Skyline Shines

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State University of São Paulo
Visits Skyline College

A representative from the State University of São Paulo (UNESP), Prof. Jorge Muniz, visited the Skyline College campus on April 22, 2013 for partnership meetings with the college President, Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud and the Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Sarah Perkins. Following meetings with administration, Prof. Muniz was taken on a brief tour of some of the Tech Programs that Skyline College has to offer.

On April 23rd the CITD and UNESP held a special Global, Green/Tech Program Roundtable discussion at the College to identify immediate programs and areas of collaboration. The roundtable was attended by Skyline College faculty, staff and students. Presentations were given by Jorge Muniz along with relevant deans, staff, and faculty to discuss the opportunities the institutions can offer one another. Several programs and departments gave presentations at the roundtable including: ESOL/Technology Ed Programs, Green/Automotive Technology Entrepreneurship Programs, Environmental Technology, Math/Science Technology and Sports/Exchange Recruitment.

Jorge Muniz, who is also the Vice Director of UNESP's International Program and Skyline College administration have been working on a partnership involving Skyline College's various green/tech and global programs. Presently, there are ongoing discussions to develop curriculum exchange and study abroad programs, dual degree opportunities and international contract education for the two institutions.

The partnership development has focused on the following programs: Automotive Engineering, the African Diaspora Program, Bio-Technology, Entrepreneurship programs, ESL for Technical Studies, and Student Exchange programs.

This partnership with UNESP, will assist Skyline College with its mission to globalize the campus community and will give current and future students' more education opportunities.

Article by Elizabeth Tablan. Photos by Raul Guerra.

Skyline Shines Award Nominations

The 2013 Skyline Shines Award Nominations are now open! The purpose of the awards is to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline College to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards will be made annually, one to a member or group of Skyline College employees and one to a member or group from the community. Please submit your nomination(s) by Monday, May 13, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. to the President's Office. The link to the application is as follows http://skylinecollege.edu/presidentsoffice/skylineshinesawards.php.

EOPS Students Take a Trip to Their Future

The philosophy of EOPS (Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) is to go "Over and Above" when serving students. True to this statement, Skyline College's EOPS was able to offer students a four day trip to visit several Southern California Universities.

Among these universities were the University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Merced; University of California, Riverside; California State University, Los Angeles; California State University, Dominguez Hills; California State University, San Bernardino and the University of Southern California (USC). While on these campuses, EOPS students met with student panels to discuss important issues such as transfer admissions, financial aid and support services for transferring students. Furthermore, EOPS students were able to receive an individualized group tour of the aforementioned campuses. As an added bonus, EOPS students were treated to a stroll through Hollywood's famous Walk of Fame and Universal Studios.

EOPS students have been traditionally underrepresented and underserved. Being able to take a campus tour is beyond their means. Skyline College EOPS, in collaboration with College of San Mateo EOPS, is proud to have sponsored this trip to Southern California. Being able to do so has been in support of Skyline College's efforts to promote the transfer initiative.

EOPS at Skyline College would like to thank the College of San Mateo (CSM) EOPS for its collaboration. A special thanks to CSM EOPS members: Ruth Turner (EOPS Counselor/Coordinator), John Vehikite and Tamara Hom (Program Services Coordinators); and Guillermo Alonzo (Skyline College EOPS Office Assistant II) for having chaperoned students on this trip. Last, but not least, a thank you to Skyline College's ASSC for helping to fund this activity.

Article by Guillermo Alonzo. Photo taken by John Vehikite.

Biology Students Educate on Earth Day

Marine Biology students prepared and presented an awesome display at the city of Pacifica's Earth Day Celebration on April 20. The Shark Stroll highlighted the diversity of sharks from the 15 cm (six inch) Dwarf Lantern Shark to the 18 m (60 foot) Whale Shark.

Marine Biology students Shawna Whiteaker and Antonette Katoa at the end of their Shark Stroll.

Pacifican learns about sharks during Earth Day Celebration.

Article by Shari Bookstaff.

