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**SKYLINE COLLEGE HOSTS SPRING 2014 LECTURE SERIES WITH
CORNEL WEST, PH.D. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014**

San Bruno, California – April 21, 2014: As part of the ***A Call To Consciousness Lecture Series*** this spring semester, Skyline College welcomes Cornel West, Ph.D., prominent and provocative democratic intellectual on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 in the Theater at 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066. Tickets to see the lecture were free and as a result sold out quickly. The college will be live streaming the lecture from its U-Stream Channel online at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/skyline-lecture-series>.

“We are beyond thrilled to have the opportunity to host such a prominent scholar as Dr. West at the Skyline College campus. The goal of the lecture series is to challenge the status quo and inspire intellectualism and dialogue. This lecture provides students, faculty, staff and the community of San Bruno access to a world renowned scholar, right in their backyard,” said, Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D., President, Skyline College.

The ***A Call to Consciousness Lecture Series*** launched in August 2012 with an all faculty and staff opening day keynote speech from Pedro A. Noguera, Urban Sociologist and Educational Reform Scholar followed by guest lectures from George Lakoff, cognitive and neural linguist and political researcher and Natasha Tretheway, U.S. Poet Laureat among others.

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.

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Cornel West is a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual. He is the Class of 1943 University Professor at Princeton University. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton. He has taught at Union Theological Seminary, Yale, Harvard and the University of Paris. He has written 19 books and edited 13 books. He is best known for his classic Race Matters, Democracy Matters, and his new memoir, Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. He appears frequently on the Bill Maher Show, Colbert Report, CNN and C-Span as well as on his dear Brother, Tavis Smiley's PBS TV Show. He can be heard weekly with Tavis Smiley on "Smiley & West", the national public radio program distributed by Public Radio International (PRI).

He made his film debut in the Matrix – and was the commentator (with Ken Wilbur) on the official trilogy released in 2004. He also has appeared in over 25 documentaries and films including Examined Life, Call & Response, Sidewalk and Stand. Last, he has made three spoken word albums including Never Forget, collaborating with Prince, Jill Scott, Andre 3000, Talib Kweli, KRS-One and the late Gerald Levert. His recent spoken word interludes were featured on Terence Blanchard's Choices (which won the Grand Prix in France for the best Jazz Album of the year of 2009), The Cornel West Theory's Second Rome and the Raheem DeVaughn's Love & War: Masterpeace. In short, Cornel West has a passion to communicate to a vast variety of publics in order to keep alive the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. – a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice.

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