

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

Kababayan's 5th Anniversary celebration brought original and current students together

The Kababayan Program celebrated its 5th Anniversary on February 28. Students from the original 2003-04 class were there, along with former Skyline people such as Anita Martinez and Susan Andrien who wanted to share in the celebration. The photo at left is of the very first core group of students, the 2003-2004 class: (L to R) Victor Eco, Alyssa Jane Titong, Joanne Boston, Nikki Santiago and Paul Victoria.

In the front are former advisor Romeo Garcia and current coordinator, Liza Erpelo. The photo at right is of this year's Pilipino Cultural Night group: Front row (L to R): Marj Anicete, Denyce Abrigo, Jazzie De La Cruz, Stella Manubag, Jes Aquino, and Trish Morales. Middle row: Melanie Espinueva, Liza Erpelo, Briane Nuval, Lloyd Bautista, Rob Fernandez, Nate Nevado, and Marisa Mariano. Back row: Ken Lauguico, Jonathan Tioseco, Allan Gargaritano, and Allan Tiña.



Skyline Student wins national recognition

Maher Dabit has been selected as a 2009 Coca-Cola National Finalist. Selection as a Coca-Cola Finalist was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. As a finalist, Mr. Dabit will receive an award of \$1,000.



Maher Dabit. (Photo by Caroline Ocampo)

A beautiful mural is going up outside the Gallery Theater

Those who enter the college through Building 1, can't miss it, and for those who enter elsewhere, it would be worth a trip over to the Gallery Theater to see the mural being painted. The mural is part of a President's Innovation Fund project developed by Paul Bridenbaugh, Skyline's Gallery Theater Coordinator, to visually enhance the Gallery Theatre entrance, signage and website. The aim of the project is to increase the role of the Gallery Theatre on campus and in the community as a cultural center and arts venue. The mural depicts fabric panels from the parts of the world from which our students come, based on data provided to Paul by Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness. From left to right, here is where the fabric panels come from: Japan, China, USA-Europe (New York, c. 1850 quilt), Indonesia (Bali), Africa (Nigeria), Middle East/Islamic (Turkey), Philippines (Southern, Mindanao), Mexico (Puebla), and Peru (South America c. 1600). Thanks to Paul for creating and proposing the project, and working with students to execute it. The project is already attracting other students as they see the work going up. Here is what they are painting:



Skyline student shines in science

Skyline student Jonathan Tolentino presented his original research at the spring meeting of the American Society for Microbiology-Northern California Branch, on March 14. Jonathan did his research with Chris Case in Biology 690. Jonathan and his lab partner, Claudia Briones, designed and implemented their experiments to investigate “Antibacterial activity of herbal extracts used in Native American traditional medicine.” The judges, from industry and government agencies, described their experiments as “elegant” and awarded Jonathan first place.



7th annual *WOW! Women on Writing Conference* draws a crowd

WOW! is so successful because of a dedicated group of volunteers working year long to give *WOW!* conference attendees (about 325 this year) an enriched and inspiring experience. Skyline wishes to express special thanks to the Steering Committee: Georgia Gero, Marijane Datson, Connie Beringer, Katharine Harer, Kathleen Feinblum, Donna Bestock and Sandy Irber. Also integral to *WOW!* are Kathy Fitzpatrick, Amy Leonard, Laura Baughman, Virginia Rosales, Felix Perez, Kathleen McClung, Lucia Lachymar, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Liza Erpelo, Linda Vogel, Karen Wong, Betty Lindgren-Young, Shelly Hausman, Caroline Ocampo, Rakefet Avramovitz, Kamla Bucceri, Alan Ceccarelli, Mike Celeste, Manuel Granillo, Melinda Herda, Richard Inokuchi, Barbara Lamson, Seini Mateialona, Jose Perez, Annie Trinh, Joyce Young, Amory Cariadus, the community volunteers, the *WOW!* Ambassadors, and especially the registration crew: Priscilla Schwartz, Karen Ho, and Kathie Semenza, and Valerie Malliett, volunteer Program Assistant. The *WOW!* student volunteer corps came from the general student body as well as from the Gay Straight Alliance, the Runners Club, the Photography Club, Honors Transfer Program, Kababayan, Puente, Talisman Literary Magazine and the Women in Transition Club. There were some highlights to the event: Carla Castillo, a Skyline student who competed last year in the Poetry Slam, came back this year to compete fiercely and win the slam. Students were engaged, articulate, active in their volunteer roles, and as conference attendees. Although the conference audience is predominantly from the Bay Area community, students had the opportunity to connect with the written word in ways beyond what they generally do in the classroom. Skyline's students came to life in the conference environment and their creative juices were stirred--they were motivated, inspired, and they delivered! In the photos below, Julia Whitty, author of *The Fragile Edge*, is giving the keynote address, students and Professor Lucia Lachmayr enjoy the Poetry Slam, and the many great volunteers smile for the camera.