Green Energy Summer Camp

High school juniors and seniors have a fun and educational opportunity this summer to learn about the green economy by registering in Skyline College's Green Energy Camp. The camp allows students to earn 2 units of college credit toward new degrees and certificates and degrees in the Energy Systems Technology Management (ESTM) department. For more information on the program, please visit the department's website: www.skylinecollege.edu/estm

In this week-long camp, students will learn:

- how social media can motivate others to save energy;
- how to create videos demonstrating the importance solar & energy efficiency are in reducing our carbon footprint; and
- the very latest technologies from solar, energy efficiency, and social media experts

The Camp is <u>free </u>to high school students enrolled in Skyline's College Connection Concurrent Enrollment Program and starts June 17 through June 21, 2013 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The registration period for summer session for continuing high school students begins on <u>May 6, 2013</u>. For more information, contact Rita Gulli, gullir@smccd.edu or 650.738.4491.

Article by Aaron Wilcher.

The Learning Center Leverages Technology

Student empowerment is the foundation of the Learning Center's (TLC) philosophy and to that end TLC is always pushing to incorporate technology that will increase student access to programs and services. To that end we are happy to announce two major technological improvements for 2012-2013:

- The transformation of the TLC web site into a hub for all content related to tutoring and academic support
- A new Learning Center student log in and appointment tracking system for fall 2013 that is both easier for students to use and more effective in generating reports and helpful information

The TLC web site now houses all content used to train tutors and student assistants; Learning Skills (LSKL) course content, peer and graduate tutor applications, discipline-specific course modules, and much more. We will continue to add content to this site and make it a resource for students seeking tutoring, faculty professional development, and for our tutors and staff to access training and other professional resources.

The new log in and appointment system will be a web-based system which means students, faculty and staff can access it from any type of internet platform in any location, and it is also user-friendly and functional in that it can easily generate reports and data that will help us allocate resources where they are most needed.

Visit the TLC web site to see more: http://www.skylinecollege.edu/learningcenter/index.php

Article by David Reed.

San Mateo Job Fair

Photograph by Virginia Rosales. Collage by Veronica Osuna.

The First San Mateo Job Fair held on Wednesday, May 1st at Skyline College was the result of collaborative partnerships between Skyline College Career Services and the San Mateo County Workforce Development. The existing kinship of lasting partnerships with our community organizations including Employment Development Department, Peninsula Works, Menlo Park JobTrain, Veterans Services, government agencies, private organizations provided a collective array of services for the attending job seekers. President of Skyline College, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, presented her inspirational and welcoming Introduction to the over 80 representatives from 40 companies who were present at this event. The San Mateo Job Fair provided a dynamic atmosphere of opportunities for job seekers to directly connect with existing available employment and services that enhance employment opportunities for both our Skyline College students, veterans and community members. Over 500 students and community members attended the San Mateo Job Fair and were actively seeking employment. Eighty participants were aided with on the spot resume critiquing enhancing their employability in future interviews. To our many visiting partners, employers, and Skyline College faculty and staff, we offer our appreciation for your support and compassionate commitment to the career and employment seeking community we serve. We are forever grateful!

Article by Virginia Padrón.
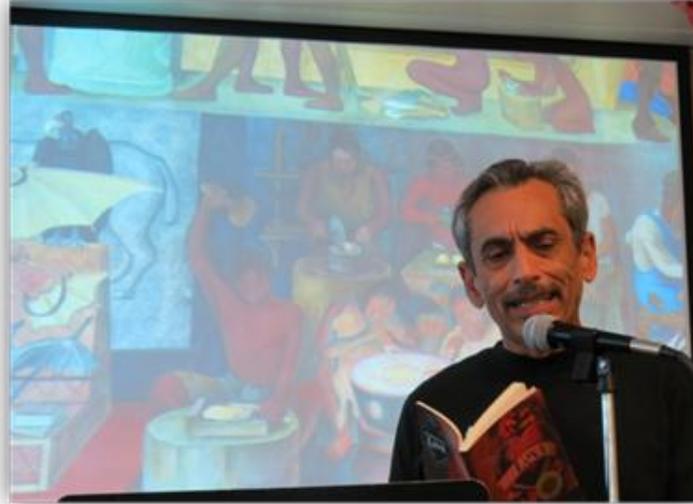
California Learning Communities Consortium

Pictured left to right: Chris Gibson, Nathan Jones, Lucia Lachmayr, Angelica Gorostiza, Soledad McCarthy and Diane Benton. Photo Courtesy of Angelica Gorostiza.

