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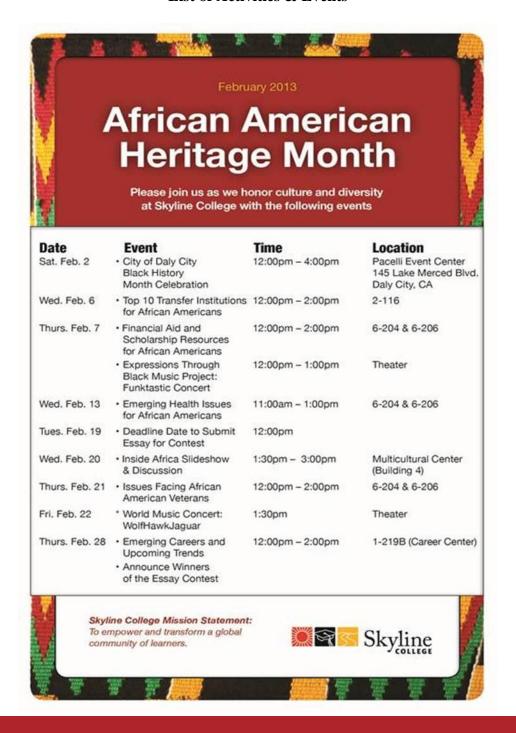
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African American Heritage Month

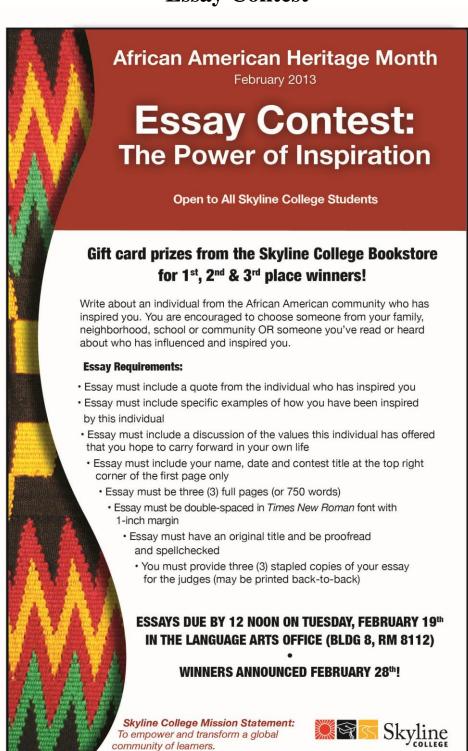
February is National African American Heritage Month. Please join us as we celebrate culture and diversity with a list of dynamic events at Skyline College throughout the month of February. Encourage students to enter the essay contest. Details are listed below. Don't miss out on these events – celebrate with us!

List of Activities & Events



Skyline Shines

African American Heritage Month Essay Contest





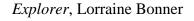
New Exhibit at Skyline College Art Gallery

Skyline College Art Gallery is proud to present *Body Language: Figures in Clay*, a group exhibition featuring nine Bay Area sculptors. The exhibition will be on view in the Gallery from February 4 – March 9, 2013. A reception for the Artists will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Skyline College Art Gallery.

For more information, including hours, please visit the gallery website http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery or http://www.facebook.com/skygallery

Body Language: Figures in Clay is an exhibition of nine Bay Area ceramic sculptors who use the human form as a vehicle of artistic expression. Each artist uses the plasticity of the clay material in distinctive ways to capture life, emotion, and attitude. Drawing from personal history, observations of life, and imagination, each artist captures unique aspects of the human experience. Ranging from realistic and representational to abstract and fantastical, the works invite you to engage because they are familiar forms that bring new perspectives.







Murder! Murder! Murder! of Crows, Tomoko Nakazato



The 'flu and you

Influenza or 'flu activity remains elevated in most of the country, including California. As a result, students, staff and faculty are still at risk for getting the 'flu and passing it onto others. The Skyline College Health Center is encouraging everyone to get vaccinated against the 'flu.

Many people don't get vaccinated against the 'flu because of misinformation about the vaccine. Below are some common concerns and facts about the 'flu, taken from the Centers for Disease Control http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm



Can a flu shot give you the flu?

No, a flu shot cannot cause flu illness. The influenza viruses contained in a flu shot are inactivated (killed), which means they cannot cause infection. Flu vaccine manufacturers kill the viruses used in the vaccine during the process of making vaccine, and batches of flu vaccine are tested to make sure they are safe.

Why do some people not feel well after getting the seasonal flu shot?

Some people report having mild reactions to flu vaccination. Common reactions to the flu shot are described below.