Photo above and at right by Scott Fong.



Photo by Vinnie Samujh.

Skyline students win California/Nevada recognition

Ashley Good won the Phi Theta Kappa Nevada/California Regional Literary Award for her essay on the Paradox of Affluence. Theresa Kannengeiser was second runner-up for the Literary Award for her essay on the Paradox of Affluence. Khalil Dabeet was runner-up for the Phi Theta Kappa Nevada/California Regional Scholar. Kelnia Moloney, Beta Theta Omicron chapter historian, won the Phi Theta Kappa Nevada/California Regional Yearbook Award for her chronicling of the chapter's 2008 projects. Here are Ashley, Khalil and Kelnia.



OUTREACH

Home schooled students visit Skyline's Library

On March 2, the Skyline College Library hosted a research skills workshop for approximately 20 members of Bay Area Gifted Home Schoolers, including children and their parents. Amy Titus, Reference Librarian, introduced the group to the basics of college library research. Most of the young people in the group are planning on attending SMCCCD colleges through the concurrent enrollment plan.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Student scholarship application numbers are rising

This year, the Financial Aid office received more than 155 Skyline College institutional scholarship applications, more than in any previous year. The Scholarship Committee will be reading the applications and will meet to select the recipients in early April. Selected students will be notified by Monday, April 6, and will be asked to participate in the Student Recognition Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 7 from 4 to 6 pm in the Skyline Main Theatre, where they will meet their donors as well as receive recognition for their outstanding academic achievement. Thanks to those serving on the committee: Rakefet Avramovitz, Rosemary Bell, Alma Cervantes, Kevin Corsiglia, Katharine Harer, Melissa Komadina, Cindy Moss, and Linda Van Sciver.

Flex Day Rocks

Skyline's March 11 Flex Day was well-attended and marked by numerous excellent professional development workshops. Thanks to the PEDAC (Professional Enrichment and Development Advisory Committee) for arranging workshops of general interest: Phyllis Taylor (chair), Donna Bestock, Laurie Biagi, Nina Floro, Linda Herda, Nick Kapp, and Theresa Tentles. And thanks to the SLOAC Steering Committee for arranging the SLOAC Assessment workshops. Here are a few glimpses of the day: breakfast around the fireplace, Pablo Gonzalez delivering a workshop on leadership, the opening SLOAC workshop, the Music faculty working on SLOs, Tom Broxholm on use of the clicker technology and Jenn Merrill on improving sleep.



Photos above and at right by Phyllis Taylor.



Photos at left and above by Arthur Takayama.

Skyline's SLOAC Steering Committee made themselves easily identifiable at Flex Day as resource people. They wore T-shirts bearing a fine SLOAC logo designed by student Carla Castillo.



PLANNING

Update on Skyline's construction plans

The latest edition of President Morrow's periodic construction updates has been posted on Skyline's web site. This version of the briefing is updated since the October 2008 edition. The title has been changed to include projects outside of the Design Build project scope and to reflect recent changes in the fiscal resources available to the district. It is entitled *Skyline College Capital Improvement Project Briefing* and it is located with the prior editions at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/>.