On April 26-27, a team of Skyline College faculty and staff attended the California Learning Communities Consortium at Cal Poly Pomona. Soledad McCarthy, Angelica Gorostiza, Nathan Jones, Lucia Lachmayr, Diane Benton, and Chris Gibson represented The Career Advancement Academies, ASTEP, Puente, Evening Learning Community and the Scholar Athlete Learning Community. Over seventy-five administrators, faculty and staff representing fifteen colleges collaborated to explore and design interdisciplinary assignments with a focus on integrated learning across disciplines in Learning Communities.

Skyline College houses more than ten learning communities on campus. For more information on Career Advancement Academies, please contact Soledad McCarthy at mccarthys@smccd.edu; Scholar Athletes, please contact, Chris Gibson at gibsonc@smccd.edu; ASTEP, please contact Phyllis Taylor at taylorpa@smccd.edu; Puente, please contact Lucia Lachmayr at lachmayrl@smccd.edu; Evening Learning Community, please contact, Diane Benton at bentond@smccd.edu

Article by Chris Gibson and Soledad McCarthy

National Poetry Month Celebration

Alejandro Murguia.
Photo by Julian Rocha-Silva.

On Friday, April 19, 2013, Skyline College TR**i**O, the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC), Latin American Student Organization (LASO) and Puente had the honor and pleasure to host this year's National Poetry Month recognition and celebration at Skyline College.

San Francisco Poet Laureate Alejandro Murguia and singer/songwriter Diana Gameros and arranger/musician Patrick Wolf treated Skyline College students with an afternoon of thoughtful, powerful, and fearless poetry and elegant and enchanting music. SF Poet Laureate Alejandro Murguia, whom Jack Hirschman calls "one of the most important poets of San Francisco for more than a generation," recited poetry that focuses on a wide spectrum of issues, from life of the everyday, weaving themes of love and pain set in the midst of *La Mision* and the streets of San Francisco, to revolution, reflecting on his time as a Sandinista during the insurrection in Nicaragua.

Diana Gameros and Patrick Wolf.
Photo by Julian Rocha-Silva.

Diana Gameros, accompanied by musician/arranger Patrick Wolf, is a sophisticated songstress whose talents lie in her silky voice and in her ability to eloquently capture personal experiences and perspectives that evoke the timelessness and universality of longing, love and hope.

Students were also treated to fine food from *El Metate: Con Sabor a Mexico* in San Francisco.

Skyline College students enjoy food from El Metate Restaurant.
Photo by Julian Rocha-Silva.

Back Row: Vincent Meschi, Alejandro Murguia, Pricsilla Sanchez, Andrea Garcia, John Saenz, Julian Rocha-Silva,Diana Gameros, Patrick Wolf, and Jackie Monrroy. Front row – Jose Luis Sanchez Sosa, Richard Porter.
Photo by Raul Guerra.

Article by John Saenz.

Bay Area Center for International Trade Seminar Series:
The ABC's of Importing & Exporting

On April 20 2013, the Center for International Trade Development (CITD), in partnership with the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center (SBDC), hosted a seminar titled "The ABCs of Importing and Exporting". The six-hour training seminar took place in Concord, CA and is the first session in the new 'seminar series' offered by the CITD.

Seminar participants included new and returning CITD clients, and others looking to explore global business. This seminar focused on broader aspects of international trade for those interested in basics of importing and exporting. The seminar featured several industry experts that covered topics including: the benefits of exporting, global business management, trade finance, supply chain/international and offered local, state and federal resources to jump start global business in the client's fields.

ESL Registration Day Brings in New Students

ESL Registration Day on April 27, 2013 was a great success. Forty-five new students were able to come to Skyline College to begin their matriculation and engage in a career path. By 9:15, the Learning Center was buzzing with new students filling out forms, signing up for placement testing, getting an orientation to Skyline College, and learning about resources such as SparkPoint and Financial Aid.

