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Fall 2012 Lecture Series Featuring Dr. Pamela Cox Otto

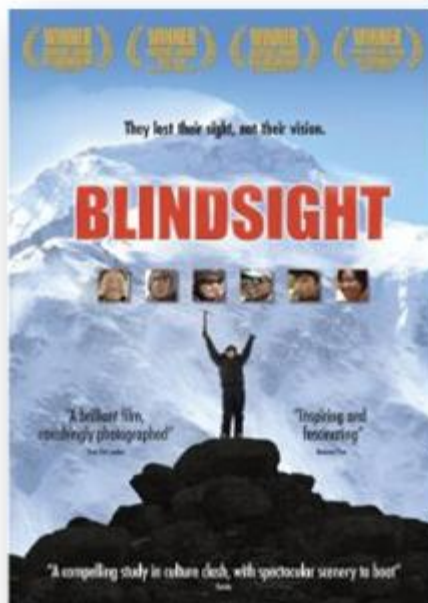
The Call to Consciousness Lecture Series featuring Dr. Pamela Cox Otto will take place next **Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** in Building 6, Room 6202. Dr. Cox Otto, Chief Executive Officer at Interact Communication, will be speaking on **Generational Communication**. She is a highly skilled, brilliant strategist with a wild sense of humor and a wealth of experience in marketing community colleges.

The lecture is open to staff, faculty, students and the wider community. **Faculty, if it meets your course objectives, please plan to attend the lecture with your students during class time, or offer extra credit to encourage attendance that students do not miss this amazing lecture.**



Flyer for the Fall 2012 Lecture Series. The top section features a red banner with the text "Fall 2012" and "A CALL TO CONSCIOUSNESS...". Below this, the text "Generational Communication" and "Dr. Pamela Cox-Otto" is displayed. To the right is the Skyline College logo and "Lecture Series". A photograph of Dr. Pamela Cox-Otto is shown in the bottom left. The bottom right section, on a red background, provides the date and time: "Thursday, October 25, 2012", "11:00am - 12:30pm", "Room 6202, Building 6", and "RSVP to (650) 738-4325".

disABILITY! ACHIEVE! Event: Blindsight Movie Screening



As part of disABILITY! ACHIEVE! the Disability Resource Center will be screening the documentary film, **Blindsight on October 30, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in room 6204.** Refreshments will be served. “Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Himalayas, **BLINDSIGHT** follows the gripping true-life adventure of six blind Tibetan teenagers on a climbing expedition up formidable Mount Everest. Believed to be possessed by demons because of their blindness, the children are feared by their parents and rejected by society. Rescued by a blind educator and adventuress, the students invite a famous blind mountain climber to visit their school and let him lead them higher than they have ever been before. The result is nothing anyone could have predicted.”

Article by Melissa Matthews.

Latino Heritage Month and 25th Anniversary of *Earth Book* Celebration



The unveiling of Earth Book in front of the main entrance of Building 2



Left – Cascada de Flores performs music of the Americas.

Right – The Learning Center/TRiO Director Nohel Corral, Dr. Naomi Quiñonez, John Saenz, Leticia Hernandez.

On Tuesday, October 16, 2012, Skyline College proudly celebrated Latino Heritage Month and the 25th anniversary of *Earth Book*, the Skyline College mural painted by Bay Area's world renowned artist and muralist, Juana Alicia. Historian and poet Dr. Naomi Quiñonez MC the day's event, poet Leticia Hernandez read some of her wonderful poetry, and the musical ensemble Cascada de Flores, which explores Mexican and Caribbean folk music and dance, performed.

Latino Heritage Month pays tribute to the generations of Americanos/Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.



Left – Juan Alicia discusses her work. Right – Juan Alicia and Naomi Quiñonez in discussion.

Skyline College, TRiO, the Associated Students of Skyline College, Puente, the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development, Skyline College Business Office and the Bookstore hosted a discussion of Juana Alicia’s body of work because we believe her work exemplifies the values and aspirations that Skyline College holds dear—inspiring a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment. Skyline College also believes that Juana Alicia’s work exemplifies the College’s ongoing commitment to "prepare students to be culturally sensitive members of the community, critical thinkers...socially responsible lifelong learners and informed participants of a democracy in an increasingly global society," and because "We value a deep engagement with the community we serve and our role as an academic and cultural center for business, industry, labor, non-profits, government and the arts."

