Last Issue of the Academic Year

Skyline Shines will not be published in the summer – this is the last issue for the year. I want to thank all of you who took the time and effort to share information about the incredible work being done here by faculty staff and students. The college is intellectually, academically, socially and culturally rich with many stories to be told and lessons to be learned. Your article and photo contributions help tell those stories and share the great things at Skyline College with the community we serve. Happy Summer!

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud -President
As the 2010-11 academic year draws to a close it is now time to celebrate the end of another great year at Skyline College. The End of Year Celebration brings together the Academic Senate, Classified Council, Students and Administrators to acknowledge the accomplishments of those retiring and others that have made a special difference to the campus in 2010-11. In addition, the raffle with so many outstanding baskets raises money for the Faculty/Staff scholarship. Please join us for lunch, entertainment and camaraderie as we close another academic year!
Thank You!

The administrative staff in Building 4 would like to thank the individuals below for the assistance provided in packing and unpacking during the move from Building 1. These individuals made the move both timely and organized. We could not have done it without their help.

- A&R Short-term Staff and Student Assistant volunteers arranged by Interim Dean of Enrollment Services, Maria Escobar:
- A&R Short-term Staff: Elnore Mariano, April Quok and Maria Paulson
- A&R Student Assistants: Ana Duenas and Sana Nazir
- Bookstore Student Assistant volunteers arranged by Bookstore Manager, Kevin Chak:
- Amanda Bortoli and Caitlin Bortoli
- Skyline College Baseball Team volunteers arranged by Dean Joe Morello, Dino Nomicos and Lucas Borgo: Ryan Quirk, Julian Merryweather, Danny Molieri, Andrew Hidalgo, Matt Page and Tony Ricci
- Student Activities Office Student Assistant volunteers arranged by the Coordinator of Student Activities, Amory Cariadus: Danielle Palenget, Shannon Salazar and Ranielle De La Rosa
- The staff of the administrative offices: Linda Bertellotti, Anitra Busby, Golda Gacutan, Theresa Tentes, Vivian Paw, Barbara Lamson, and Christianne Marra
- Jim Petromilli and Glen Claycomb of the Construction Planning Department.
- Richard Inokuchi and the facilities staff.
- Jack Herbert and the Swinerton Management Consultants.
- And many others who lent a helping hand as we relocated!

(Thanks to Golda Gacutan for her contribution to this article.)
The first Automotive Career Advancement Academy graduated this week. Funded jointly by the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative & the EDD California Green Innovation Challenge Grant, this program served 37 students who received the first ever Entry Level Automotive Career Certificate from Skyline College. Students took Fundamentals of Automotive Technology, Automotive Service Orientation, a career class tailored to the automotive sector, and Math 111 and English 826 contextualized to automotive topics. The program is currently recruiting for the Fall semester. Contact SkylineAutoEntryLevel@smccd.edu for an application.

Pictured above is instructor Julia Johnson and students, Hao Xu and Mario Mejia.
(Thanks to Anjana Richards for her contribution to this article.)
TRiO Celebrates An End To A Successful Year!

On Friday, May 13th the TRiO program proudly hosted its End of Year Celebration to recognize current students, graduates, and transfers. TRiO students, families, alumni, staff, faculty, and administrators joined in to recognize the 31 students who will be graduating with an Associate's Degree and those who are transferring to a four-year university. During the ceremony, graduates and transfer students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance and involvement at Skyline College.

Throughout the evening, students and their guests had an opportunity to listen to current TRiO students reflect on their experience in the program and share with audience how TRiO services have helped them reach their academic and career goals. Furthermore, Virginia Rosales, a TRiO alumna, spoke about her experience as a transfer student to San Francisco State University.

The event was a highlight the numerous achievements TRiO students have accomplished this year and to celebrate this joyful time alongside family members and loved ones.

Special thank you goes to Connie Beringer, Dean of Language Arts, Mike Williamson, Interim Vice President of Instruction, and Ray Hernandez, Interim Dean of Science, Math, and Technology for their support and attendance to this event. Also, many thanks to our student speakers, Keefah Khalil, Leopoldo Rosales, Amanda Parker, and Virginia Rosales for sharing their experience. Lastly, thank you to all the faculty and staff in the Learning Center for their dedication to serve TRiO students.

