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Middle School Outreach Project

Funded by the President's Innovation Fund and in collaboration with the President's Council and Parkway Heights Middle School in South San Francisco, the Middle School Outreach Project was created to expose middle school students to college and careers at a young age. In addition, it provided information to parents in an effort to foster and support their development as educational advocates for their child.

As part of the project, Skyline College counselors facilitated a series of by-weekly educational and career-related workshop at Parkway Heights Middle School throughout the months of February and March, 2013. Thirty-one middle school students participated in these workshops and learned about Goal Setting, Motivation, College Preparedness, and Career Planning. Students were very engaged and highly inquisitive!

In addition, we hosted Parent Night at Parkway Heights Middle School on Thursday, March 21, 2013. Over twenty-five parents attended the event and received important information about high school requirements, the various systems of higher education in California, financial aid and the process to apply for it.

Lastly, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, we hosted the first Middle School Outreach Conference at Skyline College for our thirty-one participating middle school students and Parkway Heights staff. At the conference, students heard from first-year Skyline College students speak about their high school and college experiences. They toured the campus, learned about different programs and student clubs, and visited various CTE labs, including Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Tech, and Auto Tech. Furthermore, they had the opportunity to experience a college class firsthand!
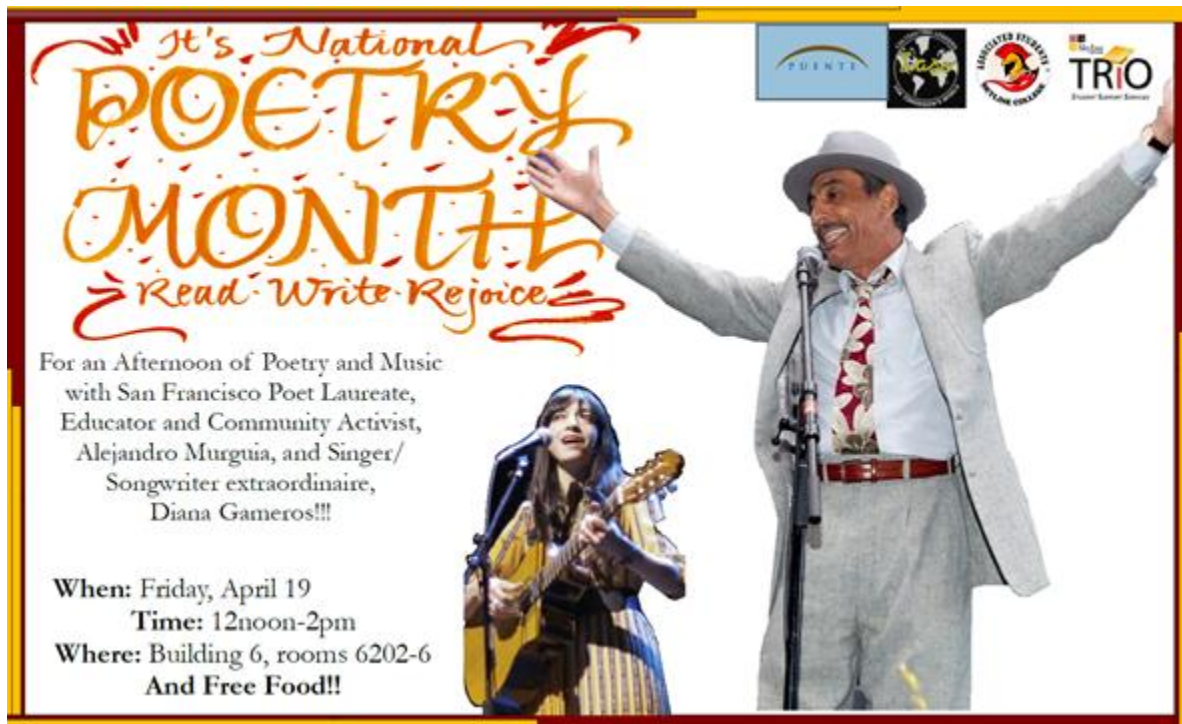

The Middle School Outreach Project was a tremendous success, which served to instill motivation and the desire to attend college among participants. In their own words:

- "I think this should happen more often." E.N.