Earth Book, refers to the interdependence of the environment and the learning process. The hands that emerge from the natural environment surrounding the book are engaged in a variety of activities representative of some of the educational pursuits explored at Skyline College. The hands themselves represent the ethnic rainbow of people attending the College.



Left – Skyline College students, including Julian Rocha join the discussion. Right – Poet, Leticia Hernandez

For those not familiar with Juana Alicia's mural, it is located at the main entrance of building 2. *Earth Book* was painted in 1987 by Juana Alicia and two Skyline College art students, Barry McGee and Sia Yang.



Left – Skyline College students line up for Mexican cuisine. Right – Vice-President of Instruction, Dr. Joi Blake.



Dr. Naomi Quiñonez, John Saenz, Leticia Hernandez, and Juana Alicia.

Article by John Saenz. Photos by Felix Perez and Katie Ha.

The Financial Aid Office at Skyline College participates in the Northern Peninsula College Fair



Transfer Ambassadors, Victor Moran and Kikki Su and Financial Aid Ambassador, Bianca Porras.

On Wednesday, October 10, 2012 the Financial Aid Office along with Skyline's Transfer Center and the Counseling Division attended the Northern Peninsula College Fair at Serramonte Shopping Center in Daly City.

The college fair, is a collaborative effort between Jefferson Union and South San Francisco school districts, San Francisco State University and Serramonte Shopping Center. The college fair is an annual event and is designed to give every high senior the opportunity to meet with a college, university and trade school representative. Approximately 300 high school juniors and seniors attended the event.



A special thank you to Financial Aid Ambassador, Bianca Porras, Transfer Ambassadors, Victor Moran and Kikku Su; and Daryan Chan, Outreach Counselor for attending this event and providing students, parents and community members from valuable information regarding financial aid and scholarships, transfer opportunities and general information regarding Skyline College's programs and services.

Skyline College SACNAS Chapter Awarded SACNAS 2012 Outstanding New Chapter Role Model Award



Skyline College Sacnistas at the conference. Stephen Fredricks and Christine Case were also at the conference.

Skyline SACNAS members attended the annual SACNAS conference in Seattle October 11-14, 2012. At the conference, SACNAS honors the work of role models, leaders, and emergent scientists. The awards programs strives to provide examples of fine science and mentoring in the spirit of helping others develop to the best of their ability by providing inspiration and examples of excellence.

Skyline's SACNAS chapter was cited as a role model chapter and received the 2012 Outstanding New Chapter Role Model Award. The community outreach program implemented by chapter members was commended. 2011-12 chapter co-president Ellaine Talle accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. Chapter advisors are Stephen Fredricks and Carmen Velez.

Article by Dr. Christine Case and Dr. Carmen Velez. Photo by Dr. Christine Case

Internship & Volunteer Community Fair



The Career Services Center hosted the first annual Internship & Volunteer Community Fair which was held at Skyline College on Wednesday October 17, 2012, with more than 40 participating organizations and 75 community service representatives. These organizations represented paid and non-paid internship and volunteer positions in Communications, Business, Education/Human Services, Allied Health/Medicine, Law and Technology/Science.



Some of the 40 participating companies included NASA Ames Research Center, California State Parks, Ameriprise Financial, AmeriCorps VISTA, Daly City Partnership, Galleria de la Raza, Habitat for Humanity, San Bruno Public Homework Center, San Bruno Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club, Tout About Toys Inc., Univision Television & Radio and many more. Over 400 students participated throughout the day to gain valuable work experience connections as they explored available internship/volunteer opportunities.



To our many visiting professionals giving of their time and talents, we offer our appreciation. For our staff, students volunteers and faculty who contributed hours of energy, our gratitude. When we work together in this way, we forge an even stronger partnership and become a far more enlightened community.

Article by Virginia Padrón, Career Counselor/Career Center Director.

Open Mic Gathering



On October 10, 2012, the Urban Youth Society and First Year Experience, sponsored by the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development, held the Open Mic Gathering to bring students from across the campus together. About 30 performances were held from students on campus included spoken word, singing, dance and rap. Future open mic's are scheduled for the second week of school in January and the first full week of March leading up to Rock the School Bells (March 9, 2013).



For more information on future events, contact Vanson Nguyen: nguyenv@smccd.edu.

Article by Vanson Nguyen. Photos by Vanson Nguyen and Myron Peralta.