Here is a synopsis: A number of challenges are confronting the college this spring related to funding available for our projects:

- The state's decision to delay the facilities bond initiative originally slated for the November 2008 ballot and to start over with the ranking of projects means that the district lost approval for funding, and the funding source, for some projects that had been planned. At Skyline this affected our plans for Building 2 (third floor) and for Building 1 (the Theater renovation).
- The general fiscal crisis which led to the Lehman Brothers collapse affected the district because about \$21 million of the bond money was invested (as required by law) in the county treasury, and it, in turn, was invested in Lehman Brothers.
- There are always unforeseen challenges which arise in the course of construction (such as structural issues, soil and water management issues), and some of those have affected the resources available too.

As a result, the college must establish sequencing priorities among the many important projects on the table, as well as continue to seek state resources for projects that match their funding criteria. That work is underway. The projects for which Skyline needs funding and for which there are extremely limited resources are these:

- Building 1 Theater renovation
- Building 1 renovation of floors 1, 2 and 3
- Building 2 floor 3 modernization: expansion of Student Services One Stop and other services (state funding was requested but the request was not successful)
- Building 5 renovation
- Loma Chica renovation to accommodate the Child Development Center
- Demolition of Pacific Heights (once we have finished using it for swing space) to allow for more parking space

The college is working with the budget right now to attempt to identify what should be done most urgently and what will need to wait. There are also other projects for which the college is making funding proposals to the state, including the two Building 1 projects above, the building 5 project, the Fitness Center project (which was deleted from Skyline's Design Build project), demolition of Pacific Heights (deleted from the Design Build project), and a Workforce and Economic Development Prosperity Center (much of which was in a building originally slated for the Design Build project). Meanwhile, the Building 4N and 11N projects are funded and are proceeding on schedule.

Skyline holds an emergency preparedness exercise

On February 24-25, several members of Skyline College participated in a Table Top and Functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Exercise. The scenario was a major earthquake which collapses a campus building and creates a hazmat situation in a chemistry lab. In this scenario there were a number of casualties which did facilitate full activation of the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and provided a number of tasks that were managed by the Crisis Action Team and EOC Emergency Response Team. The scenario was realistic and facilitated excellent training. Classroom instruction was completed on February 24. All Emergency Response Team members (Crisis Action Team and EOC Emergency Response Team) attended this training. This training covered Emergency Operations using the National Incident Management System (NIMS) / Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS - 2 hrs) and EOC Documentation and Procedures (2 hrs). On February 25, the group completed the 1.5 hr Table Top Exercise from 1:00 PM to 2:30 p.m. with the members of the Crisis Action Team. At 2:30 p.m. they activated the Functional EOC Exercise for all members of the Crisis Action Team, EOC Emergency Response Team and the Simulation Team. The training was a success and will be followed by further training for other members of the college. Here is a peek into what went on.



Skyline's Technology Plan adopted by the College Council

Skyline College now has a comprehensive five-year technology plan toward developing an integrated state-of-the-art information technology environment. The plan strives not only to support student success and enhance instructional and administrative technology, but to improve communication, help maintain a safe environment and enhance teaching and learning opportunities both at the college and beyond. The plan has a rich underlying philosophy of accessibility, "high tech" and "high touch" while taking great care that the technology serves, not drives the college in its Mission, Vision, Goals and Strategies. All constituent groups played active roles in creating and shaping the plan. Multiple presentations to the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Associate Students, Instructional Leadership Team, Managers Council and College Council were made, gathering and incorporating feedback to create the comprehensive plan. College and district faculty, staff, administrators and student members of the Technology Advisory Committee led this important work: Nick Kapp, Science/Math/Technology Division Faculty Co-Chair, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Vice President, Instruction Co-Chair, Tom Broxholm, Alma Cervantes, Norm Del Prado, Rich Golz, Sherri Hancock, Tom Hewitt, Margery

Meadows, Andrew Lee, Ray Parenti-Kurttila, Felix Perez, Judith Lariviere, Jim Petromilli, Leigh Anne Sippel, Mike Williamson, and Christopher Weidman. The plan will be posted on Skyline's web site.

