



**SKYLINE COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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**APPRECIATION**

**Anita Martinez to move to College of Marin:**

Skyline wishes to congratulate Anita Martinez, Dean of Language Arts, who has been named the new Vice President of Student Learning at the College of Marin. She will begin her new duties on January 30. A farewell reception will be held on Friday, January 27, from 12:00-1:30 in the Gallery Theatre. Skyline hopes to appoint an interim dean by early February and will then begin the search process for her permanent replacement. Skyline wishes to express its appreciation to Dean Martinez for her dedicated service to Skyline College. She will be greatly missed not only by the division, but by her administrative colleagues and by students, faculty and staff from all over the college.



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**Facilities staff watches over campus during Winter break:** Skyline's custodial, grounds, engineering and office staff completed an extensive list of projects during the short 13 work day period and also faced some major challenges. The extreme weather over the holidays caused downed trees, unusual runoff, and other water damage in various locations across the college. The facilities staff was on campus at all hours dealing with the impacts of the weather and watching out for additional problems. Skyline also experienced a wave of graffiti and the facilities staff and painter worked hard to remove it prior to the start of classes. In addition, the facilities staff cleaned carpets, waxed hallways, installed signage, set up the campus' designated smoking areas, supported the many construction projects, repaired roadways and parking lots, and much more. Skyline wishes to thank all of the facilities staff for their heroic efforts during the break.

**Student scholarship funds raised by Student Services division:** The Student Services staff held a retreat on December 5, 2005 at which they conducted an auction in order to raise funds for student scholarships. Many members of the Skyline staff contributed items to the auction, and Jennifer Hughes, Dean of Counseling, served as auctioneer. Linda Van Sciver, Coordinator of Disabled Students Programs and Services, coordinated the event and Sherri Hancock, Dean of Enrollment Services assisted with the auction. The auction raised \$1,500, which was more than in any previous year. The DSPS staff also conducted a raffle in December raising more than \$1,200 in scholarships. Skyline wishes to thank all of the Student Services staff on behalf of the students who will benefit from these scholarships.

**Student art coming soon to a fence near you:** The fencing around the new student center is soon to be enhanced by a series of panels painted by students in Skyline's art program. Thanks to Doug Henry, Swinerton Construction Manager, for the idea and for the weatherproofing on the panels, to Donna Bestock, Dean of Social Science/Creative Arts, for coordinating the project, and to Richard Inokuchi, Facilities Manager, and his staff for the installation of the panels.

**Skyline creates new student drop-off and pick-up area:** Due to the changing construction landscape and a need to comply with SamTrans bus stop requirements, Skyline has created a new drop-off/pick-up area to separate the dropping off of students from hazardous areas such as bus zones and the loading docks near Buildings 1 and 5. The drop-off/pick-up slots are now located in Lot 1 near the Gallery Theatre. A special thanks to Lori Adrian, Vice President of Student Services, and Richard Inokuchi, Facilities Manager, and his staff.

## PROGRAM NEWS

**Skyline spreads the news about Spring Semester:** Skyline's Spring Semester promotional campaign is underway and includes advertising in local papers, mailing postcards to the college's service area, calling students who have been admitted but not registered, and staffing of informational tables by Skyline's Student Ambassadors. The Ambassadors were at Serramonte and Tanforan Shopping Centers throughout the day and evening from January 21 and 23. Skyline's One-Stop Center was open on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to support the outreach efforts by the Ambassadors and approximately 70 students were seen. Skyline College also has a presence at [www.sfgate.com](http://www.sfgate.com).



**Skyline's Fresh Look Project is underway:** Skyline is taking a close look at how it communicates with its students and the world through its signage, publications such as the catalog, class schedule, flyers and posters, website, e-mail signatures and more. Recommendations are complete and have been reviewed by the Fresh Look Advisory Group. Many people participated in the project during the fall semester. The College Council appointed a Fresh Look Advisory Group with representatives from faculty, students, classified staff, administration and the community. Skyline conducted Student Focus Groups to assess the perceptions of students. Members of the President's Council were surveyed for their perception of Skyline as well. The Fresh Look Project shows that while the college delivers an excellent education, students often do not find that out until they are here. Skyline will now begin to work to bring that excellent education out into the light for everyone to see as the college

implements the recommendations from Fresh Look. The project recommendations will serve as a guide to focus the Skyline College's efforts to communicate more effectively about the college. Details on how Skyline will implement the recommendations will be forthcoming during the spring semester as the college moves from the "fresh look" to work on a "fresh image."

