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SKYLINE COLLEGE HOSTS 43RD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

San Bruno, California – May 21, 2013: The 43rd Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Skyline College Gymnasium, at 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066, Building 3. A record total of 252 students will participate in the ceremony, the largest commencement ceremony in Skyline College history. A total of 1,150 degrees and certificates will be awarded to 885 students.

“The Faculty and Staff at Skyline College are so proud of each and every graduate. We are proud to commit ourselves to students as they accomplish their educational goals of transfer and career technical education. We look forward to honoring and celebrating this milestone in their lives,” said Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D., President, Skyline College.

Juan Sepúlveda, Senior Advisor for Hispanic Affairs, Democratic National Committee (DNC) will deliver the commencement address. Sepúlveda led the DNC portion of the Latino Obama 2012 team that helped re-elect President Obama with a record-level of Hispanic support (75%). Prior to joining the DNC, Juan led the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics for the Obama Administration for two-and-a-half years, having been appointed on May 19, 2009 to the position of Executive Director. In this position, he built a national Latino education network of Latino leaders and key community stakeholders by convening half-day Community Conversations in more than 100 communities in 35 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., with more than 10,000 people participating.

Skyline College student Andrea Gabriel, will speak at the commencement ceremony providing a student’s perspective on this milestone. Gabriel is a native of San Diego, CA who re-located to the Bay area in 2009. Her Skyline College career began fall 2011. She was awarded the Grove Scholarship twice, is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society and a Dean’s List student. Andrea’s has future plans include continuing her studies and pursuing a double major in Early Childhood Education and Psychology to become a Marriage and Family Therapist.

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A reception hosted by Associated Students of Skyline College and the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Student and Community Center located in Building 6. Students and family members who have tickets are invited to attend. Family, friends and loved ones unable to attend are invited to watch the commencement ceremony via our first ever live feed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/skylinecollege>. If you are a member of the media and would like to attend, please contact Cherie M. Napier at (650) 738-4346.

For more information on commencement, please visit www.skylinecollege.edu/commencement/index.php.

About Skyline College

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 10,000 students offering over 80 Associate Degree and Certificate programs. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

About Juan Sepúlveda

Juan Sepúlveda is the Senior Advisor for Hispanic Affairs at the Democratic National Committee (DNC), having been named to this new position in November 2011. He Led the DNC portion of the Latino Obama 2012 team that helped re-elect President Obama with a record-level of Hispanic support (75%).

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Before joining the Obama Administration, Juan had been a senior executive, strategist, and advocate in the nonprofit and philanthropic communities, with a focus in community development, capacity building, and transformational management for more than 20 years. He was president of The Common Enterprise (TCE), which he founded in 1995 as an outgrowth of a national Rockefeller Foundation initiative to help build stronger communities across America by making nonprofits, philanthropic organizations, governments, businesses, and communities more effective as they tackled significant critical social issues in more than 35 states and nationally.

Juan received a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University. The third Latino ever to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, he graduated with a combined degree in politics, philosophy, and economics from the Queens College of Oxford University. He received a J.D. from Stanford Law School and has been admitted to the Texas Bar.