Two Skyline students intern with Hensel Phelps on Building 4

Hensel Phelps Construction Company, the firm which is handling Skyline's Design Build Project (new Buildings 4 and 11 and extensive sitework and landscaping) has two Skyline College student interns working with them on the Building 4 project. Both are engineering students. The students are Kahlil Dabeet and Maher Dabit.

eSuggestion Box update—the results of faculty, staff and student suggestions

Skyline's faculty, staff and student have been submitting suggestions via the college's general eSuggestion Box at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html>. President Morrow reviews them consistently with her Cabinet and they determine how best to address the concerns raised. Periodically she provides a synopsis of the suggestions received and what has been done in response to them. Here are items that received during last summer and fall and the action taken:



- **Paint the buildings a warmer color:** this is being working on, beginning with new Building 4.
- **Increase evening course offerings:** the Office of Instruction is reviewing the class schedule with this in mind.
- **Provide a bike rack:** this is being worked on as part of the site improvements slated to take place over the next year.
- **Courtesy matters:** several comments either praised the courtesy of staff members or mentioned disappointment with treatment by faculty or staff, so it is a reminder on how important interactions with students, the public and each other are.
- **Create a bus system to link the three colleges:** this will be investigated.
- **Print a hard copy directory for the college:** this was done last fall and emailed to all staff. It is being updated now to reflect recent staffing changes and it will be posted on the Faculty and Staff Web site at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/fachome.html>.
- **Department office hours on the website and outgoing voice mail:** this suggestion will be discussed in the next Management Council meeting.
- **Speeding in the parking lots:** the methods for deterring speeding vehicles are the posted speed limit signs, speed bumps, and the presence of Skyline Public Safety Officers. In collaboration with the San Bruno Police Department, speed trailers are strategically located on campus for brief periods of time during peak periods. Skyline Public Safety Officers are not allowed to make traffic stops on speeding vehicles, though they can discuss speeding with offenders and if the driver is a student, make a referral for student discipline. San Bruno Police Department enforces the roadways around Skyline Boulevard and College Drive. Pacifica Police Department enforces the roadways near the Sharp Park entrance.
- **Specialized courses:** the college will not be able to help with a suggestion for the college to add coursework at the upper division (junior and senior) level due to the college's current transfer agreements and accreditation.
- **Provide more recycling containers:** Facilities staff are always looking for ways of promoting recycling efforts on campus. In October, they ordered and deployed 30 recycle containers to be placed near hallway and common area trash containers. These were in addition to those already placed in hallways. Also, they deployed 50 recycle containers in offices and office areas with the goal of making sure 100% of offices throughout campus have a recycle container readily available. New garbage and recycle "stations" are planned to be deployed throughout campus in all hallways and common areas. In May, Building 7 will be the first to see 15 of these prototype

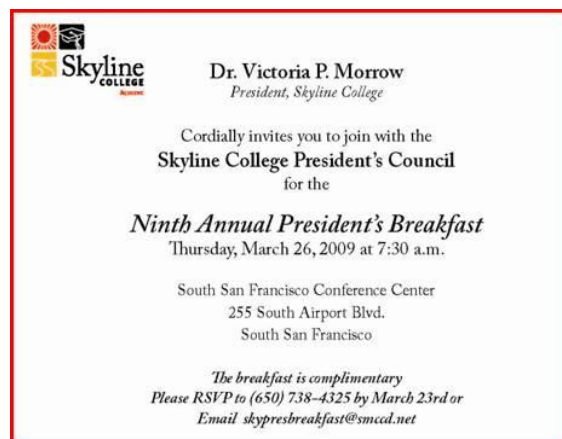
garbage and recycling “stations.” Pending funding approval, more “stations” will start to appear in all campus buildings.