(Thank you to Jessica Lopez for her contribution to this submission and Felix Perez for the photos.)
California Connects Joins with the Skyline College MESA Program

In exchange for community service, MESA student leaders are eligible to become California Connects Digital Literacy Ambassadors. The Foundation for California Community Colleges launched California Connects in the Spring of 2011. The program will increase digital literacy and expand broadband Internet access to underserved populations throughout the state. The program is funded by a $10.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

In addition to earning a software loaded laptop with 6 months of pre-paid broadband service, California Connects Digital Literacy Ambassadors receive access to on-line certification courses in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel.

This semester, 100 laptops have been distributed to Skyline College students. The California Connects Digital Literacy Program will distribute a total of 300 computers to Skyline College MESA students over the next 2 years. The second cycle of California Connects distribution will begin in August, 2011.

Pictured below are Marcus Grograns, Rebecca Belloso, Heriberto Rodriguez and Philip Cho, Lachanee Ricard, Bassam Esmail and Rene Mercado.
Skyline College Clean Energy Programs Recognized by PG&E PowerPathways ™

This week PG&E invited Skyline College to join their PowerPathways ™ Energy Efficiency and Renewables Training Network. This is a great opportunity to connect with PG&E, the largest provider of energy services in the area and a large training provider in the energy efficiency arena. This relationship will serve students to further expand and enrich our growing programs in Clean Energy. Congratulations to the entire Clean Energy team: Aaron Wilcher, Rita Gulli, Bruce Greenstein, Lindsey Virdeh, Omer Thompson, and Anjana Richards. 

SparkPoint San Mateo at Skyline College Hosts First Annual Retreat May 19, 2011

Skyline College hosted the first Annual SparkPoint Partnership Retreat on May 19, 2011. The theme of the retreat, “Strength Courage and Wisdom,” celebrated the resourcefulness of people in our community who strive to reach financial stability. To achieve this goal, students and San Mateo County residents access SparkPoint services and resources to build income capacity, increase financial strength with improved credit and financial education, and build savings and assets. With over forty people attending, the retreat included the following SparkPoint partners: California Employment Development Department; Community Financial Resources; EARN; Jewish Vocational Service; Opportunity Fund; San Mateo County Human Services Agency; Skyline College students, faculty, staff and administrators; and United.
Way of the Bay Area. For more information regarding SparkPoint San Mateo Center at Skyline College, please contact Dr. William Watson, 650-738-7035.

Photo by William Watson (United Way of the Bay Area’s Emily Harpster facilitates a break out session during the retreat.)

Photo by Pcyeta Jackson (SparkPoint San Mateo at Skyline College)
Green Building Teacher Workshop

On Wednesday May 18th Skyline College hosted a Green Building Teacher Workshop for High School and ROP programs. Teachers throughout the Bay Area attended to receive and learn about a 6-module comprehensive lesson plan in Sustainability, Green Building Features and Design, and Green Collar career prospects. Developed in collaboration with Strategic Energy Innovations with funding from a Department of Energy grant shared by SMCCD colleges, the program provides tools and resources needed to implement SEI’s sustainability and green building lessons into their classrooms. The curriculum focuses on hands-on learning (the photo at left is an activity that requires students to build a load bearing structure out of paper and tape, using minimal materials) and is intended to inspire and educate students to pursue education and careers in Green Building. The program also will articulate to Cañada College’s Green Design and Building Programs. For more information, contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu.

Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh for her contribution to this article.