- "I'm excited for college." D.C.

- "You should bring more schools to inspire more students." G.T.

I would like to thank Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, Dr. Joi Blake, the President's Council, especially Mrs. Teresa Proano and Mr. Steve Martinez, our partners at Parkway Heights Middle School, and the Middle School Outreach Planning Team (Nohel Corral, Dr. John Mosby, Nate Nevado, Lorraine DeMello, Lavinia Zanassi, Suzanne Poma, Kent Gomez, Jocelyn Vila, and Melanie Espinueva) for their support. Thank you to Skyline College Bookstore and Rock the School Bells for their kind donations.

Article by Jessica Lopez. Photos by Yeni Galvez and Ira Lau.

National Poetry Month Celebration at Skyline College

Please join us **Friday, April 19, 2013 from 12noon-2:00pm** to celebrate **National Poetry Month** at Skyline College. This year Skyline College is extremely fortunate and excited to welcome to our community San Francisco Poet Laureate, **Alejandro Murguia** and singer, songwriter and rising star, **Diana Gameros**.

Alejandro Murguia is a poet, writer, educator, cultural worker, and community activist who has been working tirelessly in international Latino communities for the last forty plus years, raising awareness and working to find solutions for issues that are important him. He was born in California, but raised in Mexico City. His experiences as an international volunteer in the Nicaraguan Insurrection of 1979 are recounted in his second collection of short stories Southern Front (American Book Award,1991). Currently he lives in San Francisco, where he teaches Latin American literature at San Francisco State University.

Diana Gameros is a rising star in the international music scene. She is known for her sophisticated and abstract songs that evoke love, longing, and hope. Gameros creates authentic, inspiring music that reflects the 21st century experiences of a young indie artist at the borderlands between cultures, languages, and genres.

Please join Skyline College TRiO, the Associated Students of Skyline College, Puente, and LASO in welcoming these two great artists to Skyline College.

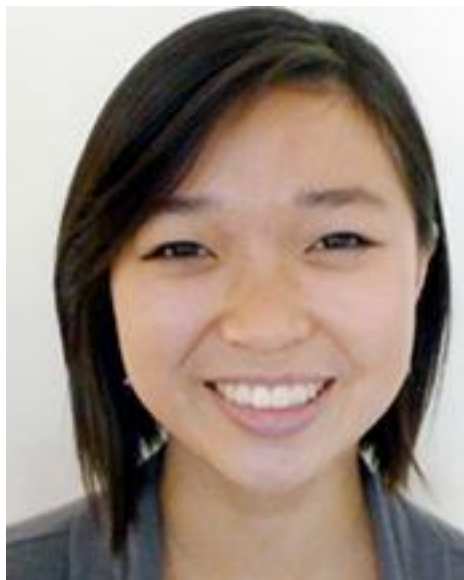*John Saenz contributed to this article.*

Skyline College Students
on All-California Academic Team

Two Skyline College Political Science majors were selected for the All-California Academic Team. These 4.0-students were honored at the California Community College League Award Luncheon in March.