Accreditation Update

The College Status Report on Student Learning Outcomes Implementation annual report was submitted to ACCJC on October 12, 2012. The report demonstrates that Skyline College has in seven different areas met the requirements for proficiency for institutionalizing the student learning outcomes assessment cycle (SLOAC). We want to continue the good work to meet the ACCJC expectation that **all** courses will have completed a first round of the SLO Assessment Cycle.

The full report is available on the Accreditation Website under Resources: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/accreditation/resources.php>

We truly appreciate all your hard work. Skyline Shines!

Article by Donna Bestock, Christine Roumbanis and Dr. David Ulate.

Lone Star Community College District Visits Skyline College



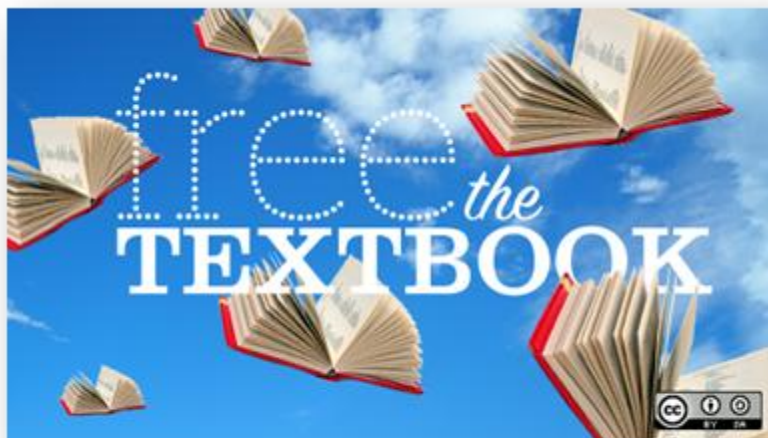
On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, Skyline College hosted a team from Lone Star Community College District in the Houston, Texas area. The team, Romana Cortese and Martini Kusi-Mensah, began their visit at San Francisco State University and wanted to observe Skyline College's integrated reading and writing courses. They also had an opportunity to meet with our Basic Skills Initiative coordinators while in the area.

While at Skyline College, the Lone Star team observed both levels of basic skills reading/writing courses, English 828 and English 846; the team was able to observe one section of the accelerated English 846, the Puente Learning Community English 846, and the Scholar-Athlete Learning Community English 846. The Lone Star team also toured the College to witness the tremendous resources we offer to our students, including the "one-stop" in Building 2, SparkPoint at Skyline College, the English Language Institute, the Food Pantry, the Career Center, and the Learning Center.

A special thanks goes out to Nohel Corral, Chris Gibson, Kathleen Feinblum, Lucia Lachmayr, Michael Urquidez, Virginia Padron, and Amber Wolak for making the Lone Star visit a success.

Article by Chris Gibson. Photo by Yeni Galvez – TriO Student

Instructors: Consider Adopting Free, Open-Source Textbooks



Last month the California legislature passed, and Gov. Brown approved, an initiative that will provide freely-accessible open-source digital textbooks, targeted to lower-division courses, which will be produced by California's colleges and universities. (See [“California Takes a Big Step Forward: Free, Digital, Open-Source Textbooks”](#)) Meanwhile, free online textbooks (and low-cost print textbooks) are already being made available by the [College Open Textbooks \(COT\) Collaborative](#), [Flat World Knowledge](#), [Open Course Library](#), and other sites. (See [Skyline College Library’s links to open-source textbook sites](#).) Since prices of commercial textbooks have been rising extremely rapidly in recent years as students’ budgets are tighter and tighter, it would be extremely beneficial to students if faculty members can begin to try to find open-source textbooks they can adopt for their classes. While it is still early in the process (the first free textbooks from the new California legislation are set to be available for the 2013-2014 school year,) there are a significant range of open-source textbooks already available in many subject areas.

If faculty would like help in searching for open-source textbooks, they should contact Skyline College librarians at the reference desk, x 4312. The library would also like to remind those instructors who continue to use commercial textbooks to please request from the publisher an extra copy of any adopted textbooks to be put in the reserve collection. (Publishers are legally mandated to provide library reserve copies of adopted textbooks.) Reserve copies allow students to at least have free access to textbooks for limited time periods in the library. A [Faculty Reserve Request Form](#) is available to place textbooks in the library reserve collection.

Article by Eric Brenner.

This week's Learning Center Spotlight

The week the Learning Center (TLC) is proud to introduce one of most popular tutors in the WRL, Chanel Daniels. Chanel is a smart woman with a bright future. She is serious about student learning and is constantly speaking with other tutors and faculty about strategies to increase student success. Please ask your students to come to the TLC and get help from Chanel.