Skyline College MESA Program
Honors Transfer-Ready Students

On Monday May 16, 2011, Skyline College MESA students gathered to honor those students who are ready to transfer. Good food, students, friends, family members and colleagues gathered to allow time to celebrate the support that MESA offers to first-generation science majors at Skyline College. Thanks to Interim-Dean of SMT Ray Hernandez, Faculty Ilka Koskelo, AJ Bates, Lucia Lachmayr, David Hasson, Nick Langhoff, Vanson Nyugen and MESA Assistant Statewide Director Tiffany Reardon for their support at the event.
Skyline College Student Wins Honorable Mention in Scholar-Athlete Competition

Midori Sera, a sophomore mid-fielder on the Skyline College Women’s Soccer team, was selected Honorable Mention in the 2011 NATYCAA (National Association of Two Year College Athletic Administrators) Scholar-Athlete competition. The NATYCAA Scholar-Athlete Award was first presented in 1992 and is sponsored by Kathy Polanshek and Carol Malouf, NATYCAA Friends. It is given to the male and female student-athlete who best demonstrates outstanding accomplishment and leadership in academics, athletics and citizenship.

Academically, Midori has completed 80 semester units at Skyline College with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Her academic load has been demanding including honors courses in Calculus and Spanish. In addition, she has participated in the MESA (Math, Engineering & Science Achievement) program that provides support and assistance to math and science based majors from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Midori will graduate this spring and attend the University of Tennessee-Martin on a full scholarship. She plans on pursuing a Business degree with an eventual goal of completing a MBA.

Athletically, Midori was a standout on our Women’s Soccer team. This year she was named Team MVP, First-Team All-Coast Conference, NSCAA All-West Region 1st Team, and NSCAA All-American 2nd Team. She is the first All-American in the history of Skyline College’s Women’s
Soccer program. During her freshman season, Midori was a First-Team All-Coast Conference Selection. In her two seasons, Midori lead the women’s team to 32 wins, a ranking of 13th in the 2009 NSCAA Division III Junior College Women’s Soccer poll, two Northern California playoff appearances and our first ever Coast Conference Championship in 2009. As a player and leader, Midori was integral to the success of our program over the last two years.

(Thank you to Joe Morello for contributing this article and photo.)

Administration of Justice Club
Tours the Daly City Police Department

Ten members of the Skyline College Administration of Justice Club visited the Daly City Police Department on Saturday, May 14th, and got a 2½ hour detailed tour of the local police agency. The tour was conducted by Officer Yvonne Crivello who has been with the Department for 17 years. Coincidentally, she was hired as a new police officer by Professor Steve Aurilio of the Skyline College Administration of Justice program when he worked for that Department as their Training and Personnel Sergeant in the mid-1990s.

The tour and commentary included a look at the front customer service desk, detective division, the 9-1-1 emergency operator communications division, the evidence room, the records division, administrative offices, and the even the indoor police pistol range. Officer Crivello and other officers we encountered during the tour were very helpful and extended every courtesy to our students during. The tour gave students an opportunity to link what they have learned in the classroom with insight into what a law enforcement agency looks like from the inside.

After the tour, we all gathered to enjoy a nice lunch at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in Burlingame.

(Thanks to Steve Aurilio for his contribution to this article.)
Skyline College Welcomes Nohel Corral!

We are extremely pleased to announce that Nohel Corral has been selected for the permanent position of Learning Center/TRiO Student Services Director. Nohel has been with Skyline College since 2007 and served as the first full-time TRIO counselor, providing personal, academic and career counseling. He brings with him a combination of experience in student services and instruction, as well as a background in administration, having served as interim Learning Center/TRiO Student Services director for the past nine months as well as assistant director in a mentoring business program at CSU Long Beach.

Nohel looks forward to the opportunity to continue to strengthen the academic support services that we offer to low-income, first generation college students, and to maintain a positive learning environment for all students using the myriad services of the Learning Center. Nohel says, “In my professional career, I have made a commitment to serve a diverse student population. I am a firm believer of the importance of celebrating diversity, something that should be appreciated and acknowledged as we work together to serve students.”

Please join me in congratulating Nohel in his new position.

(Thanks to Dean Connie Beringer for her contribution to this article)
Skyline College’s Automotive Technology Program held its annual awards banquet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Two hundred and seventy people attended the event. It was the largest banquet in the 34 year history of the program.

In attendance were department faculty and staff, college administration, district board members, automotive students, family and friends. Also in attendance were twenty students from the first Career Advancement Academy class offered in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board. This is the example of the diversity that makes the automotive program unique.