Reactions to the flu shot:

The most common reaction to the flu shot in adults has been soreness, redness or swelling at the spot where the shot was given. This usually lasts less than two days. This initial soreness is most likely the result of the body's early immune response reacting to a foreign substance entering the body. Other reactions following the flu shot are usually mild and can include a low grade fever and aches. If these reactions occur, they usually begin soon after the shot and last 1-2 days. The most common reactions people have to flu vaccine are considerably less severe than the symptoms caused by actual flu illness.



What about serious reactions to flu vaccine?

Serious allergic reactions to flu vaccines are very rare. If they do occur, it is usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination. While these reactions can be life-threatening, effective treatments are available.

What about people who get a seasonal flu vaccine and still get sick with flu-like symptoms?

There are several reasons why someone might get a flu-like illness, even after they have been vaccinated against flu.

- 1. Some people can become ill from other respiratory viruses besides flu such as rhinoviruses, which are associated with the common cold, cause symptoms similar to flu, and also spread and cause illness during the flu season. The flu vaccine only protects against influenza viruses, not other viruses.
- 2. It is possible to be exposed to influenza viruses, which cause the flu, shortly before getting vaccinated or during the two-week period after vaccination that it takes the body to develop immune protection. This exposure may result in a person becoming ill with flu before protection from the vaccine takes effect.
- 3. Some people may have been exposed to an influenza virus that is very different from the viruses the vaccine is designed to protect against. The ability of a flu vaccine to protect a person depends largely on the similarity or "match" between the viruses selected to make the vaccine and those spreading and causing illness. There are many different influenza viruses that spread and cause illness among people.
- 4. The flu vaccine doesn't always provide adequate protection against the flu. This is more likely to occur among people that have weakened immune systems or people age 65 and older.

Is it better to get the flu than the flu vaccine?

No. Flu is a serious disease, particularly among young children, older adults, and people with certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes. Any flu infection can carry a risk of serious complications, hospitalization or death, even among otherwise healthy children and adults. Therefore, getting vaccinated is a safer choice than risking illness to obtain immune protection.

Do I really need a flu vaccine every year?

Yes, a yearly flu vaccine is recommended for just about everyone 6 months and older, even when the viruses the vaccine protects against have not changed from the previous season. The reason for this is that a person's immune protection from vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccination is needed to get the "optimal" or best protection against the flu.



Welcome Eugene Garcia TRiO Math Instructional Aide



Please join me in welcoming Eugene Garcia as the math instructional aide in the TRiO program. Eugene is an adjunct math professor at Skyline who has worked in The Learning Center empowering students to become independent learners. He will be working with the TRiO Math Specialist John Chavez to expand the day and evening math support services to further ensure the retention, persistence and success of TRiO students.

We are fortunate to have Eugene join our team!

Welcome Jared Martin Website Content Coordinator

Please join me in welcoming Jared Martin to Skyline College as the new Website Content Coordinator. Jared joined the Marketing, Communications and Public Relations department this week. He will assist faculty and staff in updating content and ensuring accuracy and consistency in the way the college is represented on the web to the Accreditation Committee, students and the community. Jared brings a multitude of experience in project and event management. He is interested in assisting the college it is sustainability efforts.

Please join me in welcoming Jared to the Skyline College family!





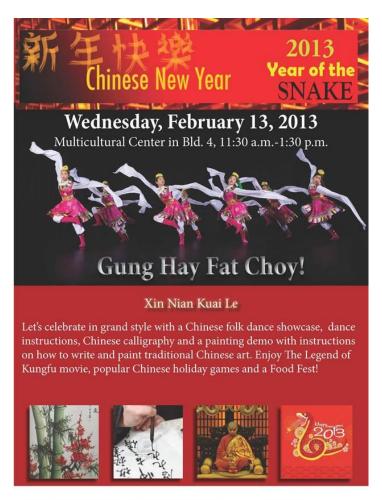
2013 Chinese New Year Celebration

Let's celebrate in grand style with Chinese folk dance showcase, dance instructions, Chinese Calligraphy and painting demo with instructions on how to write and paint traditional Chinese art. Enjoy The Legend of Kungfu movie, popular Chinese holiday games and a Chinese Food Fest! Please Join us for the festival in the Multicultural Center in Bld. 4 between 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Sponsored by the Skyline College Asian Studies Center, International Student Program and Kinesiology/Athletics and Dance Department.

Hosted by the Skyline College Asian Studies Center, The China Dance School & Theater in San Francisco and Skyline College International Student Program.

