



President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

Fall Student Art Show

Throughout the month of November, Skyline's students' ceramics, sculpture and photography were on display in the Skyline Gallery. In the photo below (left) are Virginia Rosales, Photography Club President and district student trustee and Xiomara Quevedo, who received *Recognition of Artistic Merit* for "Teapot: Into The Deep." The second photo (right) is a scene from the November 19 reception for the artists, sponsored by the Photography Club.



Photos by Leo Rosales

Seminars at Skyline

This year, Phi Theta Kappa and the National Collegiate Honors Council selected as Honors Study Topic "The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges and Consequences." Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter assembled an exciting array of seminars offered by Skyline faculty during the month of November in recognition of Paradox of Affluence week. The speakers and topics were:

- Dr. Masao Suzuki, *Affluence: Myth or Reality*
- Dr. Nick Kapp, *Stem Cells & The Possibilities*
- Dr. Tony Jackson, *The American Psyche, American Wealth and the Case for Reparations: an Afrocentric Perspective*
- Dr. Johannes Masare, *The Human Condition*

Skyline students win national award

MESA students Constance-Joi Calonge and Carmina Harris undertook a research project with Chris Case in Biology 230 during the spring 2007. Joi and Carmina continued their project during the summer in Biology 690. On November 6, Joi presented the research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, in Orlando, Florida. Their research won the microbiology award.



Photo by Chris Case

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Composer Marcus Shelby meets with students as he prepares his Martin Luther King Jr. Day composition

On November 20, famed jazz musician Marcus Shelby honored ASTEP students by conducting a workshop on the history of music and the effects of this music throughout African American culture. Students were thrilled as Mr. Shelby played various musical selections on his bass. Marcus Shelby also held a brief discussion with several ASTEP students regarding Dr. Martin Luther King. Marcus hopes to work with ASTEP students in the future as he prepares to create a composition based on the results of Dr. King's work in the lives of modern day students. This year's 10th Annual San Mateo County Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be acknowledged with a special event on Sunday afternoon, January 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City. This event will feature the première performance of a jazz composition on the themes of Dr. King, composed by Marcus Shelby and performed by the full Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra. Shelby is a renowned Bay Area musician, composer, orchestra leader and educator. As part of the composing process, Shelby met with Skyline's ASTEP students about



Photo by Shelly Hausman

Dr. King and the meaning of his message today. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Freedom Train will begin with a pre-program at 9:00 am at the Downtown San Mateo CalTrain Station. This is the Freedom Train's only San Mateo County stop from San Jose to San Francisco, arriving at approximately 10:30 a.m. Peninsula participants will join 1,500 Freedom Train riders to the San Francisco MLK, Jr. Day events. Special Freedom Train tickets are sold only at the MLK, Jr. Day Celebration. **Regular CalTrain tickets are not valid.** Freedom Train tickets are good on any return train that day. There is no cost for the Sunday Event or the Monday morning Celebration. For the MLK, Jr. Day Hotline, call (650) 377-8708 or email info@mlksmc.com.

“Greenify Skyline” event spreads information about green practices

On November 19, students from Phi Theta Kappa, the Honors Club, the Environmental Club and the Honors Transfer Program handed out reusable shopping bags, T-shirts and energy saving light bulbs in addition to literature aimed at raising environmental awareness. Sponsors were Trader Joe’s, Starbucks Coffee and Lunardi’s Markets.



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Skyline MESA students network with industry leaders

Students from Skyline College’s MESA Program attended the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers SHPE National Conference in Phoenix, AZ. SHPE Conference is the major event for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Inc. and the largest technical and career conference for Hispanics in the country. Each year, the SHPE Conference attracts nearly 5,000 engineering professionals, students and corporate representatives. The conference is an opportunity for engineering companies and corporations to recruit top talent from SHPE membership.

It also provides educational, technical and career opportunities for professional and student engineers. At the conference, three Skyline students were awarded scholarships based on their level of SHPE involvement and Academic Merit. Skyline’s SHPE Chapter was founded in 2002 by MESA Director Tiffany Reardon. Today alumni from MESA who were active in the SHPE Chapter are now SHPE Professionals at such industries as Shell, Pacific Gas & Electric and Boeing. The students pictured are, in the back row: James Chan, Jack Torres, Rystian Cabellon, Luis Bill, Omar Abi-Chahine, and Tyler McLaurin. In the front row, are Marcus Wong, Kelnia Moloney, Margarita Gutierrez, Director Tiffany Reardon, Gebby Rodezno, and Leo Szeto.



