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Updating the Educational Master Plan

As we prepare for accreditation, we are updating all our institutional documents to ensure they accurately reflect and demonstrate the vision, mission, values and goals of the college. The Education Master Plan is one of those essential documents. This year to help refresh this document, we have hired a consultant to, among other responsibilities, conduct interviews with Skyline College faculty, staff, and administrators to gain their perspectives. Your voice is always heard through your division and/or constituent representatives, and this represents an additional opportunity for you to comment. Therefore, I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to meet with Dr. Morgan Lynn (our consultant) and give your feedback on questions such as:

1. What new programs do you feel are needed for Skyline College to better serve the community?
2. What Skyline College programs are in need of strengthening in order to better serve the community?
3. What is your assessment of the college's current planning structure and process? What works well, what could be improved?
4. How do advances in technology impact programs in your area?

Dr. Lynn will be conducting interviews during the week of September 24 and interviews should take approximately 30 minutes. Should you be interested in participating, please email Dr. David D. Ulate at ulated@smccd.edu with the days and times you are available to meet. Please let me know by **September 10, 2012**.

The Learning Center Helps Students Succeed

Welcome back, Skyline College community! The Learning Center (TLC) is open and ready to help students succeed this Fall. Aside from the team of committed, qualified tutors in our Writing, Reading, Math, Communication Studies, ESOL and Science Labs, the Learning Center will be offering tutoring in Arabic and Spanish this semester. Our tutors are energized and prepared to empower students to become responsible, independent learners. The Learning Center is also in the process of certifying its tutor training program through the College Reading and Learning Association. This tutor certification program is recognized nationally and will allow transfer students to secure employment as tutors at many universities and colleges across the nation, such as at UC Berkeley. Furthermore, the TLC offers workshops on study skills, reading and composition, personal statements, Math, and ESOL topics. Our Language Lab is equipped for students to practice Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, or Filipino through our Rosetta Stone software. The Communication Studies Labs are abuzz with students practicing their first presentations. Students can make a reservation to use the Communication Studies Labs by contacting Katie Ha at hak@smccd.edu. TRiO is also back in action in the TLC helping students transfer to four-year universities and colleges. TLC staff are happy to lead tours of the Center or will come to classes for brief presentations at professors' requests. Additionally, the Learning Center welcomes our new Language Arts Division Dean, Mary Gutierrez, and is excited to work with her.

Also, the Learning Center (TLC) would like to introduce our tutors to the Skyline College Community on a regular basis. This week we are proud to introduce Lisa Ng, one of our Writing & Reading Lab (WRL) tutors who is completing her coursework for a Master's of Arts and a Composition Certificate at SFSU. Furthermore, Lisa has been working closely with Rachel Bell as a teaching intern in Professor Bell's English 100 class where she is increasing her understanding of student needs. Lisa has been with the TLC for over a year now, and she is highly skilled in reading and composition and is one of the most popular tutors in the WRL. Lisa is quite affable and you can always find her during her shift wearing a smile. Please see her photo and short bio below.

Lisa Ng

This semester, I'm working on finishing up my M.A. degree in Composition and my certificate in Postsecondary Reading at SFSU, and I'm thrilled to be back at the WRL for another semester! I'm also looking forward to teaching Freshman Comp at SFSU as a GTA. In the past, I have been an English tutor for a specialized learning community a City College where I worked with individual students within a cohort and also conducted small workshops. I also interned at the College of San Mateo where I had the opportunity to work with a fabulous mentor teacher and also tutored students at the writing center. My approach to teaching writing is to emphasize writing as a craft, and writing as a deliberate process. I want students to understand that they are in control of the message, and that the rules that govern "good writing" are not static, but change with each rhetoric situation. On a similar note, my time at the WRL has taught me that there isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to tutoring--the general principles may be the same--but individualizing the approach to best respond to the student's learning and communication style gets the best results.



