President’s Innovation Fund Awards for 2015-2016

Brothers and Sisters Conference
The Brothers and Sisters Conference strengthens and expands Skyline College's existing outreach efforts to local high schools bridging the gap that currently exists in the educational pipeline for African American students.

Career Technical Education Day
Career Technical Education Day will invite high school students to the college to explore possible CTE careers in high-demand industries, attend a guest lecture and tour the campus. The project also includes components designed to grow existing CTE programs and increase the impact of outreach through intentional partnerships with local high schools and community-based organizations.

Center for Innovative Practices Through Hip Hop Education & Research
The Center for Innovative Practices through Hip Hop Education & Research (CIPHER) aims to promote best practices, collaboration and research to enhance educational access and opportunities to the Skyline College community.

Center for Legal Studies
The Center for Legal Studies offers opportunities for students to gain relevant knowledge and occupational competencies through internships, networking with legal professionals, access to online legal research database for a discount and encourage transfer and enrollment in graduate programs. The Center also includes a pro bono legal clinic.

Climate Corps Bay Area Fellowship
The full time Climate Corps Fellow serves at the Sustainability Coordinator providing campus leadership in the implementation of the Sustainability Plan, the Climate Action Plan and the Sustainability Ambassador Network engaging both faculty/staff and students.

College Internship Job Shadow Program
The College Internship Job Shadow Program will provide students the opportunity to build their own professional network, earn college credit and gain valuable work experience. The program also aims to create a pipeline to local businesses, training students to fill available jobs in the community.

Educator Preparation Institute
The goal of the Educator Preparation Institute is to become the one-stop hub for students and faculty in the Early Childhood Education and Education Programs. The Institute will be a gathering place for resources, course materials and curriculum aids to improve pedagogical practices and strengthen student retention and success.
Expanding Your Horizons
The Expanding Your Horizons conference engages young women in 6th through 10th grades in a day of activities to inspire and build confidence in higher education and careers in the areas of science math and technology. The event encourages positive views of education and the world of work.

Global Mentorship Leadership Project
This project provides Skyline College students with an interactive, global experience connecting them to students in Liberia, serving as their mentors. It includes partnerships with The LINKS Inc., who mentor the Skyline College students, The African America Museum and Library of Oakland, Grand Bassa Community College in Liberia and the Museum of African Diaspora Studies.

International Education Week
International Education Week is designed to educate students, faculty and staff in diversity and intercultural understanding, provide opportunities for the growing International Student population to engage in campus activities and promote inclusion through a series of events.

Passport to the World
This grant will help defray the cost of travel for students and for faculty to internationalize their teaching and research, increasing the opportunities for students for study abroad. Workshops will provide an opportunity for faculty to globalize their curriculum to create a portfolio of faculty-led student abroad programs.

International Trade Program Project
The International Trade program along with the Asian Studies Program will provide Chinese immersion summer camp in Chinese business language, culture, and business practice academy to high school students, Skyline College students and the community as well as a Chinese scholar speaker series.

KinderCaminata at Skyline College
KinderCaminata event serves to showcase the campus by educating kindergarteners and their families about the services provided by Skyline College to make education a realistic and accessible goal for all individuals. Introducing college at young age increases the likelihood that students will seek higher education.

Literacy Intervention Community Program
The goal is to enhance the literacy scores of designated elementary students in the local neighborhood, and provide Skyline College students the opportunity to contribute to their community by assisting children, who without receiving supplemental services, would likely continue to test below grade level.

Online Directed Learning Activities Project
The Online Directed Learning Activities Projects seeks to technologically upgrade this proven effective method of supplemental academic support by bringing the student modules previously managed on paper online. This project will result in the development of a more interactive, user-friendly and effective method for students to use in their Directed Learning Activities.
Skyline College Dance Conference
The Skyline College Dance Conference will be a sliding-scale dance conference, open to members of the community, local high school students and Skyline College students offering master classes in a variety of dance forms and opportunities for creative expression.

Sustainable Campus
This project is designed to build a culture of sustainability on campus by increasing awareness, activating student engagement through experiential learning and providing opportunities for professional development.

Veterans Resource Event
The Veterans Resource Event will highlight the services and resources both on and off campus that support veterans in achieving their higher education goals. The event will also ease the transition for veterans from military to civilian life, welcome veteran students to the community and aid in building strong relationships with students and community partners.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble
The Vocal Jazz Ensemble has been funded in order to participate in festivals and competitions and create a high quality recording to submit to national competitions. Through these activities, the Ensemble will be able to raise its level of excellence to parity with other top college programs.

YEP- Global & Social Entrepreneurship Project
This project will allow the Youth Entrepreneurship Program to further expand, and offer assistance to students interested in starting non-profit businesses and business that are socially and environmentally responsible.