Photo by Skyline alumnus Alvaro Martinez

Great American Smokeout event draws a crowd

Lung assessments and blood pressure readings were conducted by Skyline’s Respiratory Therapy students on November 20. The event was sponsored by the Skyline College Health Center. There were also 15-minute stop smoking interventions done by Breathe California and information and brochures on smoking and smoking cessation were available.



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Sheriffs donate to Hermanos

Skyline College accepted a \$5,000 donation to the Hermanos Club from Greg Munks, Sheriff of San Mateo County, on November 19. South San Francisco Chief of Police Mark Raffaelli, a strong advocate and supporter of the Hermanos program, has secured a \$5,000 donation to the Skyline College Hermanos Club from the San Mateo County Sheriffs Youth Foundation. The San Mateo County Sheriffs Youth Foundation is a non-profit foundation supported by the Sheriff's Office, privately funded and managed by the Silicon Valley

Community Foundation. Presenting the check were Mark Raffaelli and Greg Munk. President Vicki Morrow accepted the check along with student and staff representatives of the Hermanos Club. Hermanos, which translates to "brothers" in English, is a program that helps Latino male students realize their potential, explore the possibility of higher education and succeed academically and in life. Hermanos mentors struggling Latino students at local high schools. The Hermanos Club is a companion organization on Skyline's campus that supports Skyline students who were in Hermanos as high school students. Pictured above is the Skyline group accepting the donation. Also pictured are Hermanos representatives Pablo Gonzalez (6th from right), Felix Perez (3rd from right), Adolfo Leiva (2nd from right) and Daniel Tostado (3rd from left) and Hermanos/as Geovanna Ferrara, Jorge Munillo, Noemi Perdomo, Enrique Hernandez, Tony Jara, Jose Zaragoza, Sthiv Valencia, Luis Osorio, and Juan Pablo Gonzalez.



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Skyline's EOPS program presents three sessions at 38th annual EOPS conference

Staff from the EOPS program presented three sessions at the 38th annual EOPS conference entitled "EOPS: Legacy of Tradition, Transitions, and Transformation – T³" on October 28-30. The sessions presented were entitled, "*The Faces of Transformation*," presented by Pablo Gonzalez, EOPS Program Services Coordinator; "*Do you speak EOPS? Habla FAFSA? Communication between EOPS and Financial Aid*," moderated by Maria Escobar, EOPS and Financial Aid Director, and on which Regina Morrison, Program Supervisor for Financial Aid served as a panelist; and "*EOPS Scholarships thru Song and Dance*" presented by Jeff Acidera, EOPS counselor/coordinator, and Javier Urena, CalWORKs counselor, where they shared the results of the successful first EOPS international spring festival that was funded through the President's Innovation Fund. This session also included EOPS students Jonathan and David Mailangi and Lesbia Duarte as panelists, shown in the photo, below right.



Photos by Pablo Gonzalez

Historically Black College Fair

The annual Historically Black College Fair took place at the City College of San Francisco. Skyline College's African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP) students gleaned admissions recommendations from university representatives from prestigious institutions such as Howard University, Texas Southern University, and Wilberforce University (all of which former ASTEP students are currently attending). During the lunch period of the college fair, Murrell Green (ASTEP coordinator) served as the keynote speaker of the afternoon, informing out-of-town guests about the ASTEP program and other learning communities that assist students with community college matriculation.



Skyline students shine at PTK Induction

With friends and family in attendance, 80 Skyline students and 41 Cañada students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for the fall 2008 semester. On November 7, Beta Theta Omicron hosted the Induction Ceremony for new members. It is the tradition of these two chapters that Beta Theta Omicron hosts the fall induction and Cañada's Beta Zeta Nu hosts the spring induction. Tyler Hammer, Executive Director of Sustainable San Mateo County, gave the keynote address and commended the members on their academic achievement and their commitment to Operation Green. Professor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, Paul Spakowski, called each inductee to the stage to sign the roster. Christopher Hagerman, Nevada/California Regional Vice President, swore in the 2008-09 officers for each chapter. Beta Theta Omicron officers are pictured in the top left.



Photos by Chris Case

Educators celebrate Career and Technical Education in San Mateo County

San Mateo County Regional Occupational Program (ROP) and the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Collaborative recently hosted a county wide breakfast to “*Celebrate Career Technical Education.*” The event, held at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport on November 21, served over 90 high school, ROP, and community college faculty and staff. The event staged an opportunity for CTE providers to learn from each other and promote the many CTE programs available to students throughout our county. Vicki Morrow delivered the keynote address.

