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## **Congratulations Nohel Corral – Interim Dean of Counseling Beginning in the Spring!**



Please join me in congratulating Nohel Corral for his Spring 2013 Interim Dean of Counseling Appointment. As we wish to Rick Wallace well on his retirement, Nohel Corral will provide leadership and support to the unit beginning January 1, 2013. Nohel's appointment requires us to make interim arrangements for the TRiO Program and the Learning Center. A newly appointed Interim Director of TRiO will report to the Interim Dean of Counseling. The Learning Center faculty and staff will continue to work under the auspices of the Language Arts Division as they work with a faculty coordinator and the Project Director.

Nohel holds a master of Science in Counseling from CSU Long Beach and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Spanish with a minor in Physical Education: Athletic Coaching from the University of California in Santa Barbara. Nohel comes to the position with close to a decade of counseling and student support services director responsibilities.

## **Congratulations Dr. Raymond Jones – Interim Director of Student Support and TRiO Program Beginning in the Spring!**



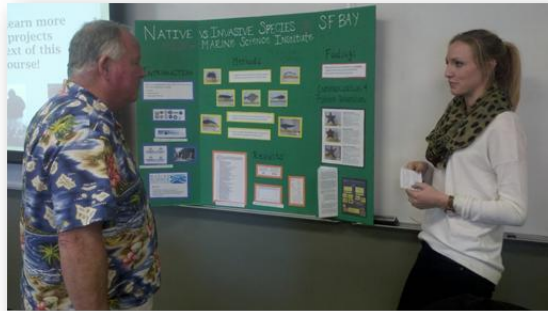
Please join me in welcoming Dr. Raymond Jones to the TRiO Program. Dr. Jones will work with us on an interim basis (January 2013 – December 2013) while Nohel Corral serves as the Interim Dean of Counseling. Dr. Jones comes to us with extensive experience in overseeing programs, administrative leadership and program development. He served as a faculty member here at Skyline College for almost 25 years before going on to Notre Dame de Namur University to serve as the vice president for Campus Life, Dean of Students.

Dr. Jones holds a Doctorate of Philosophy and a Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. He also holds a Masters of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders from CSU Long Beach and University of Redlands, respectively.

## Environmental Science Service Learning Poster Session Connecting Action and Education



*Student Jose Iniguez presents his project to Environmental Science faculty member, Briana McCarthy*



*Above: Student Katlyn Duran presents her project to Pacifica community member Jim Wagner.*

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, students in ENV5 680SD – Environmental Science Service Learning presented their final projects in a poster session. In addition to lecture and in-class community service projects, students performed a minimum of 32 hours of service in partnership with a local community based organization. Semester long projects included avian habitat surveys with the Golden Gate Audubon Society, marine mammal inventories and invasive species research with the Marine Science Institute, clean up and estuarine habitat restoration with the City of South San Francisco, and a chick care guide for the organic garden at Oceana High School. On campus projects included continuing work on the organic community garden at Pacific Heights, localized wind and solar energy feasibility study, and a carpooling and public transit survey for Skyline College.

This course, in its second semester, is made possible by the President's Innovation Fund. Special thanks go to community partners, Sustainable Campus coordinators Briana McCarthy and Sabrina Lawrence-Gomez, as well as Dean Ray Hernandez, facilities staff, and all faculty, staff, and students supporting the initiative. To get involved in future service learning projects or in the Skyline College Sustainable Ambassador Network, contact Briana McCarthy at [mccarthybriana@smccd.edu](mailto:mccarthybriana@smccd.edu).

*Thanks to Anjana Richards for photos and her contribution to this article.*

## Skyline College Informal Fall Dance Show

Please join the Skyline College Dance Program for the Informal Fall Dance Show coming up next week!

