engaged almost 120 students and faculty in a lecture on Antarctica: the last frontier. Recounting the expeditions of his namesake and relative Earnest Shackleton, Captain Scott Shackleton spoke about the effect of climate change on the Antarctica and global sea levels. He shared the details of his work in Antarctica and that he is the first Shackleton to make it to the South Pole.



Thursday April 24th showcased student artists as they created sculptures in the UPcycled art contest. Students worked against the clock to create sculptures from recycled materials collected around campus. The art is currently showcased in Building 7 in front of the SMT Office. Stay tuned for the winners!

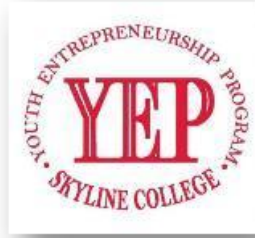


Friday April 25th ended Earth Week with the Skyline College Research Symposium put on by the Skyline College Science and Research Club.

A big thank you to all who participated for making the week a great success!

Article by Carina Anttila-Suarez & Sabrina Lawrence-Gomez.

YEP District-Wide Business Plan Competition



Skyline College's Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), in conjunction with, Cañada College and College of San Mateo, is currently holding its first district-wide business plan competition. For the first time, students enrolled in any one of the districts colleges can participate in the same competition.

Students that participant in the competition will receive one-on-one coaching and mentoring from business owners and faculty to refine and perfect their business plans. Cash prizes will be awarded to three winning business plans to help support their start-up business ideas.

On May 15, 2013, YEP is hosting the Business Plan Competition Finals Round & Award Ceremony. The Finals Round will be held in room 6206 from 5pm to 7pm. Students will have the opportunity to present or “pitch” their business plans to a panel of industry judges from various business backgrounds, and the chance to receive immediate feedback and suggestions to include in their plans. As of May 8th (the competition deadline) a total of nine business plans were qualified for the semi-final round. Plans that advance on to the finals round will be in the running for cash prizes.

We would like to invite all faculty, students and staff to attend this event. Please come out and support the students!

All students who took part in the YEP competition were also eligible to compete in the BEC Boost State-wide Business Plan Competition for a chance to win a grand prize of \$5000.

For more information on the Business Plan Competition or on how to be involved in YEP, please contact Pcyeta Jackson: jacksonp@smccd.edu.

Article by Elizabeth Tablan & Pcyeta Jackson.

Career Services Center Volunteers Accepted in Graduate Counseling Department at SFSU



Virginia Rosales and Nereida Angulo have been volunteering for one year at the Skyline College Career Services Center after completion of undergraduate degrees from San Francisco State University. They are both Skyline College alumni and individuals that have a spirit of service and community involvement. Virginia was a former Student Trustee and has been involved in leadership roles on numerous clubs on campus as well as volunteering for Jump Start, SparkPoint and most recently at the Career Services Center.

Nereida has worked for the Jobs for Youth Program at PeninsulaWorks and as a Recreational Leader for the Parkside Middle School. Nereida Angulo and Virginia Rosales both want to pursue Counseling degrees with specialties in Career Counseling. Congratulations to both of our CSC volunteers for being accepted in the Master of Science Counseling Degree Program at San Francisco State University for the fall 2013 semester. They will both be pursuing their Internships in Career Counseling at the Skyline College Career Services Center for 2013-2014 academic year.

Article by: Virginia Padrón.

Enactus Club Hosts Senior Citizen Computer Literacy Workshop



On Wednesday, April 24, 2013, the Skyline College Enactus students visited the Pacifica Senior Community Center to provide the first of many senior citizen computer literacy workshops. The workshops included topics such as basic computers, iPhone and iPad literacy. These new skills will enable senior citizens to acquire the knowledge of today's technological world. The Skyline College Enactus students received high praise from the administration of the Pacifica Senior Community Center and were informed that the senior citizen students are eager for more training. The club plans to continue this project through the upcoming academic year.

Enactus is the Business Club at Skyline College. Enactus is an international club whose focus is socially conscious entrepreneurial projects.

For more information, please contact, skyenactus@smccd.edu

Article by Soledad McCarthy.