The awards included: graduation certificates, scholarships, Student of the Year, Technician of the Year, Most Improved, Most Inspirational Student of the Year, Rookies of the Year, Special Recognition, Broken Piston, Alumnus of the Year, Club and Department Service. Kris Cesena, representing Automotive Service Councils of California, presented scholarships to Dana Kaplan ($1000) and Audrey Ingalls ($600). City Toyota donated $2000 that will go towards additional student scholarships for the fall 2011 semester.

A special thank you goes to Clydie Rizzo and Perry Dair for the tremendous job they did to make this a fabulous event for all. They organized the food, seating arrangements, developing and printing of the event’s program, ordering the plaques for the award recipients; a daunting task indeed.

It was a special night for all attending the annual event.

(Thanks to Richard Escalambre for his contribution to this article.)
CAT President’s Award

It is with great pleasure that I present the California Automotive Teachers 2011 President’s Award to Rick Escalambre of Skyline College.

I have personally known Rick for 34 years. I first met him when I was completing my Student Teaching at San Francisco State University in 1977. Rick was my Master Teacher at Serra Monte High School, helping me learn the basics of teaching. Since that time he has continued to be my mentor.

When students ask me about what program to attend after high school I have continued to suggest the program Rick has at Skyline College. In my mind it exemplifies the best program that the State can offer. It has instructors that are well trained in their field and Rick has always demanded excellence.

Rick was President of California Automotive Teachers Association from 1993-1995 and currently the association’s Newsletter Editor.

Rick has shown leadership in the automotive industry. Besides his normal teaching duties at Skyline College, he has put on numerous summer workshops to help instructors throughout the United States stay abreast of the latest technologies in our field. He will be attending the North American Automotive Teachers Conference in Winnipeg, Canada to again assist his fellow colleagues maintain and upgrade their technical skill set.

He has involved Skyline College’s administrative personnel to a high degree. With their continued support the facilities are state of the art. This is also evident with the construction of an additional new building for the program.

These programs can only be like this when you have a dedicated staff led by a strong individual. Rick has done an outstanding job and will continue to mentor me as well as other instructors in this field.

This award was earned by Rick through his actions as ambassador to the Automotive Industry by means of his teaching, mentoring and administrative abilities.

(Thanks to John F. Overton, President of California Automotive Teachers for his contribution to this article.)
Guidelines Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking the time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week.

- Send submission to skylineshines@smccd.edu
- Place your submission in a word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to ¼ or ½ of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don’t forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the middle
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. “The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.” “The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.”)
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e. “Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses.” And “I counted 176 records on the shelf.”)
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e. “March 4, 2011” not “March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011”)
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e. Skyline College instead of Skyline)

Coming Up…

May 21 – 27, 2011
- Final Examinations – Day, Evening & Weekend Classes

May 25, 2011
- Noon – 2:00 p.m., End of the Year Celebration – Gallery, Building 1
May 26, 2011

- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., *Rags to Riches* – Skyline Cosmetology stylists will display their flair for hair and compete for great prizes in the Pacific Heights building

May 27, 2011

- 5:00 p.m., Commencement – Gymnasium, Building 3

**Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!**

May 30, 2011

- Holiday – Memorial Day

June 9, 2011

- Spring 2011 Final Grades available on WebSMART

June 20, 2011

- Summer 2011 classes begin

July 4, 2011

- Holiday – Independence Day

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

[http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html)

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at marrac@smccd.edu.
Publisher’s Note: Would you like to submit something to be included in Skyline Shines?

Send a written narrative along with pictures highlighting the item being submitted. Be sure to include the information describing who, what, when, where, and why for a complete article. Items submitted will be considered for inclusion. All items submitted may possibly be modified to satisfy publication needs.

Please send submissions to skylineshines@smccd.edu.

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html

For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

· The California Community College Chancellor’s Office in Sacramento: http://www.cccco.edu/
· The Community College League of California: http://www.ccleague.org/
· The Research and Planning Group: http://www.rpgroup.org/

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