### Skyline College Informal Fall Dance Show 2012

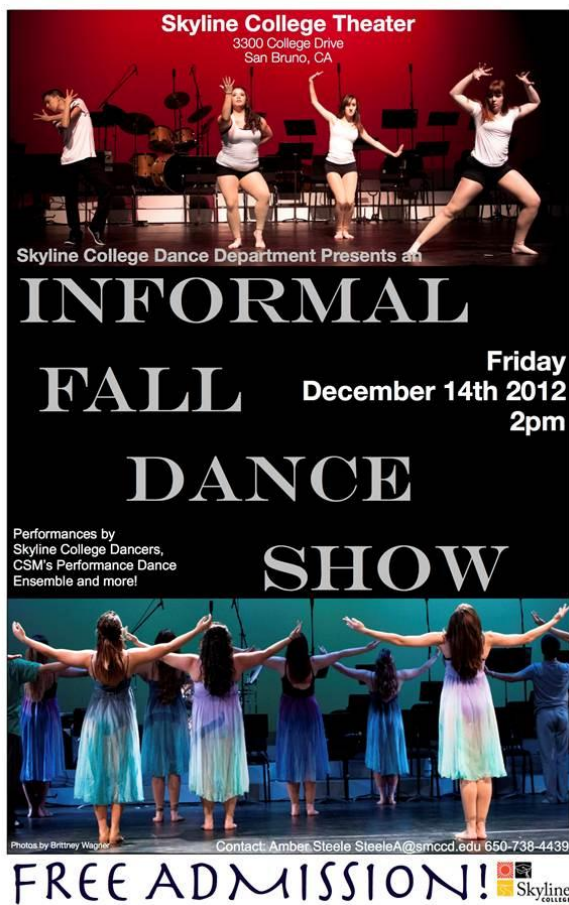
Skyline College Theater

Friday December 14, 2012

2:00 p.m.

*Free parking on Friday afternoon and Free Admission!*

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/483036185081648/>



Take a break from finals or your desk and join us to see an informal celebration of dance!

The Skyline College Dance Program will be showing all of the Fall Semester's choreographic pieces and our works-in-progress at this joyous and energetic dance show. Faculty and student choreography, hip hop, contemporary modern and jazz dances, plus guest performances from CSM's Performance Dance Ensemble.

Last week, the Skyline College dancers performed two of our pieces at the College of San Mateo dance concert last week, and next week the CSM dancers join us as part of our dance exchange program. We encourage students, staff and community members to come celebrate our students' creativity, hard work and passion for dance!

Presented by the Skyline College Dance Honor Society. Special thanks to Theater Director Alan Ceccerelli, Joe Morello, Kevin Chak, Katie Beverly and Cherie Napier for their continued support and technical wizardry!

Please help spread the word!

Excitedly,  
Amber Steele M.F.A.  
Assistant Professor, Dance & Kinesiology  
Skyline College  
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## Beta Theta Omicron Serves the Community



During 2012, members of Beta Theta Omicron, the Skyline College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, brought hands-on science laboratory experiments to local middle schools. Our Phi Theta Kappans developed and practiced the labs and teaching the labs during the early spring. They started teaching in middle schools in May and continued through the Fall semester, teaching more than 700 7th and 8th graders.

Our Beta Theta Omicron chapter members chose science education as their Honors In Action service project because it supports the College's goals to be a leading academic center for the community and to prepare the regions workforce. The students were also motivated by the national goal to "move American students from the middle of the pack to the top in science."

Participating Skyline College students: Will Cornett, Leah Chen, Valerie Reyes, Beatriz Millare, Reema Eid, Genesis Quiroz, Lloyd Pena, Morgan Davis, Irene Yim, Casey Fortier, Joe Cooney, Tulsi Solanki, Ronnette Naungayan, Min Tan, Nina Madriaga, Jessica Gonzales, Monzy Herrera, Anthony Din, Adriana Chavarri, Maryam Khan, Rachel Mesias, Aruna Singh, Rashin Parsa, Vince Meschi, Kemi Shamonda, Zin Thu, Ameer Abugeith, Noimee Lasat, Jenny Connors, Ryan Connors.

Photos: Two of the labs developed by Skyline College students—8th graders build a water filtration system (left). 7th graders explore chemistry through molecular gastronomy.