The First Annual Skyline College Research Symposium

The First Annual Skyline College Research Symposium held on April 26th was a huge success. The day started off with a Keynote Address from Dr. John Dueber, Assistant Professor of Bioengineering at U.C. Berkeley. Dovetailing with Skyline College's Earth Week celebration, Professor Dueber discussed bioengineering approaches to creating cost-effective and sustainable biofuels.

For the day's main event, Skyline College students presented their research at a juried poster session. Forty-four students were authors on a total of 23 professional-quality posters. Hundreds of other students, faculty, and staff gathered in the cafeteria to view their work. Many of our students have won national prizes for their research over the years, including some who were presenting. The poster session was an opportunity for these students to proudly share their work with their own campus and to inspire other students to pursue independent research projects as well.



Next students attended a forum where they were able to get career and education advice from eight science, math, and technology professionals: Dr. Erin Quealy (physics researcher), Kylin Johnston (biology and chemistry lab technician), Chris Johnson (environmental consultant and geology and geography educator). James Selvidge (mathematician and computer programmer) Brian Daniel (respiratory therapist), Dr. Charles Leggett (high-energy physics researcher), John Freedman (high school and community college educator), Chris Copeland (lab technician, instrumentation specialist, and sales person), and Miguel Suarez (engineer and senior facilities manager). Dr. Carina Anttila-Suarez moderated the event.

An awards reception wrapped up the day on campus. Thank you cards and t-shirts were given to the guest presenters and the winning student posters were named. Four honorable mentions, each receiving \$25, were named: Jenny Vo Phami (for her work with Shari Bookstaf and Chip Chandler), Tin Ching Lok (for her work with Dr. Carmen Velez), Monzerrat Herrera (for her work with Dr. Christine Case), and Michael Zarubin (for his work with Ilkka Koskelo). Second prize (\$100) was awarded to a group of four students working with Ilkka Koskelo: Ali Zulfi-khar, Imtiaz Zulfi-khar, Allan Wai, and Mathew Ennis. First prize (\$200) was awarded to Krista Barnard for her work with Dr. Nick Kapp. Thank you to all of the SMT division members who contributed their time for planning and executing the event as well as their money for the students' prizes!



The event was planned by the Skyline College Science and Research Club and co-sponsored by Skyline College Go Green and SACNAS. Due to a coordinating error at the symposium, the plant walk on Sweeney Ridge that was planned with Anne Gearhart has been rescheduled for May 10, 2013 and will serve as the end of year celebration for the Science and Research Club. The Science and Research Club finished day by taking Keynote Speaker, John Dueber, to Kome Sushi for dinner and more life, career, and educational advice. A good time and good food was had by all.



Article by Melissa Michelitsch. Photos by KC Mendoza.



Skyline College Transfer Center Meets with Local High School Counselors

On Thursday, May 2nd, Skyline College's Transfer Center hosted a meeting with local high school counselors. Nine counselors from six different campuses attended the meeting.

When looking at transfer through the lens of Completion by Design, it was identified that working more closely and collaboratively with high school counselors to prepare future Skyline College students for transfer before they get here will help increase students chances to successfully transfer. The purpose of this meeting was to build collaborations, inform counselors of important resources and brainstorm opportunities on how to support high school seniors who will be incoming Skyline College students.

Dr. Joi Blake provided a warm welcome to the counselors along with a preview of the Skyline College Promise. Counselors were then presented with information on Transfer Center resources and were given an overview of support programs. An update was given on recent trends and challenges students are facing when they are planning to transfer, including changes to financial aid. The meeting ended with a discussion on how the Transfer Center and Skyline College can support high school students prepare for transfer. Several ideas were made that will be implemented in the upcoming academic year.

Counselors had a lot of great feedback on our programs, were energized to partner together with Skyline College and the Transfer Center and hope to continue meetings like this one each Spring semester.

Many thanks to the Office of the Vice President for providing breakfast for the event. Special thanks to Dr. Joi Blake for providing a welcome, Jessica Lopez, TRiO counselor, Vanson Nguyen, FYE Coordinator, Jose Milan, Financial Aid Ambassador, for presenting information on various programs and upcoming changes. Additionally, thank you to Nohel Corral, Interim Dean of Counseling and Courtney Mogg, Outreach Counselor for attending and to Michele Haggar, Program Services Coordinator in the Transfer Center for organizing the meeting.