Photo by Amber Wolak.

ELI Staff Claudia Paz and Amber Wolak
Photo by Leigh Anne Shaw.

Several student volunteers and Skyline College staff were on hand to help people through every step of the process. The multilingual skills of these volunteers were put to good use as new students attempted the complicated questions on forms.

Photo by Leigh Anne Shaw.

ESL Registration Day was made possible by generous support from College Success Initiative (CSI) and the SparkPoint at Skyline College. Thanks and kudos to Amber Wolak, Kenny Gonzalez of the ELI, Minerva Velasquez and Adriana Armas from A&R, Faculty Garry Nicol, Paul Rueckhaus, and Leigh Anne Shaw, Goldie Lee and her assessment team, and Dave Jorgensen of IT. Also thanks to Martina Center and Kristina Brower for operating the Child Development Center, to Jose Milan and Leitu Takapu from Financial Aid, and to Josh Jubelirer and Glenda Benavides from SparkPoint.

Article by Leigh Anne Shaw.

Hermanos/as Field Trip to Cal State East Bay

On Saturday, February 23rd Aricka Bueno, Counselor took 19 Hermanos and Hermanas to Cal State East Bay's Educational Summit. A few students mentioned they weren't sure if college was for them. By the end of the field trip, many of those same students, who earlier doubted the possibility of college, now could see themselves there.

The Educational Summit's agenda included inspirational guest speakers, a tour of the campus, and tabling of various resources and services. During the tour of Cal State East Bay, the tour guide was engaging and knowledgeable. He told the students about the popular majors on campus and answered questions about other majors students were interested in. The knowledge about the campus and different majors really helped to spark the students' interest and keep their energy high. The students seemed to enjoy the college atmosphere as well as the information table at the end of the event. It was amazing to see the students faces light up as they walked around campus and were able to connect with others. Overall, it was a memorable event for the Hermanos and Hermanas!

Article by Aricka Bueno.

Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition
Now Open in the Art Gallery

Featuring over 140 paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, prints, and ceramics. The exhibition will be on view from April 22 May 16. The Gallery will be open Mondays through Thursdays, please check our website for listing of hours:

www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery
www.facebook.com/skygallery

This is Bananas, Acrylic on Canvas by Daniel Sandoval
Juror's Merit Award Winner for Painting

Rising Up, Steel Sculpture, Jana Nisbet
Juror's Merit Award Winner for Sculpture

Accreditation Update

Skyline College students, faculty, staff and administration attended the 3rd Accreditation Open Forum held on April 23, 2013. The group reviewed the accreditation timeline of where we currently and where we are going. Thanks to Dean Ray Hernandez for leading a discussion on the Delineation of the Functions Map which is intended to illustrate how the three colleges and the district manage the distribution of responsibility by function. A special thanks to Vice President of Instruction Sarah Perkins for leading a lengthy and informative discussion about The Rubric for Evaluating Institutional Effectiveness. The Rubric for Evaluating Institutional Effectiveness was developed to assist colleges as they conduct their Self-evaluation and it also helps in assisting external review teams as they examine institutional quality during accreditation reviews. The Rubric gives institutional members, evaluators, and the Commission a common language to use in describing the institution's practices in three key areas of the continuous quality improvement process: Program Review, Integrated Planning and Student Learning Outcomes

Many suggestions were received and will be included in the Self-evaluation as examples from participants which demonstrate continuous quality improvement at the college. For example, the English faculty used results from the SLOAC process to make changes to their programs. This example and many others will be incorporated into the final accreditation Self-evaluation.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the dialogue. Special kudos to the students for their contributions. We look forward to showing the Accreditation Committee how Skyline College really does Shine.

Accreditation Timeline
For full details of the complete accreditation timeline, please visit the accreditation website at
http://www.skylinecollege.edu/accreditationselfevaluation/timelines.php.

