



# President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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## Plans for new vice president for instruction and other positions

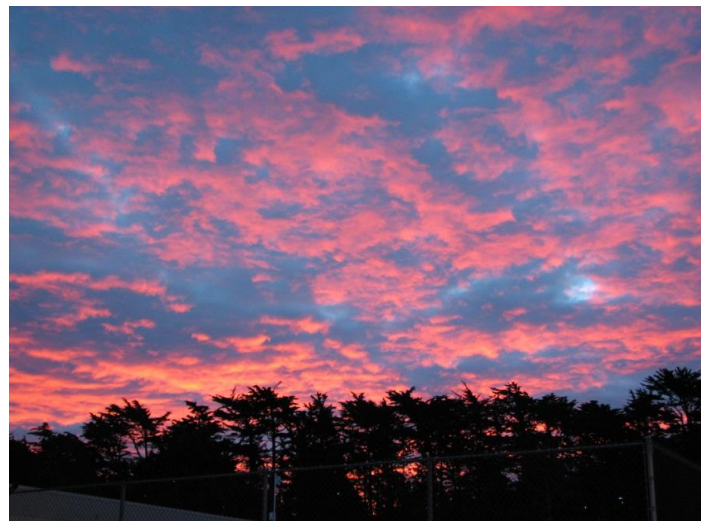
Regina Stanback Stroud, vice president for instruction and president-elect for Skyline, and President Vicki Morrow have been working together to make plans for her replacement as well as for other positions that are currently filled on an interim basis. Here are their plans, also published in a college wide email from President Morrow on December 2.

- **Vice President, Instruction:** The appointment of Regina Stanback Stroud to serve as the next President of Skyline College creates a vacancy in the Vice President of Instruction (VPI) position. President Morrow would like to work immediately with a committee to select an interim Vice President of Instruction to serve until the end of spring 2012. This one-and-a-half year appointment will allow the college a bit of stability and there will then be a full hiring process in spring 2012. The selection of the interim VPI will be made with the input of a committee comprised of faculty, staff and administrators. Because the college will need to have someone in place by January, the interviews will take place between December 15 -17, 2010. The interim position will be open to interested candidates within the district. If a Skyline College Dean is selected, a similar process will be implemented to select an interim Dean.
- **Vice President, Student Services:** Joe Madrigal will continue to serve as the interim Vice President of Student Services until the end of spring 2012, again providing for some continuity at the college. The college will engage in a full hiring process during that semester for this position.
- **Dean of Enrollment Services:** This position is being filled by Maria Escobar on an interim basis through June 2011. The process for selecting a permanent dean will be conducted during the coming spring semester. The college will engage in a full hiring process for this position.
- **Interim Director of the Learning Center:** This position is being filled by Nohel Corral on an interim basis through June 2011. The process for selecting a permanent replacement will be conducted during the coming spring semester. The college will engage in a full hiring process for this position.

## SKYLINE SHINES

### Skyline sky in the morning

Thanks to Professor Rick Escalambre for this beautiful shot of the sky above Skyline College at 6:40 a.m. on December 2.



## Skyline honors veterans with *Operation Remembrance* on November 12

Skyline's Veterans Club and the Associated Students of Skyline College sponsored and organized *Operation Remembrance*, an event to recognize veteran students, held on November 12. The program commemorated Veteran's Day in the Skyline community and provided an opportunity to hear Skyline veteran students speak about their experiences in the armed forces. Sylvia Martinez spoke about her position as the Veterans Certified Official assisting Veterans in receiving their Education Benefits. Johnnie Stanton, the San Francisco Local Veteran's Employment Representative, shared the range of services that EDD offers Veterans at Skyline College through the SparkPoint Center. Skyline Counselor Carla Campillo acknowledged the college's veterans and asked everyone to stand and give a nice round of applause to them. Special thanks to Maria Climaco and Mason Feldman from Student Activities for planning the event. Pictured in the first photo is veteran student Ben Nievera, the middle photo includes students and Silvia Martinez enjoying pizza, and the third photo is veteran student Vincent Tuminello. Thanks to Christianne Marra for the photos.