Article by Suzanne Poma.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center Returns over \$297,000 to the Community!



The Business Division and SparkPoint at College partner with the United Way of the Bay Area's [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#) (EKS) to provide free IRS Certified Tax Preparation for qualified members of our community - households making less than \$51,000 per year. By filing a tax return, eligible taxpayers are able to claim a number of credits, including the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC) which can amount to as much as \$5,891 per family. This year's VITA center at Skyline College increased the number of returns transmitted to 284, a 33.33% increase of over last year resulting in \$297,000 in refunds!

While most EKS sites throughout the Bay Area utilize volunteers, our site takes advantage of our instructional programs to provide excellent learning opportunities for our students. Accounting students may prepare for IRS certification by completing Accounting 665. The course includes a lab requirement where IRS certified students assist tax filers under the supervision of their instructor, John Miller. The community benefits from a high quality tax preparation service and students acquire both certification and experience for their resumes making them more competitive candidates for good jobs.

Thanks to the students who do an outstanding job! Thanks also to additional volunteers from the community including Sandy Allen of the United Way of the Bay Area, and Pam Lim, Enrolled Agent-Accounting for Tax. Thanks to John Miller, Skyline College Instructor for Accounting 665; Linda Whitten, Accounting Department Coordinator; David Hall, Instructional Aid; Adolfo Leiva, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; Julie Lamson, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; Josh Jubelirer, AmeriCorps VISTA for SparkPoint; Claudia Paz, SparkPoint Student Assistant; Kelly Batson, Regional Director, [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#); and Sean Chan, Senior Stakeholder Relationship Tax Consultant, IRS.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College, contact Dr. William Watson, Director, at 650-738-7035 and visit the website at: www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint.

Article by Dr. William Watson.

Early Childhood Education and Education News!



Skyline College's fifth annual Early Intervention Conference was held Saturday, 4 May, under sunny skies! In collaboration with WestEd's Community College Paraprofessional Preparation Project (CCPPP), the ECE/EDU program hosted its fifth annual Early Intervention Conference on "Sensory Affect, Play, and the DIR/Floortime Model." Keynote speakers included Dr. Rosemary White (OTR and faculty at the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders), Dr. Pamela Wolfberg (professor at San Francisco State University), and Dr. Cecilia Breinbauer (M.D. and Director of the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders). Workshop and break-out sessions were conducted by top local professionals, including Todd Wanerman, James Adams, Kathryn Basco, Kathy Small, Rosemary White, Robin Hague, Chrissy D'Agostino, and Brenda Bachechi. Skyline College students were joined by local high schools and SFSU graduate students, professionals and community members to learn about play-based intervention strategies for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders, occupational therapy targeting sensory integration, and support strategies for young children in their natural environments. At nearly 450 participants, it was the most successful conference yet!



And NEXT: Our Education Graduation Celebration Skyline College and Cañada College students completing an ECE or ECSE Certificate or ECE degree during the Summer 2012, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters will be celebrating their achievements at a graduation reception just for them on May 16, 2013. The celebration will be held in Building 14, the Early Learning and Child Development Center, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Cake and light refreshments will be available, accompanied by both Jazz Quintet and Children's songs. Congratulations to ECE students who have worked hard to accomplish their goals! We at Skyline College and Cañada are proud of you and know that you will help to make the world a better place "one child at a time."

Article by Kathryn Browne.

Enactus Club Elects New Officers for 2013-2014



Photo Courtesy of Jeremy Evangelista.

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013, The Enactus Club at Skyline College met to elect their upcoming officer and to report on their Senior Citizen Computer Literacy Project. The project was a huge success and the club has been asked to teach monthly computer literacy workshops for seniors at the Pacifica Senior Community Center.



*From left to right; Panumas Phoungmalee, Lloyd Pena, Felice Tsai, Steven Wong, James Rodriguez
Photo by Jeremy Evangelista.*

We want to thank our current officers for their hard work and dedication this year:

- Panumas Phoungmalee-President
- Lloyd Pena-Vice-President
- Amber Naeem-Secretary
- Joleen Morales-Treasurer

Congratulations to the following officers for the 2013-14 term:

- Steven Wong-President
- Felice Tsai-Vice-President
- Flavious Abellana- Secretary
- James Rodriguez-Treasurer

For more information, please contact, skyenactus@smccd.edu

Article by Soledad McCarthy.