*Photos by Beta Theta Omicron vice-president Ronnette Naungayan.*

## Accreditation Update

**Distance Education offerings in the spotlight!** The Accreditation Site visiting team will be using specific standards and practices for evaluating the instructional offerings of the next fall. They will be paying particular attention to our distance education offerings. The standards for evaluating online learning assure the quality of learning in online settings, assuring that they are comparable to face-to-face learning.

### Standards to Consider:

- Interaction with students must be regular and effective
- Distance Education integrity
- Assessment and planning using SLOs
- Training of faculty teaching DE courses (STOT and CTL)
- Accessibility

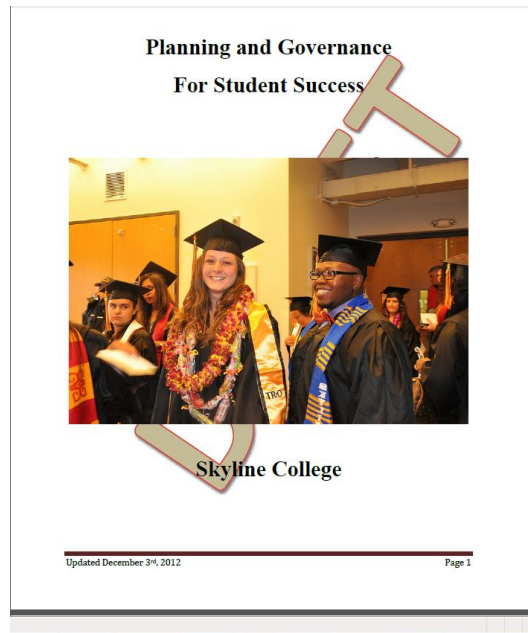
More information will be forthcoming. The [Guide to Evaluating Distance Education and Correspondence Education](#) is posted on the Accreditation website.

Skyline Shines!

*Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.*

## Governance and Planning Handbook Update

One of the benefits of undergoing a self-evaluation in the accreditation process is that the college is able to identify areas that need our attention. One of the areas we have identified is the documentation of our Planning and Governance Processes, Human Resources Plans and Professional Development Processes. The college has many pieces and parts that can be assembled to create the overall big picture that can easily be compiled to provide a source of information about these various issues. For example, if one wants to understand the planning and decision making processes at Skyline College, one can look at the compendium, College Governance Council Charter and Bylaws, the Balanced Score Card Overview, Goals and Strategy Maps, and minutes from various committees. Indeed, it could be a bit of a scavenger hunt, lest we pull the information together.



Dr. Gina Rosabal has been providing writing assistance to help create the needed handbooks. In doing so, she has been researching the information, combing the website, attending committee meetings, and interviewing committee chairs to gather the information. As she creates drafts, she keeps the relevant governance committees apprised and seeks input and guidance to ensure she is meeting the needs of the college.

Each month, this semester, the Institutional Planning Committee has considered drafts of the college Governance and Planning Handbook. IPC will consider recommending the draft to the College Governance Council for adoption.

**This is a request for all constituencies** to review the draft and provide feedback on the current [Governance and Planning draft](#) to your respective representatives on the IPC Committee. Additionally, you may provide feedback to [David Ulate](#) so it may be considered in the deliberations. Thank you for your role in helping Skyline College put its best foot forward

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SKYLINE COLLEGE CONCERT BAND

AND

SKYLINE COLLEGE JAZZ BAND

PRESENT

*“A French Festival”*

WITH

**“Salute to the Seventies”**



Milhaud, Morceau de Concert, Mangione, Maynard, and more!

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Skyline College Theater  
3300 College Drive, San Bruno

Zachary Bruno, conductor

Jon Anderson, horn

**FREE ADMISSION**





## Think. Act. Change!

Create a vision for Sustainability  
at Skyline! Join the  
Sustainability Ambassador Network,

**Thursday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**9-10:30 AM**  
**Room 1319**

**Agenda:**

- Approve Skyline College Sustainability Plan
- Work on Campus Sustainability Projects

All faculty, students and staff are encouraged to attend.