## Skyline Women's Soccer team qualifies for CCCAA Playoffs

Skyline College qualified for the first round of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCA) Women's Soccer playoffs. The playoffs are a single elimination tournament pitting the top 32 teams in regional and state competition. The Trojans finished second in the Coast Conference North Division with a 8-3-1 conference record and a 15-4-1 mark overall earning the 11<sup>th</sup> seed. In the opening round, Skyline played the Foothill College Owls who finished the season as champions of the Coast Conference South Division with a 11-1 conference record and a 15-3-2 mark overall earning a 6<sup>th</sup> seed. The Owls and Trojans met earlier this season

on October 12 with Foothill winning 2-0. The match took place at Cañada College on Saturday, November 20 on a day that saw 40+ miles per hour winds, hail and rain. The Foothill College Owls eliminated the Skyline Trojans 1-0. Skyline fought valiantly, however, and the team was buoyed by the knowledge that this was their third consecutive trip to the CCCAA playoffs. Congratulations to Coach Kevin Corsiglia and the squad on a great season.

## Dragon mural is now complete

*"Rồng gặp mây": "Dragon meets clouds"* is the title of the new 42' x 23' mural design for the Right Wall of the Parking Lot E entrance to Building 1. Here is how Paul Bridenbaugh, Gallery coordinator and leader of the project, describes the mural:

It uses an abstracted form of a Vietnamese Dragon as a starting point for its design. One of the design challenges for this location is to create an image that will tie into the existing gallery mural thematically and visually, yet allow the new mural room for conceptual expansion. The design is specifically related to the location, and works around existing architectural features. The mural image has been designed to be seen primarily from an oblique, foreshortened angle, 'squishing' the image into a more compressed form. Note that unlike the first mural, there is no 'long-shot' opportunity for viewing this mural head-on, it can only be viewed from an oblique angle.

The mural area consists of 20 two-tiered vertical sections of concrete panels that average 2' wide by 23' high. The Dragon image is set against a light blue background with a pale yellow at the top. The Vietnamese Dragon is a Sky dragon, and the blue represents the Sky – the Dragon's abode. The yellow represents moonlight. The Dragons' body is filled with textile patterns from many cultures, representing the diversity of the Skyline College Community.



The mural location is ideally suited for a Dragon image. Revered all over Asia, Dragons are seen as benevolent, omniscient, and bring blessings and good fortune. They are commonly located to the right of an entrance to a room or building- this orientation is said to bring good luck to those who pass by. To flow the energy of the image into the entrance to Building 1, a poem by Song Dynasty Master Xuedou Zhongxian is painted above the doorway.

The Mural was designed and painted by Paul Bridenbaugh, with many thanks to the following volunteer artists for their help with drawing and painting the mural: Art Sato, Teena Makapugay, Alan Ceccarelli, Victoria Maung, Denise Wilkie, Aya Artola, Kim Centeno, Iat-Seng Lam, Elizabeth Wong, Beth Braunstein, Anna-Marie Vargas, Jamie Weinstock, Jessica Daniel, Lone Wang, Wasan Hasan, Olivia Asis, Phil Harris, Gaby Gerson, and Qing Liu. Thanks to student David Evans for the photo.

## Skyline Concert Choir & Dance students offer “Tomorrow Will Be My Dancing Day”

The Skyline Concert Choir celebrated the holiday season with music about dancing on December 4. Professor Jude Navari was conductor and the program included works by Handel, Schubert, Elgar and Strauss Jr. There



were also traditional folksongs and carols. The program culminated in collaboration with Skyline Dance students in Victorian-inspired costumes, directed and choreographed by Diana Cushway. Margaret Fondbertasse accompanied on the piano, and other guests artists were Laurie Ratliff, Steve Kennedy, and Ilka Barcala who joined the program. The Victorian hair design was provided by Skyline Cosmetology faculty and students. Thanks to Professor Art Takayama for this photo.