Thomas Kroner
Thomas was born and raised in San Francisco where he graduated from Lowell High School. He is currently finishing his sophomore season on the Skyline College basketball team. Thomas enjoys developing his on-court skills in his spare time. Thomas will transfer as a Political Science or Government major ideally to UCLA or Georgetown. His interest in political issues started after a service trip to help rebuild New Orleans. He eventually would like to work for the government to promote positive change. At Skyline College, Thomas is a member of the Honors Transfer program as well as Phi Theta Kappa. His service includes tutoring fellow teammates during their study halls, volunteering at the San Francisco Food Bank and helping with Interfaith Homeless Shelter Meals. Thomas is tremendously honored to be recognized to the All-California team and plans to use this recognition as a catalyst towards his academic goals.
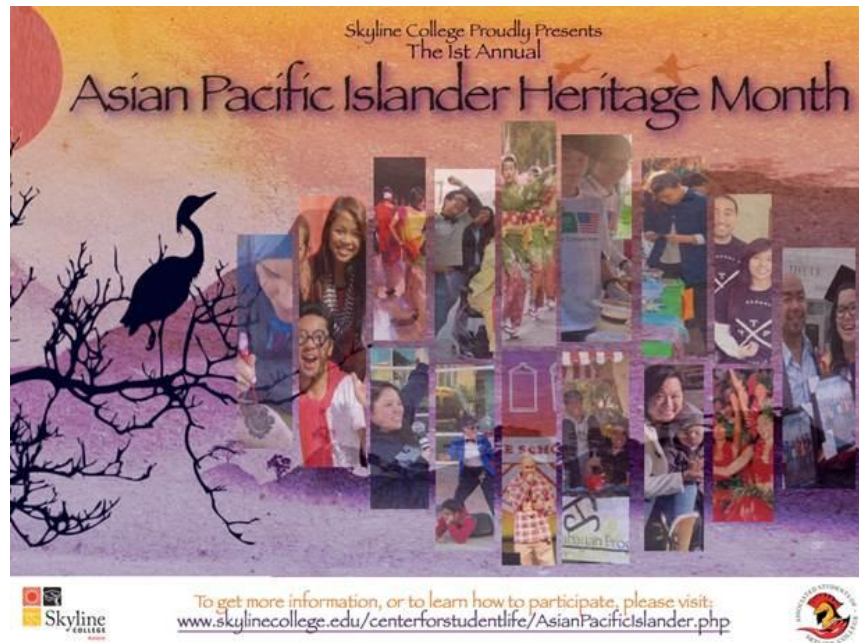
Sarah Kay
Sarah is originally from San Francisco and is president of the Skyline College Honors Club, program assistant for the Honors Transfer Program, and a member of the Beta Theta Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Sarah volunteers at her church as a day camp counselor and for various campus activities. She has been on the Dean's List since her first semester at Skyline College and has maintained a 4.00 grade point average. Sarah is planning on transferring to a four-year university this coming fall as a Political Science major with an emphasis in Comparative Politics. She hopes to continue her education at law school in order to practice civil law in California.

Article by Dr. Christine Case

Get Involved in
Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Did you know, according to the US Census, Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in the US? Did you know 37% of our Skyline College student population identifies as Asian-Pacific Islander?

What are we doing to serve this ever-growing student population?

The Center for Student Life and Leadership Development would like to reach out to you about creating the First Annual Skyline College Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated annually throughout the United States and is a way for our entire campus to celebrate Asian- Pacific Islander cultures as well as engage our campus community in a meaningful dialogue.

We hope that throughout the next month, all of Skyline College can celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islanders through festivals, panel discussions, and educational activities.

We need your help to make this 1st Annual Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month happen!

Please contact Michiko "Misha" Maggi at maggim@smccd.edu if you have any questions about participating.

Ready to take part in this incredible opportunity? Start Here!

Article by Misha Maggi.

TRiO Students Discover UCLA and UCI

According to a recent report in the Chronicle of Higher Education, "64% of students surveyed said they used campus visits to find out about colleges and universities. Most students (71%) said a campus visit was their most trusted source of information . . . ." (Source: Chronicle for Higher Education, May 25, 2007). TRiO provides academic and student support services to prepare first-generation, low-income and/or learning/physical challenged student to graduate with an associate degree and transfer to an institution of higher education, in that capacity TRiO also serves as a transition bridge in students' next step in higher education.