**Smoking on campus:** Skyline has implemented a new smoking policy effective January 17 with designated smoking areas in specific locations around the campus. Plans for the new approach to smoking have included notification of the faculty, staff, and students, a college-wide forum, and an educational campaign.



The college-wide forum slated for mid-February is designed to assess how the policy is working in terms of smokers and non-smokers living together at Skyline. The College Council and Health and Safety Committee is already beginning to hear additional ideas about the policy and its implementation and are being compiled to ensure that they get consideration.

**Financial Aid office sponsors scholarship workshop:** Skyline students attended the second annual Karl S. Pister Scholarship workshop on January 23, which was conducted by Beatrice Atkinson-Myers of the University of California at Santa Cruz. The Pister scholarships were created to encourage the transfer of accomplished students from community colleges in the UCSC region. Atkinson-Myers reviewed both the essay and interview process with students, who also received assistance in completing their scholarship applications.

## SKYLINE SHINES

**Soodi Zamani wins Math Teaching Excellence Award:** CMC3 (California Mathematics Council Community Colleges) North is the main organization for community college math instructors in Northern California, with several hundred members. Each year they give the Teaching Excellence Award to a small group of math faculty who truly stand out as excellent math instructors. Math departments from throughout Northern California nominate math faculty who have affected students in a positive way. This year they selected eight faculty for the award, including Soodi Zamani from Skyline College. Her peers wrote:

"Soodi Zamani has been a member of the Skyline mathematics department since 1993, first as a part-timer, and full-time since 1997. She has from the start been involved in the inner workings of the department and College. She was a member of our last accreditation writing team, a member of the Academic Senate Educational Policy Committee and more recently has been instrumental in kicking off Skyline's Student Learning Outcome Assessment Cycle (SLOAC) efforts. She has been a strong advocate for students in developmental math. She has strived to create materials and a classroom environment that reach out to those often difficult

to reach students. She has been instrumental in our department effort to modify courses in arithmetic and pre-algebra including: contact hours and units, tutoring and lab components and creating hands-on activity based materials.”

Skyline wishes to congratulate Soodi on this award.

**Skyline faculty member’s China journal published at sfgate.com:** Shann Chu teaches in Skyline’s Computer Applications and Office Technology (CAOT) program. He is the offensive coordinator for Lowell High School’s football team, and he kept a daily diary while teaching football clinics in China last month. The first installment, entitled “Christmas in China? More like the Twilight Zone,” can be found at this address: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/01/10/SPCHU.DTL> The article is the first of several installments, to run every Tuesday this month. Future topics include: Angry people, football in China, eating snake, personal space and privacy, Guanghou University town and falling for Chinese culture.

**Graduating sophomore baseball players continue their education and playing careers:** Skyline baseball coach Dino Nomicos announced that eleven of last season’s thirteen eligible sophomore baseball players accepted scholarships to play at four-year institutions. Coast Conference North MVP Dan Hernandez headed to Division I Lamar University in Beaumont, TX. Two other Trojans have transferred to Division I schools: All-American catcher Chris Dubon has transferred to Sacramento State University and shortstop Steve Dorst has transferred to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. Three Trojans have stayed locally and play at the Division II level, including California’s 2005 Silver Slugger Award winner Eric Mull, who along with reliever Jay Schelstrate, have transferred to San Francisco State University, while catcher Patrick Desmond will head down the coast to Cal State Monterey Bay. Players Chris Galarza and Matt Madigan have transferred to Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN and infielders Jeff Roy, Andy Worthington, and Robert Hitchens will again be teammates at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne. Congratulations to all of the Trojan Baseball players.

**Skyline baseball players named to 2006 Pre-Season All American team:** Skyline Trojan pitcher Alvaro Orozco and outfielder Justin Granato have made the 2006 Pre-Season All American team. Criteria for nomination to the Pre-Season All American team are based on previous year statistics and accomplishments. In his first year, Orozco was voted Freshman Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year. Granato’s nomination was based on his statistics as a freshman player last year. Candidates for the Pre-Season All American team are nominated by coaches within the conference and final selection is made by the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association. Congratulations to Alvaro Orozco and Justin Granato.