When I'm not teaching, reading, writing or grading papers, I try to spend as much time as possible outdoors--climbing things or vagabonding. Backpacking and travel are my other addictions.

Accreditation Update

Writing Team meetings continue throughout the campus. Teams continue to work on their first drafts of the 2013 Institutional Self-Evaluation which is due on **September 14th**. Skyline College is coordinating with the other two campuses on accreditation. In addition, a District Accreditation Coordinating Council meeting was held at the district office on September 4th. The Coordinating Council discussed the areas of the self-evaluation that deal with the District Office and District functions. Writers from the District office provide each of the campuses with a write up to be customized by the campuses and inserted in the self-evaluation. The writers include Barbara Christensen, Sue Harrison, Kathy Blackwood, Eric Raznick and Jose Nunez. A summary of Skyline College accreditation activities for all three campuses will be presented to the Board of Trustees on September 12th.

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis

Chamber Music Concert

Music by Beethoven, Fasch, Paradis and Koetsier

Rebecca Rust, *Cello*

Friedrich Edelmann, *Bassoon*

Vera Breheda, *Piano*

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Skyline College Main Theatre

Free Admission



Rebecca Rust, Friedrich Edelmann, and Vera Breheda have concertized around the world, performing and teaching in Europe, Russia, China, North Africa, Israel, the United States and South America. They recently returned from two tours to Japan, where they played a number of benefit concerts for the victims of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. They were honored to perform for a private musical evening with the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

Student participation certificates will be available

Skyline College Art Faculty Exhibition

The Skyline College Art Gallery will open on Monday, September 10, with our new Art Faculty exhibit. The exhibit will feature paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, ceramics and mixed media works by Skyline College Art Faculty members. The show will run from September 10 – October 11, and will be open Mondays through Thursdays. Check the Gallery website for current hours and additional exhibition information.

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>

There will be an opening Reception on Tuesday, September 11, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

You can view pictures of the exhibit in the Faculty 2012 show Photo Album at the Gallery's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/skygallery>



Ilana Crispi, *Scooter*, Watercolor on Paper



Disability Resource Center Hosts Open House



You are invited to our
OPEN HOUSE!

Learn more about the new Disability Resource Center and our upcoming events.

Sept. 18th, 2012

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Building 5, Room 5132

Refreshments will be served!

Errata! Sometimes We Get it Wrong!.....

The following article published last week was attributed in error to Dr. William Watson. The article on the new SparkPoint Facebook page was written by Heather Smith.

SparkPoint at Skyline College Launches Facebook Page

On Monday, August 27, 2012, SparkPoint at Skyline College officially launched its Facebook page! The page includes several forms of engaging media to both inspire and inform Skyline College students, faculty, administrators and staff; SparkPoint participants; and other community members. Our Facebook page features pictures, videos, published articles, press releases, updates on services, promotions and events, and engaging posts and questions. We envision that our Facebook page will become one of our primary outreach strategies since it is a platform that many of our constituents already subscribe to and use on a regular basis. We encourage the entire Skyline College community to engage with us by “liking” our page, pictures, videos, and other content, and sharing SparkPoint content on your personal Facebook walls. Feel free to post comments and questions on the page and share any SparkPoint-related news you come across. We would like to draw your attention to the Discovery Channel Profile Series video on the top of the SparkPoint Facebook page which highlights the educational innovations being implemented by Skyline College’s leadership. Please visit the SparkPoint at Skyline College Facebook page at facebook.com/sparkpointskyline.

Thanks to AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Volunteer, Ms. Heather Drusilla Smith, for developing and managing SparkPoint’s Facebook page. We look forward to your participation in bringing more visibility to SparkPoint and Skyline College through our new social media presence.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College, please visit the SparkPoint website at www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint or call (650) 738-7035.