For many low-income students a campus visit is beyond their economic means, in an effort to "level the playing field" and expand the transfer horizons of Skyline College TRiO students, sixteen TRiO students took the opportunity to visit the campuses of UC Los Angeles and UC Irvine during the Spring Break. Students had the occasion to explore each campus by taking a tour, eating lunch in a residence hall dining commons, and meeting with student support and transfer staff to hear "how to succeed as a transfer student at the UC." The most emphasized advice was "to immediately access campus resources and learn how to manage your time." When asked to reflect on the trip, one student commented, "To not be scared, I learned there are programs and services that will help me on my path to success." Another student stated, "I enjoyed being able to get a feel for the environment and learn about the services make me feel more at ease transferring to a UC." The campus visits were a major success serving to promote Skyline College TRiO's goal of having its students transfer to a UC!

Tell Your Students – There's Still Time to Join TRiO! The TRiO Program is located in the Learning Center, Building 5.

Article by Dr. Raymond Jones.

Goodwill Graduation

(From left to right): Alpha Lewis (Warehouse Academy Instructor), John Myladiyil Skariah, Don Carlson (Skyline College Dean of Business Department), Jermonte Reed, Melvin Washington, Paul Tan (Goodwill Manager of Participant Development), Ronnie Gravino (Goodwill Director of People Development), Gary Grellman (Interim San Francisco Goodwill CEO), Andrew Videau, Robert Posey, Kevin Hawthorne, Fred Copeland, and Gabriel Ruiz)
Photo Courtesy of Dean, Don Carlson

Goodwill Industries celebrated their graduation on Friday, March 22nd and presented Skyline College Warehousing Certificates at their San Francisco headquarters. Dean, Don Carlson and Alpha Lewis, Warehousing Instructor presented the certificates to our Spring 2013 cohort. Skyline College's Business Division and Workforce Development partnership with Goodwill Industries awards certificates in Warehousing to students wishing to reenter the workforce. For many of the Goodwill students, this is their first time entering a college environment.

As a result of the partnership, past graduates have enrolled in Skyline College full time in the Career Advancement Academies in the Auto Entry-Level Program. Career Advancement Academies (CAA) provides stackable certificates in Auto Entry Level Technician and Allied Health (EMT, Medical Office Assistant, Surgical Tech and Sterile Processing) and Early Childhood Education. For more information about Career Advancement Academies or our Goodwill Partnership, contact, Soledad McCarthy, mccarthys@smccd.edu

Article by Soledad McCarthy.

Skyline College Classified Council
Moves Closer to Becoming a Senate

Congratulations to Skyline College's Classified Council on becoming a Classified Senate. With a unanimous vote from all classified staff who voted, the present Classified Council will officially become a Classified Senate. This move will bring Skyline College's Classified Council in alignment with the California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4Cs), creating a stronger network of classified staff as we share in the participatory governance process. At present the Classified Executive Board is in the process of updating its constitution and bylaws.

Classified Staff are encouraged to take advantage of classified staff development funds and attend the Classified Leadership Institute for 2013 offered by 4Cs. This year's event, *Capitalizing Shared Governance to Ensure Student Success,* will be held June 13-15, 2013 at the Red Lion Woodlake Conference Center in Sacramento. Participants attending the CLI conference will explore numerous events that encourage personal development, leadership, and strong communication skills, leading toward increased confidence, enhanced professional skills, and broad-based knowledge of our California Community Colleges.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at our next Classified Senate meeting. See web page link below.

For more information visit http://www.ccccs.org/index.html

Article by Linda Allen.

Financial Aid Awareness – Values Student Success

On Monday, March 18, 2013 the Financial Aid Office hosted their Spring 2013 Financial Aid Awareness Event in the Quad. Financial Aid Awareness week serves as a reminder that there is still time to apply for financial aid. During the March 18 tabling event, students were asked to complete a survey regarding the Financial Aid Office's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP). For many students who receive financial aid, the SAP Policy is one of the most challenging policies for students to understand. To help students better understand the SAP Policy the Financial Aid Office staff provides one-on-one assistance, as well as, SAP Workshops throughout the semester. As thank you for completing the survey, students were treated to fresh popped kettle corn by Peter's Kettle Corn.