Community College Tech Prep Coordinators Patricia Brannock from CSM, Carolyn Jung from Cañada, and Christine Roumbanis from Skyline, delivered a presentation on the opportunities created for students through articulation agreements. Apprenticeship programs, selected CTE career pathways, and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board were featured as well.

This event was funded in part by the Chancellor’s Office, California Community Colleges, through a grant called the SMCCCD CTE Collaborative. The grant is managed at Skyline through the Center for Workforce Development. In the photo above, Vicki Morrow and Christine Roumbanis are getting ready for their presentations.



Photo by Marie Morgan (ROP)

Honors Transfer Program students visit the DeYoung

Honors Transfer Program (HTP) student Melba Madrigal reports, “A sunny day, smiling faces, and a desire to learn set the mood for the field trip attended by members of the HTP Learning Community consisting of English 100 and Social Psychology. The students gathered together on Saturday, November 22, at the DeYoung Museum to take in the modern art by renowned Asian American artists such as Maya Lin and Chiura Obata. The students enjoyed a VIP tour of the museum, reuniting together for lunch with Professors Jennifer Merrill and Karen Wong. It was an experience equally educational and personal where students learned and shared much about art and each other.” HTP student Genevieve Tiangco, adds, “WE all had such a GREAT time, especially ME. It was a great way to bond and form relationships with the other students. It definitely brought me back into the art world. The experience I had with all of you opened up many doors for me in such a positive way. I had forgotten how profoundly art spoke to me before; I had forgotten how liberating it feels to express oneself to the fullest extent. I am grateful because on this day -- it really did speak to me.”



East meets West at Skyline

On December 3, MECCA, WIT Club, Honors Club, the United Nations Club and the Associated Students of Skyline College sponsored East meets West, a program of cultural exchange between the United States and the Middle East. The program featured student and faculty speakers who recently



Photo by Leo Rosales

traveled to the United Nations in New York, along with Middle Eastern food and entertainment. Music was provided by Eliyahu and The Qadim Ensemble and there was also a belly dancing performance by Mallory Nomura-Saul, Tiana Nomura-Saul, Hilde Cannoodt, and Leigh Anne Sippel. Approximately 70 people attended the fun and interesting event. In the photo at left are Katharine Harer, Honors Transfer Program Coordinator; Brenda Smith, Former UN Club President; Mohsen Imadi of the Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN; and Virginia Rosales, WIT, HTP and UN Club member. Leo Rosales, HTP and UN Club member, took the photo when they all visited New York in July 2008.



Photos by Virginia Rosales



OUTREACH

Skyline College Tech Prep Career Pathways event draws a crowd of 160 students

Skyline's Tech Prep Career Pathways Event sponsored by the College's Tech Prep program on November 19 was an outstanding success. Skyline welcomed 160 students from the local high schools – El Camino, South San Francisco, Westmoor, Terra Nova, Jefferson and San Mateo. Students attended a general meeting and received an overview of the various career pathways offered by Skyline College. Sandra Rodrigues, Counselor and Puente Coordinator, provided information about the matriculation process to the students. Students split up into groups and attended focus group meetings highlighting some of Skyline's programs: Accounting – hosted by Marv Steinberg; Early Childhood Education – hosted by Kathryn Browne; Automotive Technology – hosted by Julia Johnson; Computer Applications & Office Technology – hosted by Sita Motipara and Christine Roumbanis; and Medical Assisting and Medical Billing and Coding – hosted by Bernadette Newland. After the individualized tours and focus group workshops, all participants were treated to pizza.

BIOBus tour brings local high school students to Skyline

Skyline College and San Mateo High School sponsored a BIOBus Tour of South San Francisco's Biotechnology Industry on November 19. Fourteen San Mateo High School students, along with their teachers Jimmy Ikeda and Ellyn Daugherty, toured what is arguably the largest concentration of Biotechnology companies in the world. The tour included a stop at Genentech where students were greeted by Genentech's Paige Lloyd. The tour ended at Skyline College where Skyline faculty Dr. Nick Kapp, Dr. Melissa Michelitsch, and Pat Carter led experiments to provide the students with experiential learning in biotechnology. Skyline's Kenny Gonzalez met the students and provided an orientation on attending Skyline. Coordinated by Skyline's Adolfo Leiva, the activity is part of a grant managed by Skyline's Center for Workforce Development and funded by the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, to enhance Career and Technical Education connections between high schools, regional occupation programs and colleges.