Moberg Honored with Heinrich Fellowship

Skyline College Dance instructor, Eric Moberg, was awarded the Heinrich Fellowship to attend the prestigious Community of Writers at Squaw Valley this summer with other authors such as Amy Tan and Louis B. Jones. Moberg will be revising his coming-of-age novel, *End of Summer*, which is due out from Simon & Schuster this Fall. Moberg also teaches English at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose.

Article by Joe Morello.

CITD Hosts Roundtable Meeting With U.S. Ambassador to Fiji

As result of the ongoing partnership between the Skyline College Center for International Trade Development (CITD) and the US Department of Commerce, on May 7, 2013, the US Commercial Service hosted a business roundtable meeting with Ambassador Frankie A. Reed, U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, Kirbati, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu, in San Francisco.



In photo, from L-R: Richard Soyombo, Center for International Trade Development; Maureen Russell, R.M. Waite Co.; Kamlesh Doshi, President 3iSVIEW; Kajal Vekaria, Genster; Shonda Scott, 360 Total Concepts; Ambassador Frankie A. Reed, of Fiji, Kiribatu, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu; Carla Thomas, CTA/San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce; Jack E. Doty, Watlington Foods; Fred Jordan, FEJ Associates; April Fame, HGA Architects & Engineers; Myles Stevens, Stevens & Associates Architects; Stephan Crawford, U.S. Commercial Service, San Francisco United States Department of Commerce.

Nine Bay Area companies from various industries (e.g.: architecture/engineering, agriculture, construction materials) were represented. Ambassador Reed shared the current political and economic climate in Fiji and the surrounding islands. Company representatives were able to share with the Ambassador their previous experiences in doing business in the region and express any concerns they have in closing future deals. Ambassador Reed was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet face to face with these companies. She encouraged the companies to maintain close contact with the Embassy to facilitate future business transactions. As a result of this business roundtable the Ambassador has asked the CITD to help coordinate an inbound trade mission of Fijian executives in order to facilitate partnerships with California businesses.

Article by Elizabeth Tablan & Allison Mello.

Students Explore Career and Education Options at *Gateway to College and Careers*

SparkPoint at Skyline College hosted *Gateway to College and Careers*, a one-day conference where students in the San Mateo County Court and Community schools explored career and education opportunities. Skyline College, San Mateo County Office of Education, and San Mateo County Probation Department partnered to produce the event on March 21, 2013. More than 120 students from San Mateo County Court and Community Schools completed a career assessment process prior to attending the event. During the event, students met with professionals representing multiple employment sectors to practice interview skills. Students also learned about Career and Technical Education programs. Students from the following schools participated at the conference: Baden High School, Camp Glenwood, Gateway Community School, Sequoia Community Day School, Sequoia Union Independent Studies, South San Francisco Community Day School, Thornton High School and San Mateo County Youth Services Center.

Over 75 adults volunteered their time to support students' connections to career success. Professionals (representing career clusters including Building Trades and Construction Technology; Business, Entrepreneurship, and Hospitality; Health Sciences, Human Services, and Early Childhood Development; Media, Technology, and Journalism; and Public Services) provided students with direct contacts within their chosen career pathways. Employers included: Coldwell Banker, My Rewards Tree, SFO International Airport, Marriott SFO Airport, Agundis Tire Shop, Butterfield Construction, Operating Engineers Local 3, Carpenters Union Local 22, Plumbers Union JATC UA Local 467, Electrician Union JATC Local 617, EA Sports, Trion Worlds, San Mateo County Office of Education, San Mateo Daily Journal, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, San Mateo Medical Center, Stacey Dague, Probation Officer, Pacifica Fire Department, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, Personal Protective Service, City Attorney's Office, Redwood City. Additional community partners contributed skills or expertise to the program including attorneys from the San Mateo County Private Defender Program. Employers provided resume critiques and mock interviews.