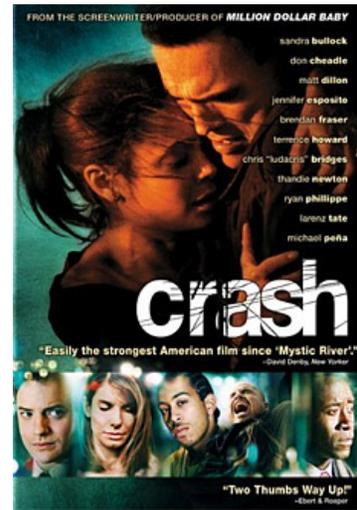
*Trojan pitcher Alvaro Orozco*



*Trojan outfielder Justin Granato*

## EVENTS

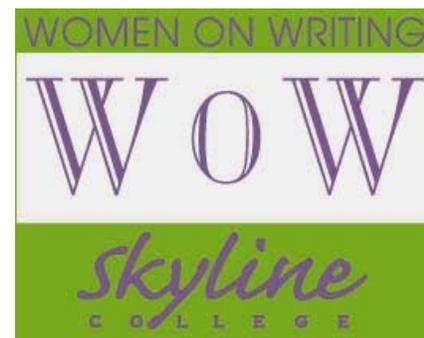
**Film and Forum addressing racial stereotyping and conflict, January 25 and February 1, 2006:** The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) and the Black Student Union (BSU) will show *Crash*, an uncompromising look at the effects of racism on behavior and interpersonal interactions, on January 25, in Room 2306 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. One week later, on February 1, the group will hold an open symposium and panel discussion entitled, “Speak Out on Racism,” in Skyline’s Gallery Theatre at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The ASSC and BSU are sponsoring both events in coordination with Speech Instructor Phyllis Taylor, Multimedia Specialist Salah Webb, CTL Instructional Aid Anyta Archer, and ASSC President Taylor Angel.



**Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Alumni Film Festival, February 6 and 9, 2006:** Two films produced by local filmmakers will be shown at the annual MOT Alumni Film Festival entitled “Reconcilable Differences.” Heidi Schmidt Emberling’s *Tangled Roots* focuses on issues of heritage and identity. Emberling is the daughter of an American Jewish mother and a German father, who discovers that her grandfather was a Nazi. The film will be shown on February 6 at 12 noon in the Skyline’s Main Theatre. *Mixed Feelings* by Berkeley filmmaker Mikko Jokela will be shown on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre. The film is a personal look at growing up in America from the perspective of mixed race Asian Americans. Attendees will also have an opportunity to meet Jokela. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. The MOT film festival is a funded project of the President’s Innovation Fund.



**WOW! Women on Writing Conference, March 4, 2006:** The fourth annual conference celebrating International Women’s Day will be held at Skyline College on Saturday, March 4, 2006. This full-day conference includes writing workshops and presentations by renowned and award-winning women authors, poets, journalists, editors, educators, and others. The keynote speaker is Janice Mirikitani, Executive Director of Glide Foundation and San Francisco Poet Laureate 2000. Book Talk panelists include authors Rose Castillo Guilbault (*Farmworker’s Daughter*), Beth Lisick (*Everybody Into the Pool*), and Ruthanne Lum McCunn (*Thousand Pieces of Gold*). Morning and afternoon workshops will take place



and attendees will have the opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the authors. The “early bird” conference registration fee is \$60 and after January 28 the fee will be \$80 per person. The student fee is \$24 and students who attend can also earn college credit with English/Literature 166. WOW! is presented by Skyline College’s Language Arts division, Social Sciences/Creative Arts division, and the Associated Students of Skyline College.

**Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science**

**(EYH), March 18, 2006:** Skyline College presents the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science, a conference for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade young women to learn about career opportunities in math and science. Each girl will be able to attend three hands-on workshops during the all-day conference, as well as meet women who use science and math in their careers as well as

women in non-traditional careers. More than 15,000 young women have attended EYH since its inception in 1980. Expanding Your Horizons is sponsored by the Genentech Foundation for Biomedical Sciences.