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For more info contact: Professor Hui X. Pate, Ph.D, pate@smccd.edu or (650) 738-4479





VITA is Back! Free Tax Preparation at Skyline College

SparkPoint at Skyline College and the Business Division, in partnership with <u>Earn it! Keep it!</u> Save it!, are pleased to announce free income tax preparation assistance for students, faculty, staff and community members (households that earned less than \$51,000 in 2012).

Taxes will be prepared every Saturday, February 2 to Saturday, March 30, 2013 (except February 16), from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 8, Room 8209. Please call SparkPoint at Skyline College at (650) 738-7035 to make an appointment.

Last year, student volunteers from Instructor John Miller's Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA) class were able to complete over 200 tax returns, resulting in \$185,526 being returned to the community. We expect to complete even more returns this year, so book your appointment today!

For more information about VITA, please visit www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint/services/FreeTaxPreparationAssistance.php.

For more information on SparkPoint @ Skyline College, please visit the SparkPoint website @ www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint/ or contact Dr. William Watson, Director at william.watson@smccd.edu

Remember to like us on Facebook!



Article by Josh Jubelirer.



Now Hiring - Financial Aid Ambassadors

Please encourage your students to apply!

<u>Click here for Financial Aid Ambassador Job Overview and Employment Application</u>. The deadline to submit an application is **Friday**, **February 8**, **2013 by 12:00 p.m.**

Please submit all application materials to the Financial Aid Office in Bldg. 2 – Room 2234. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed - No Exceptions!

For more information, please visit: www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/ambassadors.php.



Article by Jocelyn Vila.



Panel on Autism in the College Classroom February 21, 2013

On February 21, 2013 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in Building 6, Room 6203, the Disability Resource Center will host a panel presentation for faculty and staff on Autism in the College Classroom.

Colleges nationwide are seeing an increase in students with autism spectrum disorders. Drs. Pamela LaPage, Sue Courey, and Trang Nguyen of SFSU and the Autism Social Connection will be presenting information on working with students who have autism and answering questions. Don't miss your opportunity to learn more about how to support Skyline College students on the autism spectrum. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



Article by Melissa Gonzalez.



Now Hiring – America Counts Tutors

Please encourage your students to apply!

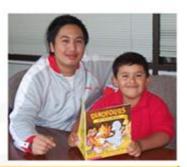
The Financial Aid Office is seeking to hire new Federal Work-Study students as tutors for the America Counts Program. Student must be:

- ? Receiving financial aid
- ? Not on any appeal status (Over 90 Units or SAP)
- ? English tutor: have completed or placed in ENGL 836 or higher
- ? Math tutor: have completed or placed in MATH 110 or higher
- ? Ability to make a one year commitment

Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, Bldg. 2 - Room 2234. The deadline to submit an application is **February 28, 2013 by 6:30 p.m.**

For more information, please visit: <u>Pacifica School Volunteers - Job Opportunities Flyer or http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/americacounts.php</u>





Financial Aid is seeking a federal work-study student to work as a tutor for the America Counts Program. Student must be:

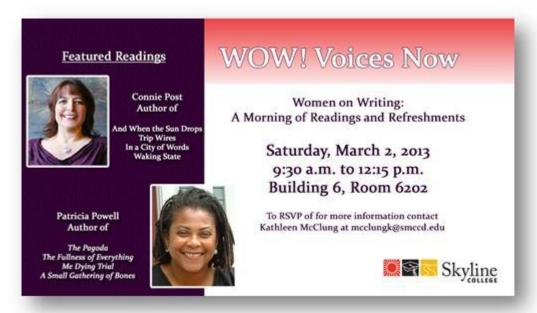
- 1. Receiving financial aid
- 2. Not on appeal status for over 90 units and/or Student Academic Progress (SAP)
- 3. Have completed ENGL 836 and Math 110

Contact Aileen Phuong at 650.738.4348 or conmigoa@smccd.edu





Women on Writing Event WOW! Voices Now



Save The Date for the Women on Writing event Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Student and Community Center at Skyline College.

You are cordially invited to a festive morning of readings, conversation and conviviality. This year WOW! is scaling back from a day-long conference, and we're delighted to host a lively morning event to celebrate the WOW! community and creative spirit. Acclaimed authors Connie Post and Patricia Powell kick off the program by reading their work, and then we'll enjoy an Open Reading. Please join us!

Featured readings include:

Connie Post – Author of And When the Sun Drops, Trip Wires, In a City of Words and Waking State.

Patricia Powell – Author of *The Pagoda*, *The Fullness of Everything*, *Me Dying Trial* and *A Small Gathering of Bones*.

RSVP by February 15, 2013 to Kathleen McClung at Skyline College, 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066.