Dr. Connie Dominguez, counselor at Carlmont High School, served as a keynote speaker along with Richard Halpern, Managing Attorney of the San Mateo County Private Defender Program. Dr. Joi Lin Blake, Vice President of Student Services at Skyline College, encouraged the students to pursue their career goals, and to explore opportunities at Skyline College. Nate Nevado, co-founder of Skyline College's acclaimed Rock the School Bells conference, connected with students by telling his story of realizing his dream to integrate hip hop into higher education. Finally, students participated in presentations and campus tours by representatives of the Automotive and Cosmetology Departments, and the Early Childhood Development and Green Construction programs.

Thank you to the businesses listed above and to the following community partners for collaborating to make this event a success for the students: El Centro de Libertad; Daly City Youth Health Center; Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY); San Mateo Credit Union; NORCAL Sound and Communication Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee ; Peninsula Works Jobs For Youth; San Francisco International Airport; Student Conservation Association; Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program; Skyline College Financial Aid Office; HTA Consultant; San Mateo Union High School District Adult Education; Sequoia Union High School District; RMKB; San Mateo County Public Defender Program; San Mateo County Office of Education; San Mateo County Probation Department; Department of Rehabilitation; Kaiser Permanente; and Target Corporation. This event is funded in part by the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges through a grant managed by SparkPoint at Skyline College. For more information, please contact Dr. William Watson, Director, SparkPoint at Skyline College william.watson@smccd.edu or visit the SparkPoint website at: www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint.

Article by Dr. William Watson.

The Learning Center Turbo-Tutoring

The Learning Center (TLC), offered “Turbo Tutoring” for the first time this week as a means to address student anxiety during this stressful finals season, and as a means to promote the services TLC offers students. Writing and Reading Lab tutors Jessica Belluomini, Jasmine Healey, Scott McMullin and TRiO Math Tutor Celia Pender stationed themselves in the midst of student action in building 6 to offer students 10 minute tutoring sessions. They also provided timely educational advice and answers to questions while promoting the services that TLC offers.



TLC Tutors Jessica Belluomini, Scott McMullin and Jasmine Healey offer advice to a Skyline College student.

The TLC will offer Turbo-Tutoring in the beginning, middle, and end of each semester as a means to meet the needs of students and a way to increase the effectiveness of the services TLC offers students.



TLC Tutors Jessica Belluomini and Scott McMullin offer Skyline College students advice.



TRiO Math Tutor, Celia Pender, during a 10-minute Turbo-Tutoring session.

Article by David Reed.

A Free, Innovative, Time-Limited Training Opportunity

At-Risk for Faculty, Staff, Administrators and Students is an online, interactive gatekeeper training simulation used at more than 200 campuses nationwide. Learn to identify and talk to students exhibiting signs of psychological distress and motivate them to seek appropriate help. Possible signs of distress include depression, anxiety, and thoughts of suicide.

Available for immediate use:

1. Online training for **faculty, staff and administrators to help students** in distress:
To access go to <http://kognitocampus.com/faculty/cc>
Your enrollment key is **ccc8752 (no space between characters and numbers)**
2. Online training for **faculty, staff and administrators to support student veterans**:
To access go to <http://kognitocampus.com/vet/cc>
Your enrollment key is **ccc4554 (no space between characters and numbers)**
3. The online **peer to peer training** to learn skills to help a friend in distress:
To access go to <http://kognitocampus.com/student/cc>
Your enrollment key is **ccc6445 (no space between characters and numbers)**

***You can also access by going to the Skyline College Website and clicking Psychological Services and click Kognito.**

This online course is available 24/7, it is a 45-minute course that can be completed in multiple sessions allowing you to return at your convenience as many times as needed.

Don't wait! This offer will expire. For more information contact Liz Llamas 650-738-4351 or Bev Muse 650-738-4459 with Psychological Services and Personal Counseling.

Article by Donna Elloitt.

Center for Hip Hop, Arts, Scholarship and Education (CHASE) Holds its First Planning Meeting



Left to right: Nate Nevado, Pcyeta Jackson, Matthew Ledesma, Kwame Thomas, Liza Erpelo, Soledad McCarthy, Sam Veu and Vanson Nguyen (Not pictured: Dr. Sarah Perkins, Mary Gutierrez, Nathan Jones, Chris Gibson and Nohel Corral)

Photo courtesy of Nate Nevado.