Over 400 students attended the event and a submitted a survey. The Financial Aid Office values students' opinions. The Financial Aid Office is always open to hearing suggestions on how they can better assist students in not only maintaining financial aid eligibility, but also how they can help their student's achieve academic success. For more information about the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, please
visit: http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/satisfactoryacademicprogress.php and for a list of upcoming SAP Workshops visit: http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/events.php.

For a video of the event, please visit: Financial Aid Awareness Event - Spring 2013

Photos and article by Jocelyn Vila

Accreditation Update

DRAFT #3 of the Accreditation Self Evaluation will be posted on the Accreditation website for public viewing and comment the week of April 15-19th. We look forward to receiving comments and feedback!

The Accreditation Self Evaluation 2013 **Open Forum** will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd from 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. in Building 2, Room 2306**. Lunch will be served to celebrate the completion of DRAFT #3. The entire campus community including students, faculty and staff are invited. The Open Forum focus is for the campus community to discuss and comment on the Accreditation Self Evaluation DRAFT #3.

Come and share your ideas on April 23rd!

Skyline Shines!

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.

Governance: Institutional Planning Committee

Notes from the IPC meeting are provided here. They do not represent the official minutes as regularly posted on the IPC website.

April 10, 2013 Notes

<u>Attendance:</u> Joi Blake, Eloisa Briones, Amory Cariadus, Tom Hewitt, Bob McCoy, Sarah Perkins, Justin Piergrossi, Leigh Anne Shaw, David Ulate, William Watson, Karen Wong
<u>Absent:</u> Stephen Fredricks, Katie Galvin, Alex Hernandez, Ray Hernandez, John Mosby, Pricsilla Sanchez, Janet Weber

Discuss/Approve Minutes
The March 13, 2013 minutes. M/S/U – Blake/McCoy Approved Minutes

Discuss/Approve EMP
The committee decided to recommend adding an amendment to the plan with the following recommendations:

<u>Add 1.4:</u> Strategy 1.4 ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING: Ensure that Skyline College assesses student learning at the course, program and institutional levels, engages in shared reflection on the results of these assessments, and uses the results to sustain or improve student learning;

<u>Revise 1.2</u> The IPC also embedded an equity statement to enhance the previous version's descriptor:

Strategy 1.2. STUDENT ACCESS, SUCCESS, & EQUITY IN OUTCOMES: Student access to the college, student success in achieving their goals, and equity in student outcomes for all student populations.

M/S/U – Joi Blake/Karen Wong Approved the amendment. Leigh Anne Shaw abstained.

A motion was made to recommend the EMP to the College Governance Council with the above amendments. M/S/U - Leigh Anne Shaw/Joi Blake

Merge IPC & CBC
The committee discussed the merging of the IPC and CBC committees. Dr. Ulate asked if there could be a recommendation made today to forward on to the College Governance Council regarding the merger.

Concerns were raised regarding the membership of the merged committees and what the guidelines would be for representation by all constituencies. Also a concern regarding the planning functions of IPC and that if merged with CBC less planning would occur because the focus would be on budget items. Leigh Anne Shaw commented that more faculty members attend CBC and if the merger is approved, would this result in fewer opportunities for faculty participation.

It was suggested that the current co-chairs of the IPC and CBC meet to create scenarios of how the merged committee would look. For instance, there would be three co-chairs of the merged committee and meetings would have standing agenda items that are addressed at each meeting—e.g. budget and planning items. It was decided that once the scenarios are created they will be emailed to the IPC members to vote electronically.

Technology Plan

Dr. Perkins reported to the committee that the Technology Plan has been updated and posted on the website. Primarily the budget and some additional editing were updated. Currently the plan is being used to replace laptops and replacement of computers in the Instructional Labs which will be done in late Summer. Any questions regarding ordering replacement computers should be through the Division Dean's and Vice President's.

Skyline College has a complete Technology Plan and is being used as a model at the other campuses.