## PROGRAMS

### Controversy 101 event focused on law enforcement

On October 27, the first in a series of dialogues focusing on controversial issues opened to a packed house. Students viewed the award winning film documentary, *Operation Small Axe* and afterwards participated in a lively dialogue with a panel of speakers including Professor Steve Aurilio, Professor Michael Moynihan, and the film's director, Adimu Madyun. The Oakland shooting of Oscar Grant and the Mehserle verdict were discussed as well as differences in perceptions of police. Controversy 101 is a contribution to the ongoing dialogue around tough issues. Some of these dialogues happen in the classroom, especially in courses that fall under the auspices of Social Science/Creative Arts (SSCA). Controversy 101 provides a means of engaging the broader campus community in these conversations as well as bringing SSCA classes together. Professor Tony Jackson is responsible for the overall organization of the events with the support of Phyllis Taylor and the ASTEP Psychology 100 students. The series is funded by the Associated Students of Skyline College.

### Welcome Video Project completed for nonnative speakers of English

The Welcome Video Project was begun in spring 2010 as part of a need to speak directly to nonnative speakers and clearly delineate the steps to enroll at Skyline. The English Language Institute (ELI) recognizes that many nonnative speakers do not enter Skyline by following the processes the college has set for them; intimidated by lengthy forms and complex directions in English, they rely on friends and family members to guide them, but often at the expense of incomplete information. The ELI wanted a video that would illustrate the level of support that is provided to newcomers to help them navigate the college landscape. The video features the ELI and many of Skyline's support services, but it especially highlights the importance of counseling and education planning. The video has been subtitled into Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish and provides clear guidance in all the phases of matriculation. ELI Coordinator Leigh Anne Sippel wrote and directed the video; production was done by [KM2 Communications](#), and captioning and translation by [Aberdeen Captioning](#). Many Skyline students and staff appear in the video, which resides on the ELI website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/programsstudy/languagearts/eli/index.html>.

## **Hermanas/os program holds 1st Annual Career Night**

More than 50 Hermanas and Hermanos students attended the 1st Annual Career Night on Monday. The panelists for Career Night included experts in business and financial planning, communications, research, education and pharmacy. The students gathered additional information about the world of work, as well as career paths for different industries and professions. Moreover, students gained strategies for exploring majors and minors in college. The Hermanas/os Program would like to acknowledge the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, for partially funding this event through a CTE Pathways Initiative grant to Skyline.

## **Skyline's MESA students to receive laptops to support their educational goals**

California Community College MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) Programs have been awarded a U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant. This award of \$10.9 million will fund a three-year program to provide outreach, training and educational support in key communities throughout the state. Support will be provided to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in its statewide efforts to provide laptop computers to community college MESA students who participate in community service. At Skyline College this will mean as many as 100 MESA students will receive laptops to support their educational goals. Skyline faculty members Stephen Fredricks, Pat Deamer and Christine Case were instrumental in this grant effort through their letters of support.



## **CITD continues to globalize Skyline College**

On November 9, Skyline College's Center for International Trade Development (CITD) hosted an inbound trade mission from KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa. Delegation members Mr. Lester Bouah, General Manager, and Ms. Praline Ross, Project Manager, of the Trade and Investment branch of the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government began their fast paced day in the San Francisco Bay Area by spending the morning visiting Skyline College. In addition to familiarizing the Delegation with the CITD, Skyline College CITD Director, Richard Soyombo, ensured that the delegation also met with other Skyline College representatives to discuss other programs available at Skyline College/CITD. Professor Pat Deamer introduced the African Diaspora Program and was assured of a potential partnership with a university in the KwaZulu-Natal Province and the Vice President of Instruction met with the group to reassure them of both CITD's and Skyline

College's cooperation with regards to economic development and academic/cultural partnerships.

Pictured are (left to right) Mark Pretorius, Praline Ross, Olusegun Owolabi, Richard Soyombo, and Lester Bouah. The day continued as the CITD facilitated business match-making sessions between the inbound delegation and local business leaders, venture capitalists, and representatives of the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Greater San Jose Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. As a direct outcome of these meetings KwaZulu-Natal Trade and Investment will be working closely with representatives of both Chambers of Commerce in order to facilitate partnerships between South African firms and local US minority owned firms. Skyline College would like to recognize Richard Soyombo, CITD Director and Allison Mello, Program Services Coordinator for all of their hard work in hosting this successful and productive trade mission.