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013, The Center for Hip Hop, Arts, Scholarship and Education (CHASE) Advisory Board met for their first planning meeting. Faculty, staff and students from Skyline College as well as faculty from South San Francisco High School collaborated, planned and “dreamed big” for the upcoming semester.

CHASE is a direct result of the overwhelming success of Rock the School Bells (RTSB). CHASE and RTSB are committed to enhancing student’s ability to think critically about social issues in their communities as well as in the world, learn about various educational and career technical pathways and understand the historical and cultural aspects of Hip-Hop in its effect on society, education, health and personal development.

For more information, please contact, nevadon@smccd.edu

Article by Soledad McCarthy.

More Free or Low-Cost Online Textbooks Available

Increasing numbers of quality online textbooks are being made available through several state- and foundation-sponsored projects. The [Open Course Library](#), a project in Washington State, has created free or low-cost digital textbooks for use in 81 popular community college courses. Books and related materials created for the project are free for anyone to use online. Printed copies are available for about \$20 each. The project was jointly financed by Washington state and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Another initiative, [College Open Textbooks](#), has peer-reviewed more than 100 open textbooks for use in community college courses and identified more than 250 others for consideration. Open textbooks are freely available for use without restriction and can be downloaded or printed from web sites and repositories. They also provide training for instructors adopting open resources. You can find links to these and other online textbook sites on the [Skyline College Library website](#). From the library homepage, click on the **eBooks** tab and then select from the **Textbook Databases** pull-down menu.

Article by Eric Brenner.

New Student Orientation Redesigned!



Photo courtesy of Nohel Corral.

The Skyline College New Student Orientation has been restructured. Our previous format, which required students to attend a five hour session, has been reduced to two hours. The Orientation is designed to provide students with the information, resources, and tools needed to be successful at Skyline College. Orientation is a part of the “Getting Started” process at Skyline College and typically takes place after the English and Math Placement tests are completed. Upon completion of Orientation, students schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor to help them select the appropriate classes and plan their academic career. After attending the counseling appointment students are given a date on which they can then register for their classes. Some of the topics covered during orientation include Skyline College Policies and Procedures, Campus Resources and Learning Communities, Code of Conduct, How to use WebSmart, and Understanding Placement Tests.

Article by Lorraine DeMello

Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition Now Open in the Art Gallery

Featuring over 140 paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, prints, and ceramics. The exhibition will be on view from April 22 May 16. The Gallery will be open Mondays through Thursdays, please check our website for listing of hours:

www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery

www.facebook.com/skygallery



*This is Bananas, Acrylic on Canvas by Daniel Sandoval
Juror's Merit Award Winner for Painting*



*Rising Up, Steel Sculpture, Jana Nisbet
Juror's Merit Award Winner for Sculpture*

Accreditation Update

Progress of Accreditation Self Evaluation Approvals. The Accreditation Co-Chairs are currently visiting various constituency groups on campus to obtain approval of the accreditation self-evaluation Draft #3. We need final review and approval from the five constituency groups including Academic Senate, Associated Students (ASSC), Classified Council, College Council and Management Council before the Board of Trustees review and approval in June. Below is a summary of where we are in the approval process.

Constituency Group	Meeting	Approval Status
Classified Council	May 1, 2013	Approved
Academic Senate	May 10, 2013	
Management Council	May 14, 2013	
Associated Students (ASSC)	May 14, 2013	Visited on May 3 Return on May 14th
Governance Council	May 21, 2013	

Skyline Shines!

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.

Bones, Bones, Bones!



Skyline College Anthropology Instructor and SF Medical Examiner Chuck Cecil brought some of the tools of his trade to share with an enthusiastic Anthropology Club. The presentation included forensics slides as well as a “hands on” analysis of human skeletal remains. Next Fall Anthropology 126, Physical Anthropology Lab will be offered for the first time to help students fulfill their laboratory requirements and to further develop Anthropology students’ education at Skyline College.

Below: Daniel Sandevil



Below: Chuck Cecil



Article by Lori Slicton. Photos by Jay Nelson.

