



President's Innovation Fund Awards for 2014-2015

ASTEP Math Academy

The ASTEP Math Academy will support the planning, development and implementation of an experimental course designed to bridge the fundamental deficit of problem solving, logistical reasoning ability and study skills displayed by basic skills level students at Skyline College.

Bay Area Entrepreneur Center Innovation Series (BAEC)

This project will amplify the opportunity to brand the Bay Area Entrepreneur Center of Skyline College as a “cutting edge” center, the President’s Business Innovation Speaker Series and Innovation Challenge will provide the necessary resources to further execute this vision.

Brothers and Sisters Conference

The Brothers and Sisters conference is modeled after the African American Male Summit that A2MEND facilitates each year in Los Angeles. This project will provide needed services to African American students to be successful in college and careers, including academic/student support programs. The conference will strengthen and expand Skyline College’s existing outreach efforts to local high schools bridging the gap that currently exists in our educational pipeline for African American students. In collaboration with the African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence Program (ASTEP) learning community, the Brothers and Sisters Conference will be a great transition and welcoming opportunity for students as they graduate high school and come to Skyline College.

Skyline College Center for Community Engagement

Skyline College and the surrounding communities are a part of and can benefit from a center dedicated to community and civic engagement. The recently established center has an advisory committee of approximately 10 faculty, staff, and students. The center was founded to support Skyline College’s participation in The Democracy Commitment, a national initiative for community college that advocates for and supports civic learning through activities that teach, model, and apply participatory democratic processes.

Center for Legal Studies

The Center for Legal Studies at Skyline College plans to offer innovative opportunities for students to gain relevant knowledge and occupational competencies, network with legal professionals, and continue their legal education via transfer and enrollment in graduate programs.

Center of Hip Hop Arts, Scholarship, and Education

The Center for Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education & Research (CIPHER) is the provider for educational, community, and professional development opportunities for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the community. Utilizing Hip Hop pedagogies as the educational framework, CIPHER aims to promote best practices, collaboration, research to enhance educational access and opportunities to the Skyline College community, supporting the College’s vision of inspiring and empowering a global and diverse community of learners.

Coastal Connection

Our Coastal community represents a valuable segment of San Mateo County's economy, supporting important jobs in the local hospitality and tourism industry. The development of curriculum and training that aligns with the priorities and values of our neighboring coastal communities will help create and support a valuable collaborative partnership between Skyline College and the San Mateo County Harbor District. Through the establishment of the "Coastal Education and Training Institute", curriculum and training programs can be offered alongside other career programs in order to educate and prepare individuals for workforce opportunities in the San Mateo Coastal Community.

College Lecture Series

Through an Annual Lecture Series for Skyline College this project will continue to raise the consciousness of the campus community and provide increase opportunity for campus dialogue. The series will challenge status quo and normative thinking on a variety of topics and provide an opportunity for reflection upon the issues. It also gives us an opportunity to reflect upon and implement aspects of Skyline College's Diversity Framework Plan.

Dance Conference

The Dance Program at Skyline College needs to develop a reputation within the community as a diverse and vibrant program in order to continue growing. The Dance Conference will be a sliding-scale dance conference, open to members of the community, local high school students and Skyline College students. Our goal is for the event to increase recruitment for the dance program, provide cross cultural dance experiences for our community, and create connections between students, schools and dance professionals that will support the pursuit of education.

Global Mentorship Leadership Project

This project will benefit Skyline College by fulfilling the college's role as a cultural center for the community by building on existing partnerships with local and international organizations such as: The San Francisco Chapter of The Links, the African American Museum and Library of Oakland, Grand Bassa Community College, Liberia and the Museum of the African Diaspora. These partnerships provide a direct connection to resources linking the Skyline College community with the history and contributions of people of the Diaspora. This project will benefit the students by providing them with the opportunity to be a part of a broader global Community.

International Trade Program Project – Chinese Language, Culture and Business Immersion Summer Camp and Chinese Scholar Speaker Series

The International Trade Program along with the Asian Studies Center will provide Chinese immersion summer camp in Chinese business language, culture, and business to high school students, Skyline College students and the community. Also hosting Asian Scholar Speaker Series to promote culture diversity and international education.



KinderCaminata at Skyline College

The KinderCaminata project will showcase a first-choice campus by educating families and informing the surrounding communities of the services provided by Skyline College. It will make education a realistic and accessible goal for all individuals. These goals and objectives will be met through numerous collaborative efforts with departments on campus and the external community.

Literacy Intervention Community Program

Skyline College Career Services faculty are establishing the foundation for a literacy enhancement program that will allow Skyline students interested in working with school age students or who may be considering a career in education to gain exposure in the field. This partnership is between Skyline College, Los Cerritos Elementary School in South San Francisco and Reading Partners. The goal of this cooperation is to enhance the literacy scores of designated elementary students in our local neighborhood, and provide Skyline College students with the opportunity to contribute to their community by assisting children, who without receiving supplemental services, would likely continue to test below grade level.

Middle School Outreach

The Middle School Outreach Project has completed two successful years of exposing middle school students to college and careers beyond their score as well as multiple financial options to pay for their education. Reaching out to at-risk students in middle school encourages and motivates them to get back on track to ensure a successful future filled with opportunities. This project instills within these students the expectation that higher education is possible and accessible.

Passport to the World

Skyline College students have a wealth of resources and opportunities available to them to explore other cultures, learning environments, and other areas of the world outside of the San Francisco Bay Area. This project will educate the Skyline College community of the resources and opportunities available.

Skytalks

Skytalks is designed to increase consciousness of the campus community and expose students, undeclared, to the various fields of study and paths to success available here at Skyline College. Inspiring and stimulating Skyline College professors will give short talks, using supporting technology to share the benefits of their fields of instruction with students. It will be held in the theater at the beginning of each year and be available to view online at any point by current and prospective Skyline College students.

Sustainable Campus

The Sustainable Campus project will develop a new interactive sustainability curriculum across multiple academic departments. It will enrich student's education through experimental project-based learning and enhance the level of student engagement.



Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP)

Skyline College students will directly benefit from the opportunity to engage with other environmentally conscious initiatives on campus, throughout the community and across the globe. A major benefit is the impact it will have on the student-run Enatus Club, an international social-entrepreneurship organization. This project will strengthen the partnership between YEP and Enatus and will directly impact Skyline College students and their ability to engage in global entrepreneurship and produce socially responsible business ideas.