- **Put trash cans next to the door in restrooms:** Facilities staff recognized this paper towel littering at restroom entrances/exits as a problem throughout campus. In October they ordered and deployed 50 trash cans specifically for restroom entrance/exit areas. They continue to monitor the situation and hope paper towels end up in the containers and not on the floor.
- **Heat and lights on a Sunday:** Skyline’s building lighting and heating systems are controlled by a computerized management system. Lighting and heating are scheduled to be “off” on Sundays. On the particular Sunday in question, Facilities crews may have been in Building 8 cleaning and waxing the floors. They coordinate and schedule the lighting and heating system to be “on” during those periods.
- **Need for a hand rail on the new ramp between Buildings 5 and 6:** This issue has been referred to Facilities and is being investigated.
- **Sprinklers on in the quad during the day:** The construction of the new Buildings 6 and 7 resulted in the destruction of all underground sprinkler lines in the main quad area. In an effort to keep the small areas of lawn thriving, it was necessary to run hoses and some spill-off onto pavement areas may have resulted. Grounds crews will not be watering the small lawn areas in the quad this Spring/Summer season because those areas will all be under construction for landscape site improvements. All irrigation for other grass areas throughout campus is controlled by timers and only occurs two times a week during the darkness hours between 3 to 5 a.m.
- **Provide hand sanitizers throughout the campus:** this idea will be explored.
- **Fundraising suggestions:** these have been referred to the Director of Development at Skyline.

EVENTS

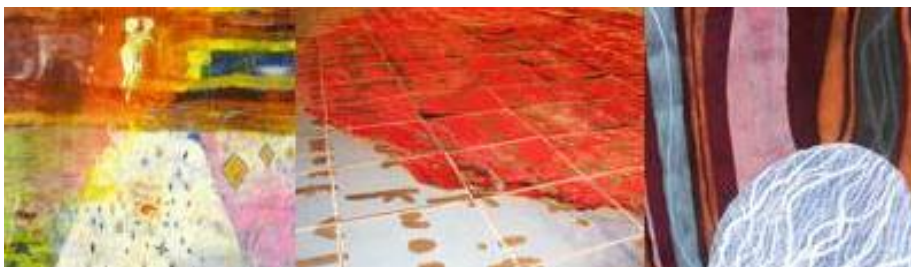
President’s Breakfast, March 26, 2009

Skyline’s annual President’s Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 am, at the South San Francisco Conference Center. This is the major fundraising event for the President’s Innovation Fund and several hundred people are expected. This year Professor Pat Deamer, whose ASTEP Math Academy is in its second year of President’s Innovation Fund support, will speak at the President’s Breakfast along with current student Alfredo Rivera, who participated in Rock the School Bells, the Multicultural Hip Hop Conference held last November. They will allow the audience to hear both faculty and student perspectives on the impact of the President’s Innovation Fund.



New exhibit in the Gallery

The exhibit is entitled *nature insideout* and features works by Ronit Arnon, Eliza Barrios and Patricia K. Kelly. It will be in Skyline’s Gallery Theater through April 3. Current gallery hours are M-F, 1-4 pm. Visit the Gallery website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery/>.



Preview Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN)'s *Brownout* via student mockumentaries

From the students who brought "The PCN" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/skylinepcn2008>) last year comes "KABA: A PCN Mockumentary" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/HiandByeProductions>).

Directed by Alex DeGuzman and produced by Ken Lauguico, both current Kababayan Program students, these 10-minute episodes are "sneak previews" and promotional materials for Skyline College's 5th Annual Pilipino Cultural Night: *Brownout!* The students write, act in, direct, and produce all of their own materials. All of these students are enrolled in English 104 AK: Applied English Skills for Cultural Production, taught by Liza Erpelo. One of the clips may be viewed: KABA : A PCN Mockumentary - Episode 1: "ABC's" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vuuGD2njOw>. This year, there will be three shows for Pilipino Cultural Night:

Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. (Sneak Preview/Student Night)

Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. (Gala Night)

Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. (Family Matinee)