March 21, 2013

PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Skyline College 13th Annual President's Breakfast SAVE THE DATE!

When

Thursday March 21, 2013 from 7:00 AM to 8:30 PM PDT

Add to Calendar

Save the date for the 13th Annual President's Breakfast!

Thursday, March 21, 2013

Networking at 7:00 a.m., Breakfast at 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Where

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 South Airport Boulevard South San Francisco, CA 94080



Driving Directions

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Special thanks to Pacific Gas and Electric Company for hosting the complimentary breakfast.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 11, 2013.

Get more information

Register Now!

I can't make it

The President's Council and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 21 at the breakfast.

Sincerely,

Regina Stanback Stroud, President

skypresbreakfast@smccd.edu

(650) 738-4325



Accreditation Update

The Accreditation Milestone Open Forum held on January 29, 2013 was a huge success. Over 50 Skyline College students, faculty, staff and administration enjoyed lunch, provided comments and offered suggestions on the Accreditation Self-Evaluation Report. All sections of the report were discussed, with special emphasis on SLOs, distance education, evaluations and professional development. Thanks to Karen Wong, Bridget Fischer and Nina Floro for leading those parts of the discussion. Many suggestions were received, particularly about programs and services to include in the self-evaluation that demonstrate how comprehensively we meet the standards. For example, the child development center is important to the success of the students who use it; this should be mentioned in all the places it applies. These suggestions will be incorporated into the accreditation self-evaluation Draft #3.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the dialogue. Special kudos to the students for their contributions. We look forward to the next Accreditation Open Forum and showing the Accreditation Committee how Skyline College really does **Shine**.

The **Last Chance** to make comments on the Accreditation Self-Evaluation Draft #2. Draft #2 will come down from the website on February 14th. **Draft #3 will be coming soon**.

Skyline Shines!

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.



TRiO SSS Program Accepting Students!

Welcome back to another great semester! The TRiO program is happy to announce that we are still accepting applications. Please encourage your students to apply!



WHAT IS TRIO?

TRiO is a set of federally-funded programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. TRiO helps students overcome class, social, and cultural barriers to higher education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students must have the goal of graduating and transferring within a four-year period and meet ONE or more of the following requirements:

- ? Be a first generation college student (neither parent graduated from a four-year university in the United States)
- ? Be from low-income background
- ? Have a learning and/or physical disability

WHAT SERVICES DOES TRIO OFFER?

- ? Academic, Career, and Personal Counseling
- ? Academic Support, including tutoring, workshops, mentors, and access to computers
- ? Financial Aid & Financial Literacy Assistance
- ? Cultural Enrichment Activities
- ? Transfer Planning & Visits to Four-Year Institutions
- ? Scholarships and Much More!

The TRiO Program is located in the Learning Center, Building 5. For additional questions, please contact Judith Cheung at (650) 738-4144 or via email atcheungi@smccd.edu.

Article by Jessica Lopez. Photo by Felix Perez.



Coaches vs. Cancer Meets Goal of Raising \$500



Kinesiology/Athletics and Dance department in reaching their fundraising goal during the Coaches vs. Cancer event on Wednesday, January 16th. Gate receipts and other donations totaled \$500. On the court Skyline College Women's Basketball team lost a heartbreaker to College of San Mateo 42-38; but Skyline College Men's Basketball team defeated Cañada 66-52.

Article by Joe Morello.

Thank you to the entire Skyline College campus community for assisting the



Supporting CA Dream Act Students

Every spring semester the Financial Aid Office is busy supporting students through the financial aid application process. For many undocumented students this process can be challenging because they do not qualify for federal financial aid due to their citizenship status. Regardless of a student's citizenship status, the Financial Aid Office is committed to helping students navigate through the financial aid process by creating a culture of support and sensitivity.

Financial aid for students under the California Dream Act became effective January 2013. To help students complete the <u>California Dream Act application</u>, the Financial Aid Office offers weekly Financial Aid Application Labs. For details, please see the below flyer.

For more information about the CA Dream Act and AB540 requirements please visit: www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/californiadreamact.php.



In an effort to help undocumented students feel safe and supported, the Financial Aid Office encourages the Skyline College community to visit the Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) website at: http://e4fc.org/home.html. E4FC is an advocacy agency based in San Francisco that provides resources and information on how to raise awareness for undocumented students nationwide. Here are their "Top Ten Ways to Support Undocumented Students."

Thank you for helping and encouraging all students to pursue their career and educational goals through higher education.

Article by Jocelyn Vila, Program Services Coordinator.