For questions and RSVP contact Anjana Richards  
richards@smccd.edu or 650.738.7076



**Sustainability**  
AMBASSADOR NETWORK

## State Authorization-Student Complaint Process

Skyline College has a new website that provides students with information on the student complaint process. The new regulation was released in the federal registry by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) on October 29, 2010. The language in the regulation reads as follows:

### **§ 668.43 (b) Institutional Information**

*(b) The institution must make available for review to any enrolled or prospective student upon request, a copy of the documents describing the institution's accreditation and its State, Federal, or tribal approval or licensing. The institution must also provide its students or prospective students with contact information for filing complaints with its accreditor and with its State approval or licensing entity and any other relevant State official or agency that would appropriately handle a student's complaint.*

**Note:** The above language can be found in the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations](#).

Please review the website and share with colleagues and students on campus. Attached is the link to the website: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/generalinformation/complaintprocess.php>

## SparkPoint Welcomes AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer



SparkPoint at Skyline College is pleased to announce that Joshua Jubelirer, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Volunteer, has joined the Skyline College community. Josh began his one year assignment in December 2012 to assist SparkPoint with capacity building activities. During his one year term of service, he will work to build SparkPoint's capacity to carry out its mission of bringing together resources that individuals can use to achieve financial stability. Josh will work on marketing SparkPoint's services to the community, building partnerships with other agencies, and refining how the center collects data to improve its services.

Josh graduated from Brown University in May 2012 with a B.S. in Human Biology. His decision to serve as a VISTA was inspired by his volunteer experience at Brown, where he assisted families in a pediatric clinic in finding and accessing resources they needed to be healthy.

Josh is located in the SparkPoint Center, Building One, Room 1219. Please feel free to drop by and welcome Josh to Skyline College.

*Thank you to Heather Smith for her contribution to this article.*

## **Trojans Qualify for State Wrestling Championships**



On Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at San Joaquin Delta College, Skyline College's Wrestling team finished in sixth in the Northern California Championships. Based on this performance the following wrestlers have qualified for the state championships at West Hill College in Lemoore on May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012: Kevin Reber (125 pounds-alternate), Jimmy Zhen (133 pounds-alternate), Justin Belnap (141 pounds – 6<sup>th</sup> seed), Marcus Gebhardt (149 pounds – 5<sup>th</sup> seed), Zach Grove (157 pounds – 3<sup>rd</sup> seed), Roman Ermalov (174 pounds – 4<sup>th</sup> seed), Tommy Howard (184 pounds – 4<sup>th</sup> seed) and Temo Cervantes (285 pounds – alternate). Congratulations to our wrestlers and Coach Haddon and best of luck this weekend!

*Article by Joe Morello.*

## A Talk by Peninah Ndombi



On Thursday, November 15, 2012, Barbary Daley of the Skyline College Library, in partnership with the African Diaspora Program and with the support of the Center for International Trade Development (CITD), hosted a special discussion session with guest speaker, Ms. Peninah (Penny) Ndombi. This is the first installment of the African Diaspora Program's Speaker Series.

Ms. Ndombi, a nutritionist and recently retired manager for the Nestle Company (Africa Division), spoke on politics, nutrition and culture with an emphasis on Africa. Her presentation included information on the unique challenges that certain African regions face in relation to infrastructure, development, culture and how they impact access to nutrition.



While at Nestle and until early 2012, Peninah served as the Scientific and External Affairs Manager for the Equatorial African Region, an area encompassing 20 countries, and the Nutrition Business Manager for the Eastern African Region. Her work focused on addressing global health and nutrition issues in vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, and HIV/AIDS populations. She commissioned the first breastfeeding room in a shopping mall in Kenya where mothers could feed their babies in a comfortable and sanitary environment.

The discussion was moderated by Barbara Daley, who fielded questions from attending students, faculty and staff. This event featured a handpicked selection of books, art and handcrafts from and about Kenya and Sub-Saharan Africa. Following the discussion, guests were invited to attend a networking reception where faculty, students and community members had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Ms. Ndombi and learn more about the CITD and the African Diaspora Program.

We would like to thank all of the administrators, faculty and staff that contributed to the success of this event.