Open forum meeting held for campus community to comment on Self Evaluation report – **DRAFT #3**	April 23, 2013
Forum feedback to Standards Committees for final revision	April 26-May 3, 2013
Review Team, Editor, PIO get revised draft ready for posting	May 1-2, 2013
Final review by Academic Senate, Associated Students (ASSC), Classified Council, College Council and Management Council	May 6-17
Final editing and printing	May 20-31
Pre-site visit meeting held between Team Chair, Team Assistant and ALO	May 9-10, 2013
Self Evaluation given to Board of Trustees for review and approval	June 2013
Self Evaluation mailed to Team Members	Aug 2013
Accreditation Site Visit	Oct 2013

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.

In case you missed it…
ASTEP Scholarship Created

To honor the passing of his mother, Helga Burnham Watson, SparkPoint Director William Watson, and his husband, James Ball, have created a memorial scholarship. The $1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to an ASTEP student with a minimum 3.0 GPA who has a demonstrated commitment to social justice and equity, with plans to transfer to a baccalaureate degree granting institution.

Helga Burnham Watson (1922-2013) was a community organizer for voter registration drives in 1960s rural Mississippi. Despite multiple threats to her safety by members of the Ku Klux Klan and John Birch Society, she ran for public office to promote voter participation among African Americans. She was an active member of the NAACP, the Scott County Improvement Association, and the Scott County Democratic Coordinating Committee where she worked to incorporate the gains of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party into a more inclusive Democratic Party in Mississippi

For anyone wishing to contribute to the scholarship, donations can be made by automatic deduction (Contact Roxanne Brewer, San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, brewerr@smccd.edu | 650- 358-6849), or by visiting the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation donation website at:
https://www.givedirect.org/give/givefrm.asp?cid=1031

Coming Up

Friday, May 3, 2013
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO) – Meeting, Skyline College, Building 4, Room 4240
- Time TBA, Baseball PLAYOFFS, Skyline College

Saturday, May 4, 2013
- Time TBA, Baseball PLAYOFFS, Skyline College
- 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Concert Choir Performance, Broadmoor Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 5, 2013
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Concert Choir Performance, Skyline College Theater

Monday, May 6, 2013
- 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Transfer Center – UC DAVIS Visit: Tracy King, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2-227
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., A call to consciousness – Educating Our Global Community, Frankie A. Reed, Skyline College, Building 6, Room 6202

Tuesday, May 7, 2013
- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., BACC Workshop by SparkPoint & Financial Aid, Building 1, Room 1319
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., Transfer Center – Paul Mendez (TAB), Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2-227
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Financial Education Workshop Credit Do's and Don'ts, Skyline College, Building 1, Room 1218
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Skyline Environmental Club - Go Green, Skyline College, Building 7, Room 7109
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Financial Aid Office Workshop – Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2117A

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Blood Drive, Building 6, 2nd Floor
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., BACC Workshop by SparkPoint & Financial Aid, Skyline College, Library Computer Lab
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid Application Labs, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2117-B
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Financial Education Workshop Credit Do's and Don'ts, Skyline College, Building 1, Room 1218

Thursday, May 9, 2013
- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Annual Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibition, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Transfer Center – Palo Alto University: Lenard Wilson, Skyline College, Dining Hall, Building 6

Friday, May 10, 2013
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO) - Meeting, Skyline College, Building 4, Room 4240
- 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Spring 2013 Dance Concert, Skyline College Theater
- Time TBA – Baseball PLAYOFFS, Skyline College

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link: http://www.skylinecollege.edu/events/index.php

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the event, date, time and location to Cherie M. Napier via email at napierc@smccd.edu.

Guidelines for Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to 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

- **Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week¹s issue.**
- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to 1/4 or 1/2 of a page. Do not place pictures next to each other, they must be on separate lines.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Please make sure your article is single spaced.
- Don¹t forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. ³The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.² ³The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. Noon.²
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., ³Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses.² And ³I counted 176 records on the shelf.²).
- 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., ³March 4, 2011² not ³March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011²).
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e., Skyline College instead of Skyline).

Do you have a suggestion?
One way to submit it is through our general **e-Suggestion Box**, via the hyperlink in the box below http://skylinecollege.edu/publicinformationoffice/feedback.php

Feedback and Suggestion Box

 For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:
· The California Community College Chancellor¹s 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/

Skyline Shines is archived at
http://www.skylinecollege.edu/presidentsoffice/skylineshines.php