Scholarship Workshops

The Financial Aid Office will be providing numerous workshops on scholarships in order to better inform students about the scholarship application and personal statements. Please encourage your students to attend any of the workshops below in order to help increase their chances of receiving scholarships. Additionally, if you have been asked by a student to write a letter of recommendation, please have those letters in by the scholarship deadline of Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Crystal Shetaya, Scholarship Coordinator, at shetayac@smccd.edu if you would like any scholarship presentations for your classes.

If you would like to donate to scholarships please contact Roxanne Brewer at the foundation brewerr@smccd.edu.

Workshop Topic	Day	Date	Time	Location
Personal Statement	Mon	Feb. 4, 2013	2:00-3:00pm	5115
STARS/Scholarship Application	Thurs	Feb. 7, 2013	4:00-5:00pm	2117B



Article by Crystal Shetaya.



Governance – College Budget Committee

The College Budget Committee held its first meeting for Spring 2013 on Jan. 31, 2013. Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Kathy Blackwood was invited to share the Governor's proposed 2013-2014 budget as well as proposed legislation that will impact community colleges if passed. Highlights of the proposed budget include the following:

- \$197 Million in apportionment funding. Whether this gets allocated as COLA or growth will be determined.
- Additional \$179 million to buy down the deferrals from prior years.
- Proposal to shift Adult Ed from K-12 to community colleges (CCs). About \$300 million would get shifted to CCCs for the operation of adult schools.
- Proposal to shift \$16 million of apprenticeship funding from K-12 to CCs
- \$16.9 million to go towards online ed efforts (i.e., pilot program with Udacity and SJSU).
- Proposal to set a 90-unit cap for students, beyond which students lose priority registration and pay higher fees. If passed, this will reduce the total number of students so the state will pay less. Statewide we already see .5 million fewer students, partially due to fee changes.
- Proposal to change census date from 3rd week of classes to the end of classes savings will be put into supportive services.
- Change BOG fee waivers to require FAFSA. This would impact AB 540, older students, and students whose parents do not live here.

Policy proposals will affect SMCCD if they are passed. The picture for next year won't be great, nonetheless, SMCCD is in a much better position compared to two neighboring colleges which are doing salary rollbacks and layoffs.

Kathy also explained the results of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies (RDAs). For next year, SMCCD will have about \$6 million in one-time funding more than we counted on from cash distributions from the 13 RDAs in this county, as well as some sales of property owned by the RDAs.

The next CBC meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2013, in room 6203 from 2:10-4:00pm.



Coming Up...

Saturday, February 2, 2013

• 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., City of Daly City Black History Month Celebration, Pacelli Event Center, 145 Lake Merced Blvd. Daly City, CA.

Monday, February 4, 2013

- 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., <u>Career Services Career Assessment Interpretations Workshop</u>, Workshops will be held every hour, <u>Building 1</u>, <u>Room 1219B</u>.
- All Day Event <u>Art Gallery Show body language: figures in clay, Skyline College Art</u> Gallery, Building 1, First Floor.

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

- 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., UC Davis Visit: Tracy King, Transfer Center, Building 2, Room 2227.
- 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m., <u>BACC Workshop by SparkPoint & Financial Aid</u>, <u>Building 1</u>, Room 1218.
- 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., <u>Career Services Career Assessment Interpretations Workshop</u>, Workshops will be held every hour, <u>Skyline College</u>, <u>Building 1</u>, <u>Room 1219B</u>.
- 12:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m., <u>Financial Education Workshop Got Bank?</u>, <u>Building 6, Room 6204</u>.
- 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m., <u>Career Services Career Assessment Interpretations Workshop</u>, Building 1, Room 1219B.

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

- 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., <u>Career Services Career Assessment Interpretations Workshop</u>, Workshops will be held every hour, <u>Building 1, Room 1219B</u>.
- 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m., <u>Top 10 Transfer Institution for African Americans</u>, <u>Building 6</u>, Room 6205.
- 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m., <u>Financial Education Workshop Got Bank?</u>, <u>Building 1, Room 1218</u>.

Thursday, February 7, 2013

- Time TBD, <u>Expressions</u> Through Black Music Project: Funktastic Concert, Skyline College Theater.
- 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., <u>Career Services Career Assessment Interpretations Workshop</u>, Workshops will be held every hour, <u>Building 1</u>, <u>Room 1219B</u>.
- 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m., <u>Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources for African Americans</u>, Building 6, Room 6-204 & 6-206.
- 2:10 p.m. 3:30 p.m., <u>Sustainability Ambassador Network</u>, <u>Building 6</u>, <u>Room 6203</u>.

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 <a href="majorage-napier-



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.
- 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 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.ccco.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