*Article by Pcyeta Jackson. Photos by Helen Hueg and Pcyeta Jackson.*

## Phi Theta Kappa Comes to First Year Experience

As part of the Community College Completion Corps (C4) initiative, the students of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) held workshops for First Year Experience (FYE) students in the Counseling and Math courses. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, PTK facilitated a workshop on focus in Nate Nevado's College Success course, engaging students in a minute-to-win-it type activity where students had to use their hand-eye coordination to grab jelly beans using chopsticks. This was a preface to a lecture on how to focus as the PTK students shared general strategies as well as their personal stories.



On November 5, the FYE students were, once again, given a workshop by PTK students. This time, the workshop was regarding perseverance. Students were led in a brief ice breaker, stretching exercises and to a lecture on determination which included tips on how to do the following: combat frustration, form good habits, find mentors and peer support, and find additional resources outside the classroom. Also included in the lecture was a brief explanation of what the Phi Theta Kappa program is.

The PTK students visited FYE for a third time on November 27; a career networking assignment was given where FYE students have to interview faculty, staff and administration on campus based on a career of their choice. Students are provided a list of names, colleges and majors in addition to sample interview questions. This assignment is congruent to FYE's theme of career planning for the semester and supplements the career research project in the College Success course where students must combine knowledge of math, writing and On Course principles into a research paper on a career of their choice.



As part of C4, Phi Theta Kappa is looking to increase interaction with students on many levels, FYE being one of them. For more information on Phi Theta Kappa, contact the chapter president, Irene Yim, [iyim@my.smccd.edu](mailto:iyim@my.smccd.edu) or faculty advisor Dr. Chris Case, [case@smccd.edu](mailto:case@smccd.edu). For more information on the First Year Experience, contact Vanson Nguyen, [nguyenv@smccd.edu](mailto:nguyenv@smccd.edu).

*Article & Photos by Vanson Nguyen.*

## This Week's Learning Center (TLC) Spotlight

The week the Learning Center (TLC) is proud to introduce another of our most popular and hardworking tutors in the Writing & Reading Lab (WRL), Michael Russell. Michael is a smart, dedicated, and caring young man who is majoring in Music and who is interested in every aspect of music. He has been tutoring here in the WRL off and on for two years, so he is quite prepared to meet the academic needs of Skyline College students. Please ask your students to come to the TLC and get tutoring help from Michael.



### Michael Russell

Although I am studying music here at Skyline College, my greatest skills are in reading and writing. I've written numerous short stories and scripts and worked as editor on several amateur works. I'm also particularly good with structuring essays. My goal is to someday be a professor, not in teaching the composition of an essay but the composition of symphonies. As the only peer tutor in the WRL with that goal, I think that I bring a unique perspective to the learning process.

*Article by John Chavez and Michael Russell.*

## Coming Up...

### Friday, December 7, 2012

- Time TBA, Men's Basketball - Skyline College Classic Tournament, Skyline College
- Time TBA, Women's Basketball - Fresno City College Tournament, Fresno City College Tournament
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Snow Day at Skyline College
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wrestling - State Championships, Lemoore

### Saturday, December 8, 2012

- Time TBA, Men's Basketball - Skyline Classic Tournament, Skyline College
- Time TBA, Women's Basketball - Fresno City College Tournament, Fresno City College Tournament
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wrestling - State Championships, Lemoore

### Sunday, December 9, 2012

- Time TBA, Women's Basketball - Fresno City College Tournament, Fresno City College Tournament
- Time TBA, Men's Basketball - Skyline Classic Tournament, Skyline College

### Tuesday, December 11, 2012

- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., “A French Festival” with “Salute to the Seventies”, Skyline College Theater

### Wednesday, December 12, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Room 4240A
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

### Thursday, December 13, 2012

- Final Examinations

### Friday, December 14, 2012

- Final Examinations
- Time TBA, Women's Basketball - CCSF Tournament, CCSF Tournament
- 2:00 p.m., Informal Fall Dance Show, Skyline College Theater
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball – Solano College, 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](mailto: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](mailto:skylineshines@smccd.edu)

- **Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week's 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.
- 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 center
- 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).

### 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 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/>

*Skyline Shines* is archived at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/presidentsoffice/skylineshines.php>