TRiO SSS Project Visits UCSC! UCR! CPP!

What a month April has been for TRiO SSS project students! They have taken the opportunity to visit three outstanding California institutions of higher education (IHE) including:

University of California at Santa Cruz is ranked 7th in the World as best universities less than 50 years old; and is ranked second for research influence, i.e., the number of times researchers cited UCSC professors

University of California at Riverside is ranked 8th in the nation the most racial-ethnic diversity and 46th in national as best public schools; and

California Polytechnic University at Pomona is one of only seven polytechnic universities nationwide, and is known for its learn-by-doing philosophy, it is tied for **15th in the nation for top undergraduate programs in engineering amongst all private and public schools**

You might ask the question, “Why are campus visits so important?” The answer is campus visits allows TRiO SSS students to experience first-hand the campus environment, evaluate the academics, see housing and learn about the social life for themselves. While brochures, catalogues, websites and presentations by college representatives coming to Skyline College do help to form an opinion of a school, seeing it in person is the best way for a student to know if a campus is the right place for her or him. Each TRiO SSS campus visit involves the students walking the campus, seeing a room in the residence hall, tasting the food, and attending an information session presented by IHE transfer staff.

Finding the right IHE is not just about where the student will get the best education, but it is also about the place the student will call home for the near future. Just as you would not purchase a house without walking through it first, a student should do the same by walking IHEs. The TRiO SSS project wants our students to find a place where they can learn, work, eat, and play—a place where they feel comfortable as a member of a community.

The TRiO SSS project staff believes while visiting campuses does indeed assist the student to narrow down her or his choices, it can also serve as a real motivator to do well academically as well as in extracurricular activities while attending Skyline College. In addition, it gives the student a clearer picture about IHE environments and is an ideal opportunity for students and TRiO SSS counselors to talk about this very important decision. The TRiO SSS campus visits are having an impact of the seventy-five TRiO SSS students slated to participate in the 2012 – 13 Skyline College graduation ceremony, forty-one are transferring to an IHE.

Article By Dr. Raymond Jones.

State University of São Paulo Visits Skyline College

A representative from the State University of São Paulo (UNESP), Prof. Jorge Muniz, visited the Skyline College campus on April 22, 2013 for partnership meetings with the college President, Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud and the Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Sarah Perkins. Following meetings with administration, Prof. Muniz was taken on a brief tour of some of the Tech Programs that Skyline College has to offer.



On April 23rd the CITD and UNESP held a special Global, Green/Tech Program Roundtable discussion at the College to identify immediate programs and areas of collaboration. The roundtable was attended by Skyline College faculty, staff and students. Presentations were given by Jorge Muniz along with relevant deans, staff, and faculty to discuss the opportunities the institutions can offer one another. Several programs and departments gave presentations at the roundtable including: ESOL/Technology Ed Programs, Green/Automotive Technology Entrepreneurship Programs, Environmental Technology, Math/Science Technology and Sports/Exchange Recruitment.

Jorge Muniz, who is also the Vice Director of UNESP's International Program and Skyline College administration have been working on a partnership involving Skyline College's various green/tech and global programs. Presently, there are ongoing discussions to develop curriculum exchange and study abroad programs, dual degree opportunities and international contract education for the two institutions.



The partnership development has focused on the following programs: Automotive Engineering, the African Diaspora Program, Bio-Technology, Entrepreneurship programs, ESL for Technical Studies, and Student Exchange programs.

This partnership with UNESP, will assist Skyline College with its mission to globalize the campus community and will give current and future students' more education opportunities.

Article by Elizabeth Tablan. Photos by Raul Guerra.

San Mateo Job Fair



Photograph by Virginia Rosales. Collage by Veronica Osuna.

