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## **Skyline College to Host Screening of Film RIGHT FOOTED And Motivational Talk with Jessica Cox**

**San Bruno, California – May 3, 2018:** Skyline College will be screening the award-winning, inspiring documentary RIGHT FOOTED on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in Building 4, Room 4-148. The film's protagonist, Jessica Cox, will also give a motivational talk after the screening. The film profiles Jessica Cox, a woman born without arms due to a birth defect, and her amazing story of overcoming adversity. Directed by Emmy Award winning filmmaker Nick Spark, RIGHT FOOTED follows Jessica over a period of two years as she becomes a mentor for children with disabilities and their families, and a disability rights advocate working in the U.S.A. and abroad.

"This film gets at the heart of what it means to persevere through adversity," said Nathan Navado, Skyline College counselor. "Not only is this an amazing documentary of someone who lives life to its fullest, it's a chance for all of us to self-examine what each of us can do if we are determined, passionate, and open minded."

The event is presented by the Kababayan Learning Community, a transfer and support group open to all students that focuses on education in relation to the Filipino and Filipino American cultural experience, in partnership with ABS/CBN and the Daly City Library Associates.

### **More About Jessica Cox**

After graduating from high school, Jessica attended the University of Arizona where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology. When talking about her degree, she frequently explains that psychology credits the way people think has a greater impact on their lives than a physical limitation.

During college, Jessica found an ATA Martial Arts club and resumed training in the sport of Taekwondo. The instructors created a curriculum that would be accessible to any future armless students. Jessica then became the first armless person to earn a black belt in the ATA.

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Jessica's most famous accomplishment was learning how to fly. It took three states, four airplanes, two flight instructors and a discouraging year to find the right aircraft: a 1946 415C Ercoupe Airplane. She received the Guinness World Record for being the first person certified to fly an airplane with only their feet.

Jessica now works as a motivational speaker. Jessica enjoys continuing to take on new challenges, the latest of which are slacklining and rock climbing. She gives back to the global disability community as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Nobel Prize winning NGO Handicap International. As a personal passion, she mentors children with limb differences and their parents.

***Skyline College*** is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 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