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

Skyline High School Day for Workability students draws 80

On Tuesday, December 2, Skyline College hosted a High School Day specifically for the Workability Programs of both the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD) and South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD). Workability III programs, in collaboration with Skyline College's DSPS program, provide transitional job training services to students with disabilities. More than 80 students attended the all-day experience that included visiting college classes and exchanging questions with a diverse student panel. The high school students greatly appreciated hearing about the student panel's college experiences and perspectives and found their interaction with the Skyline College student panel "inspirational." The visiting students also participated in a series of comprehensive campus tours that emphasized special programs, such as the Automotive Program, Cosmetology Program, and the Child Development Center. Judy Lariviere, Assistive Technology instructor, provided an Assistive Technology presentation and Professor Linda Van Sciver, DSPS Coordinator, provided an overview of the application and registration process. The day concluded with lunch and Skyline giveaways. Many thanks to all of the student panelists and volunteers. This event would not have been possible without the collaboration of Linda Van Sciver, Judy Lariviere, Beth Beiers, Chris Weidman, and the rest of the DSPS/Workability III faculty and staff. A very big thank you to the Outreach Team: Nate Nevado, Kenny Gonzalez, Daniel Tostado and Jocelyn Vila; and the outstanding support of Kristen Abel, Vivian Paw, and Marisa Mariano, for coordinating this successful event. The event was funded by the President's Innovation Fund.

High School Day brings over 100 students to Skyline

On November 6, Skyline College hosted the first San Mateo Unified High School District (SMUHSD) High School Day. More than 100 high school students who came primarily from Burlingame and Capuchino High Schools participated in the event. The students were treated to an all-day college experience that consisted of attending college classes, a diverse student panel, and a comprehensive campus tour that highlighted Skyline College programs and services. The day concluded with lunch, Skyline giveaways, and a surprise Polynesian Club performance. The high school students greatly appreciated the student panel and their perspectives on college life. The diverse student panel was comprised of students from clubs and programs such as ASTEP/BSU, Puente/LASO, Kababayan, Hermanos, Automotive, Gay Straight Alliance, MESA, TRIO, EOPS, DSPS, and the Polynesian Club. Daniel Tostado, Kenny Gonzalez, Marisa Mariano, Carlos Romero, Rommel Conclara, and Stephanie Nale helped with the event. A very big thank you goes to Nate Nevado and Jocelyn Vila with the gracious help of Kristen Abel and Vivian Paw for coordinating this successful event and to all those who took their time to show these high school students that Skyline College definitely shines!