The First San Mateo Job Fair held on Wednesday, May 1st at Skyline College was the result of collaborative partnerships between Skyline College Career Services and the San Mateo County Workforce Development. The existing kinship of lasting partnerships with our community organizations including Employment Development Department, Peninsula Works, Menlo Park JobTrain, Veterans Services, government agencies, private organizations provided a collective array of services for the attending job seekers. President of Skyline College, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, presented her inspirational and welcoming Introduction to the over 80 representatives from 40 companies who were present at this event. The San Mateo Job Fair provided a dynamic atmosphere of opportunities for job seekers to directly connect with existing available employment and services that enhance employment opportunities for both our Skyline College students, veterans and community members. Over 500 students and community members attended the San Mateo Job Fair and were actively seeking employment. Eighty participants were aided with on the spot resume critiquing enhancing their employability in future interviews. To our many visiting partners, employers, and Skyline College faculty and staff, we offer our appreciation for your support and compassionate commitment to the career and employment seeking community we serve. We are forever grateful!

Article by Virginia Padrón.

ESL Registration Day Brings in New Students

ESL Registration Day on April 27, 2013 was a great success. Forty-five new students were able to come to Skyline College to begin their matriculation and engage in a career path. By 9:15, the Learning Center was buzzing with new students filling out forms, signing up for placement testing, getting an orientation to Skyline College, and learning about resources such as SparkPoint and Financial Aid.



Photo by Amber Wolak.



ELI Staff Claudia Paz and Amber Wolak

Photo by Leigh Anne Shaw.

Several student volunteers and Skyline College staff were on hand to help people through every step of the process. The multilingual skills of these volunteers were put to good use as new students attempted the complicated questions on forms.



Photo by Leigh Anne Shaw.

ESL Registration Day was made possible by generous support from College Success Initiative (CSI) and the SparkPoint at Skyline College. Thanks and kudos to Amber Wolak, Kenny Gonzalez of the ELI, Minerva Velasquez and Adriana Armas from A&R, Faculty Garry Nicol, Paul Rueckhaus, and Leigh Anne Shaw, Goldie Lee and her assessment team, and Dave Jorgensen of IT. Also thanks to Martina Center and Kristina Brower for operating the Child Development Center, to Jose Milan and Leitu Takapu from Financial Aid, and to Josh Jubelirer and Glenda Benavides from SparkPoint.

Article by Leigh Anne Shaw.

Coming Up

Friday, May 10, 2013

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO) - Meeting, Skyline College, Building 4, Room 4240
- 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Spring 2013 Dance Concert, Skyline College Theater
- Time TBA, Skyline College – Baseball PLAYOFFS, Skyline College

Saturday, May 11, 2013

- Time TBA, Baseball PLAYOFFS, Skyline College

Sunday, May 12, 2013

- Time TBA, Baseball PLAYOFFS, Skyline College

Monday, May 13, 2013

- 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Public Speaking Workshop, Skyline College, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Palo Alto University Representative - Lenard Wilson, Skyline College, Dining Hall, Building 6

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Transfer Center – UC DAVIS Visit: Tracy King, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2-227
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., BACC Workshop by SparkPoint & Financial Aid, Building 1, Room 1319
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., FYE End of Year Celebration, Skyline College, Building 4, Hosting Gallery
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Skyline College Environmental Club - Go Green, Skyline College, Building 7, Room 7109

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., BACC Workshop by SparkPoint & Financial Aid, Skyline College, Library Computer Lab
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid Application Labs, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2117-B
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Business Plan Competition Finals & Awards Ceremony, Building 6, Room 6202

Thursday, May 16, 2013

- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Transfer Center – Norte Dame De Namur – Andrew Haesloop, Skyline College, Dining Hall, Building 6
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., CSU East Bay Visit - Marc Strong, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2-227
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Admissions to University/Colleges Appreciation Lunch, Skyline College, Building 6, Room 6203
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid Application Labs, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2117-B
- 2:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Sustainability Ambassador Network meeting, Building 6, Room 6203

Friday, May 17, 2013

- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., ASTEP Graduation & Celebration Ceremony, Skyline College, Building 6

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/events/index.php>

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the event, date, time and location to Cherie M. Napier via email at 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

- **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 1/4 or 1/2 of a page. Do not place pictures next to each other, they must be on separate lines.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Please make sure your article is single spaced.
- 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. ³The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.² ³The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. Noon.²
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., ³Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses.² And ³I counted 176 records on the shelf.²).
- 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., ³March 4, 2011² not ³March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011²).
- 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 <http://skylinecollege.edu/publicinformationoffice/feedback.php>



Feedback and Suggestion Box

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/presidentsoffice/skylineshines.php>