Enrollment Management Self-Assessment Summary

Dr. Ulate shared with the committee that the Enrollment Management Self-Assessment Summary is located online for review. It was suggested that Dr. Ulate draft a list of highlights from the summary to focus on and send to the IPC members for additions or edits. The summary is on the Planning Research Institutional Effectiveness website for review.

New CCCO Scorecard

The California Community College Chancellor's Office has a new CCCO Scorecard available on their website. You are now able to view any California Community College profile. The interpretation of the data is built on a cohort model.

ACCJC Annual Report

The ACCJC Annual Report is due April 15 and it is 90% done. A special acknowledgement to Karen Wong and Bob McCoy for their help in preparing the report. The report will be sent to the IPC members once completed. The report has no narrative, just numbers.

Accreditation Oversight Committee

The Accreditation Oversight Committee will be created in order to oversee new requirements from the ACCJC. The membership of the committee is being discussed and once finalized will be added to the Compendium of Committees.

In case you missed it…
Research Process Update from PRIE

To increase awareness and foster collaboration with respect to the research that takes place at Skyline College, the Office of Planning, Research & Institutional effectiveness has developed a research request form and a process for communicating findings. On the PRIE website, the "PRIE Projects" link (http://skylinecollege.edu/prie/requestform.php) will take you to the Research Request Form where you can submit your request for data and/or assistance with developing your research project. You will also see links for "Current Projects" and "Completed Projects" pages. The "Current Projects" webpage will contain a list of projects the PRIE office is presently working on with links that provide a brief summary of the work. The "Completed Projects" webpage will contain a list of completed projects with links to the findings for the project.

Our goal is to keep the Skyline College community informed of the research work being done as well as foster collaboration across the institution. We look forward to working with you!

- The Office of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness Team
David Ulate, Interim Dean
Katie Galvin, Research Analyst
Anjelica Gacutan, Office Assistant

Coming Up

Friday, April 12, 2013
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO) Meeting, Building 4, Room 4240
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Artist Lecture & Demonstration by sculptor Clayton Keyes, Ceramics Studio, Building 1, Room 1103

Saturday, April 13, 2013
- 12:00 p.m., Baseball: Skyline College vs. Gavilan, Gavilan

Monday, April 15, 2013
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Transfer Center – Paul Mendez (TAB), Building 2, Room 2227
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Skyline College Environmental Club: Go Green, Building 7, Room 7109

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Transfer Center – UC DAVIS Visit: Tracy King, Building 2, Room 2227
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Nonviolent Sexuality, Making Peace with Passion, Building 6, Room 6206
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Financial Aid Office Workshop – Understanding your Financial Aid Award Letter, Building 2, Room 2117A
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Transfer Center – Understanding your Financial Aid Award Letter, Building 2, ROOM 2117-B
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Skyline College – Baseball vs. Cabrillo, Cabrillo
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Skyline College Environmental Club - Go Green, Building 7, Room 7109
- 3:00 p.m., Skyline College – Badminton vs. DeAnza, Gym, 3-200
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Transfer Center – New Transfer Student Orientation, Building 6, Room 6203

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Career Center - Allied Health Fair, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., BACC Workshop by SparkPoint & Financial Aid, Library Computer Lab
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid Application Labs, Building 2, Room 2117-B

Thursday, April 18, 2013
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:40 p.m., Transfer Center – Exploring Private Colleges – Panel Presentation, Building 6, Room 6205
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid Application Labs, Building 2, Room 2117-B
- 2:10 p.m. -3:30 p.m., Sustainability Ambassador Network, Building 4, Room 4213
- 2:30 p.m., Skyline College – Baseball vs. CANADA, Skyline College

Friday, April 19, 2013
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO) – Meeting, Building 4, Room 4240

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.

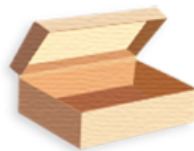# Guidelines for Skyline Shines Submissions

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. "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 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