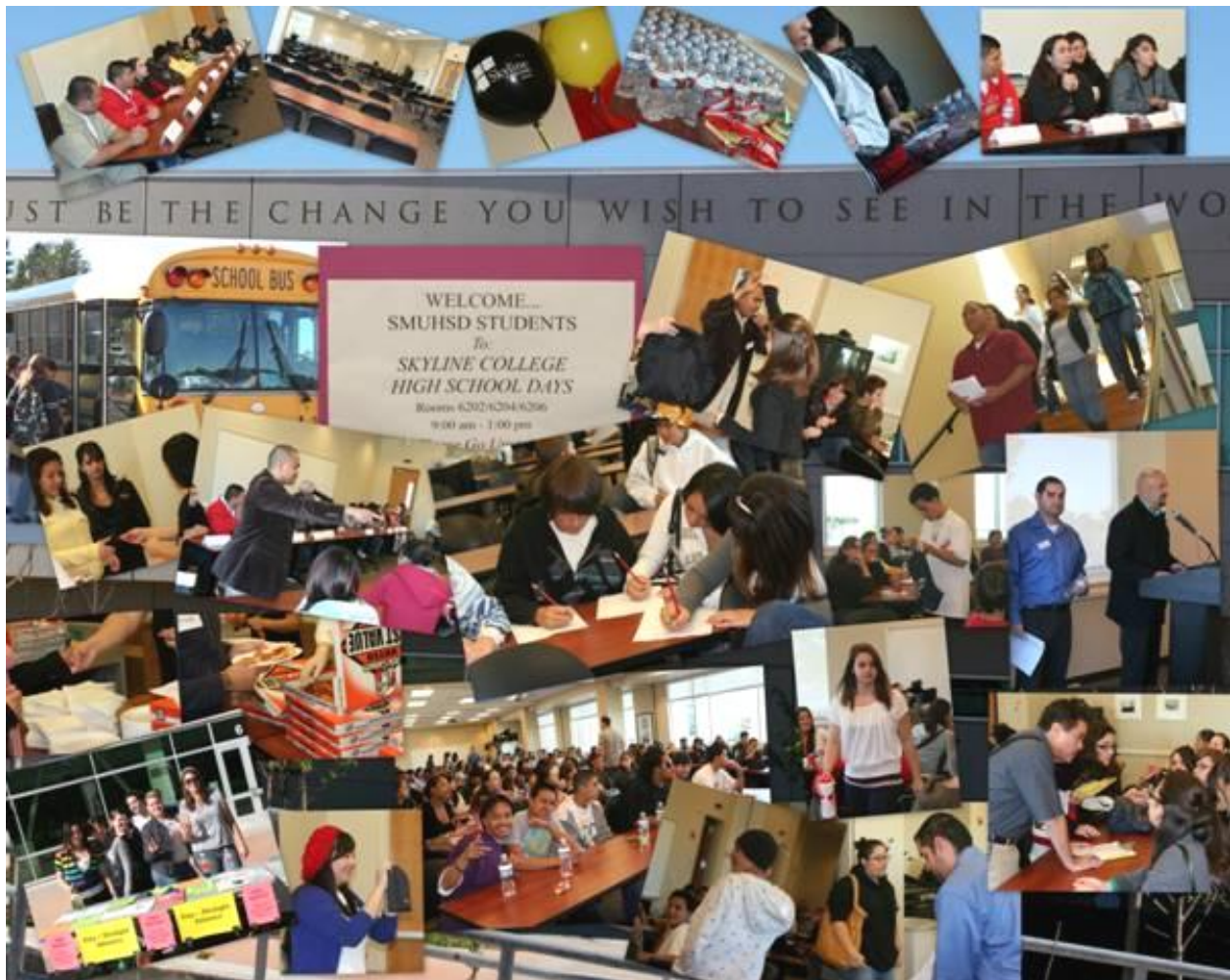


Photo collage by Vivian Paw

BUDGET UPDATE

Budget group meets weekly to discuss budget strategies

Skyline's College Budget Committee (CBC) has been meeting on a weekly basis and at its most recent meeting, the group considered budget suggestions which have been submitted to the college through its Budget eSuggestion box. The CBC took action on expense reduction strategies for the current year which will be implemented immediately. These approaches will allow the college to weather up to a 5% reduction in state revenue. If the current year cut goes deeper, more drastic measures would be required. Finally, the group examined an initial revenue projection for next year's budget which reflects the college's excellent growth and a resulting mitigation of the cuts the college will have to take. Nonetheless, there will still be serious expense reductions required for the 2009-10 year. The retirement incentives being considered by the Board could help and the CBC will also be considering other service reductions later this month.



RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Transfer Study highlighting Skyline is published

The state's Research and Planning Group/Center for Student Success for the community colleges has released a study entitled "A Qualitative Study of Two-to-Four-Year Transfer Practices in California Community Colleges." The study provides an analysis of seven case studies, one of them focused on Skyline, for colleges with consistently higher than expected transfer rates. Each case study is based on a site visit conducted in spring 2008 by Center for Student Success researchers to document and investigate the full spectrum of factors, inventions, strategies and practices that each college is implementing to support transfer. The full Skyline report is available at http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/student_learning_outcomes/student_outcomes.htm, as is a cross-case analysis of all seven colleges. This is a significant recognition for the college.

Voting December 5-17 on proposed inscriptions for new Building 4

The college is ready for voting by faculty, staff and students and the community concerning proposed inscriptions for the new Building 4. Construction on the new building will begin in the winter of 2009, with completion about two years later. The building will house the college's new Multicultural Center, the Cosmetology program, the administrative offices and many new classrooms. The inscriptions being considered are drawn from a list of dozens of proposals submitted this fall and then culled by the College Council to the eight below. They are listed alphabetically by author.

1. Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. - *John Dewey*
2. It isn't where you came from, it's where you're going that counts. - *Ella Fitzgerald*
3. To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act. - *Anatole France*
4. Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. - *John F. Kennedy*
5. Chance favors the prepared mind. - *Louis Pasteur*
6. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. - *Eleanor Roosevelt*
7. The wisest mind has something yet to learn. - *George Santayana*
8. Wisdom outweighs any wealth. - *Sophocles*

Rob Johnstone, the Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, has created an electronic voting process. He is emailing passwords to all Skyline students and employees and to the community members on President's Council and President's Council Advisory Board. The voting will be open through Wednesday, December 17. A recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in January.

EVENTS

Annual Ceramics Sale, December 9-11, 2008

Students in Skyline's Ceramics classes will be holding their annual Ceramics Sale on December 9-11 in the Gallery from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.



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Skyline College Art Sale
December 9th-11th 8:30am-9:30pm

Gallery Theater Building 1 Lower Level
Come and find unique handmade pottery
All work is produced by the Skyline Ceramic Art Students
Refreshments served.

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