Article by Heather Smith

Academic Senate Meeting September 14th, 2012, Room 6203



What's Prop 30 all about? What changes have happened via the Student Success Task Force? Is there a faculty handbook at Skyline College? What is the Performance Evaluation Task Force? What's up with the IRB? All these questions and more can be answered by coming to your Academic Senate meetings. All faculty are welcome at all Senate meetings, which are held from 1:10 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. generally on 2nd and 4th Fridays (see web for adjustments in November/December). Refreshments provided!

Do you want the Senate to discuss an issue near and dear to your heart? Academic Senate office hours are held each week on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in room 8215. Come by to visit your Academic Senate president and talk about things you'd like to see Academic Senate address.

Want to see what we're up to in between meetings?

Link to Academic Senate web page: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/academicsenate/index.php>

Link to SB 1143 information page: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/academicsenate/sstfinfo.php>

Link to State Academic Senate page: <http://www.asccc.org/>

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Article by Leigh Anne Shaw

The Center for Workforce Development Welcomes Soledad McCarthy



We are pleased to announce that Soledad McCarthy has joined the Workforce Development team as a Program Services Coordinator. Soledad becomes a permanent member of the team after serving in this role on an interim basis. With a Bachelors of Science in Psychology and a Masters of Business Administration, Soledad brings a diverse background in special education, event planning, and financial and project management. In her brief time here, Soledad has exhibited an exceptional commitment to our students and extraordinary tenacity to build and create programs meaningful to the College.

Soledad will be primarily focused on the Career Advancement Academies (CAAs), which “establish pipelines to college and high wage careers for low-income young adults who face academic and personal barriers to post-secondary education and employment. The CAAs are innovative learning community program designed to accelerate student progress by integrating work readiness, career guidance, support services, contextualized basic skills, language learning and career technical training.”¹ Skyline College currently has CAAs in the Automotive and Allied Health departments.

Soledad is located in the Center for Workforce Development, Building 1, third floor, Room 1311 and can be reached via mccarthys@smccd.edu or (650) 738-4418. Please stop by and welcome her to the Skyline College family.

¹<http://www.careerladdersproject.org/initiatives-programs/career-advancement-academies/>

African Adventure Featured in Pacifica Tribune



Barbara Daley, Skyline College Library Support Specialist, was featured in a front page article of this week's Pacifica Tribune (09/05/12). To read about her travels to Kenya, East Africa ([Two Pacificans find beauty and terror in Nairobi](#)), please click on the following link:

http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_21467600/growing-pains-nairobi-two-pacificans-experience-beauty-and



5th Annual Skyline College Asian Culture Week September 18 – 22, 2012

Skyline College in collaboration with China Dance School/Theater of San Francisco will host another Annual Skyline College Asian Culture Week. This is part of the Asian Culture Center's project supported by the President's Innovation Fund. We hope our Asian Culture Week will again help promote cultural exchange and international education.

This exciting event will include an Asian food festival and Asian film festival. The featured event, the China Dance School /Theater of San Francisco will perform on September 22 in the Main Theater.

*2012 Skyline College
Asian Culture Week*
亚洲文化周
September 18—22, 2012



Saturday, September 22 7:30 P.M.
China Dance School & Theater Performance

The featured event, the China Dance School /Theater of San Francisco will perform on September 22 in the Main Theater.
Call (650) 738-4194 for tickets

Film Festival (Main Theater)

Tuesday, September 18 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.
An American in China
一个美国人在中国

This coming of age, fish out of water story is a journey to another world, yet a world that is in many ways just the same as our own. Politics, cultural differences and distances cannot change the fact that we all share the same common humanity and the same basic desire: to love and be loved.



Wednesday, September 19 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.
Departures
人随路

When his orchestra disbands, Daigo Kobayashi (Masahiro Motoki) decides to start over and moves back to his small hometown. Desperate for work, he secretly takes a job as a "Nokanishi," a funeral professional who prepares the deceased for burial and entrance into the next life. But while working with the families of the departed, Daigo embarks on a spiritual journey of his own as he finally experiences the joy and wonder of living.



Asian Food Festival (in front of the Quad)

9/18, Tuesday
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

9/19, Wednesday
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Food for purchase benefits Study Abroad Program




Skyline
 COLLEGE
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Skyline College

Asian Studies Center
Physical Education, Athletics &
Dance Department

China Dance School & Theatre

中國舞蹈學校

Article by Dr. Hui X. Pate

SparkPoint at Skyline College Joins Community Partners for Networking



Pictured L to R: Pedro Gonzalez, City Council of South San Francisco; Maddie Houghton, Asian American Recovery Services, North County Prevention Partnership, San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative; Audrey Magnusen, Executive Director, North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center (NPNSC); Nani Wilson, Asian American Recovery Services; Alex Parada, NPNSC; Carmen Bahasa, Health Plan of San Mateo; Sonia Hernandez, NPNSC; Vanessa Hernandez, UC Coop Extension; Maria Barcelata-Long, South San Francisco Unified School District; Jackie Samayoa, Teen Talk Sexuality Education; Stephanie Weisner, Star Vista; Cindy Antezano, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Raymond Jones, SparkPoint at Skyline College. Not pictured, William Watson, SparkPoint at Skyline College.

SparkPoint at Skyline College attended a partnership networking meeting at Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center in South San Francisco, California, on Friday, August 31, 2012. Organizations included: City Council of South San Francisco, Asian American Recovery Services, North County Prevention Partnership, San Mateo County PRIDE Initiative, North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center (NPNSC), Health Plan of San Mateo, UC Coop Extension, South San Francisco Unified School District, Teen Talk Sexuality Education; Star Vista, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, and SparkPoint at Skyline College.

Organizations presented the services and resources which are offered to the community. Opportunities for cross collaboration were explored and contact information was exchanged between attendees. For SparkPoint at Skyline College, cultivating these partnerships builds networks of resources and services that strengthen the web of opportunity for those we serve. For more information about North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center, please contact the Executive Director Audrey Magnusen, Executive Director, at 650-583-3373 or visit their website at: <http://npnsc.net/> For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College, please contact Dr. William Watson, Director, at 650-738-7035, william.watson@smccd.edu, or visit the SparkPoint website at: www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint and visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sparkpointskyline.

Coming Up...

September 8, 2012

- 10:00 a.m., Women's Soccer against Shasta College, Redding

September 10, 2012

- Last Day to Drop without Appearing on Record

September 11, 2012

- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer against Modesto Junior College, Modesto

September 12, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., TAG – Transfer Admissions Guarantee Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball against City College of San Francisco, San Francisco

September 13, 2012

- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., Understanding the new Associate for Transfer Degrees, Building 6, Room 6203
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

September 14, 2012

- 10:00 a.m., Volleyball – MPC Classic, Monterey
- 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer against Modesto College, Modesto



Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

September 17, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Financial Aid Information Table, Building 6
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Financial Aid Updates, Building 2, Room 2117-A

September 18, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop – Satisfactory Academic Progress and Income Adjustments, Building 2, Room 2117A
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Women’s Soccer at Las Positas College, Livermore
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Financial Aid Workshop – Satisfactory Academic Progress and Income Adjustments, Building 2, Room 2117A

September 19, 2012

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Career Services Workshop – Undecided about your Major? Let us Help, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball against Cabrillo College, Aptos

September 20, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Financial Aid Updates, Building 2, Room 2117A
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., FAFSA Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

September 21, 2012

- 10:00 a.m., Volleyball – San Jose Tournament, San Jose
- 1:00 p.m., Men’s Soccer against Mission College (DH), Skyline College
- 3:00 p.m., Women’s Soccer against Ohlone College (DH), 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 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ 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, or via the same box on the front page of our website at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/generalinformation/esuggestionboxes.php>



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>