Chanel Daniels

My name is Chanel Anastasia Daniels. I am a native San Franciscan, but currently reside in Richmond, California. My favorite colors are purple, turquoise, and silver. I love spending quality time with family, listening to various types of music, singing, and dancing (although I wouldn't list dancing as one of my strong suits... ;) I have been tutoring college level English formally for going on three years, and am currently completing the last year for my Masters in English Literature, along with a Certificate in Composition, as well as a Post-Secondary Reading Certificate. I attend San Francisco State University, and was a transfer student from City College of San Francisco. I am the first in my family to graduate from College, so I feel that I have a very unique perspective on the process of acquiring higher education. I enjoy working with students at all levels of the writing process, and especially appreciate working with developmental writers, as I was formerly one myself. My teaching philosophy favors a mixture of student-centered and teacher-centered learning. I find group work and community building to be very valuable tools in the Composition classroom. I work hard to be approachable to the students that I assist, and am always eager to learn new things from co-workers, as well as the students that I work with. My ultimate goal is to become a community college English professor, and I am looking forward to this next step in my career journey, as a tutor for Skyline College.



Article by John Saenz and Chanel Daniels

Call for Volunteers at the Bay Area Science Festival Skyline College Booth at AT&T Park

On November 3rd, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the AT&T Park leading universities, professional research laboratories, world-class museums, innovative businesses, and an inventive populace like none other, will gather to engage the public in their exploration of the scientific frontier on the second annual Bay Area Science Festival. A three weeklong celebration of science and innovations around the Bay Area for students, teachers, scientists, non-scientists, that concludes with the science festival. This is a **FREE event** that the **whole family** will enjoy! Bay Area Science Festival website: <http://www.bayareascience.org/>

For the second consecutive year, Skyline College clubs SACNAS, SHPE, PTK, Science and Research Club and MESA, are organizing a booth that will showcase science projects ongoing at Skyline College. We are presenting: “*Nutrition for YOU*” and we need **Volunteers** the day of the event to work the booth! Students, faculty, and employees are welcome to participate. Shifts will be held for approximately 1.5 hours. Refreshments and snacks during shifts will be provided.

For general information or volunteering please contact Carmen Velez (Chemistry Professor) at velezcarmen@smccd.edu or sign up on the sign-up sheet next to her office door (7-326B).

Please encourage your students to participate in such a unique event!



The flyer features logos for Skyline College, MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement), Skyline College SACNAS (Science and Research Club), SHPE, Phi Theta Kappa (World Community), and the Bay Area Science Festival. The central text reads: "Volunteer at The Bay Area Science Festival at the Skyline College Booth: *Nutrition for YOU!*"

Saturday November 3rd, 2012
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sign up for a shift and represent Skyline College!

Contact:
Dr. Carmen Velez
velezcarmen@smccd.edu or
Skyline College SACNAS Chapter
skylinesacnas@gmail.com

Article by Dr. Carmen Velez

Skyline College Students Shine at SACNAS Once Again

At the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans and Chicanos in Science (SACNAS) Convention on October 11-14, 2012, 16 Skyline College students presented their original scientific research alongside students from University of Texas, Princeton University, Yale University, University of California, University of Vermont, Stanford University, and many other universities. The conference was held in Seattle and sponsored by the University of Washington.

Papers were selected for the conference in a competitive judging from abstracts submitted in June. Skyline's students started their research in last spring in BIOL 230 or BIOL 690 and continued through the summer in BIOL 690. Stephen Fredricks worked with the students to register and prepare them for presenting at a national conference. Chris and Stephen reported that the students were knowledgeable and professional, and represented Skyline College well.

You can see the students and their posters at <http://skylinecollege.edu/case/biol690/students12.html>

- Hamza Fakhri and Margaret Nguyen. Antimicrobial Activity of *Cortaderia selloana*, Pampas Grass. Mentor: Christine Case
- Daniela Gomez and Estella Gomez. Ethnobotany: Saltgrass, *Distichlis spicata*, Can Inhibit Bacterial Growth. Mentor: Christine Case
- Lynn Huynh and Reema Eid. Antifungal Properties of Cape Ivy (*Delairea odorata*) and Its Potential to Prevent Post Harvest Decay. Mentor: Christine Case
- Rene Vasquez and Irene Sequeira. Effects of Invasive Cape Ivy on the Mycorrhizal Presence in California Native Plants. Mentor: Christine Case
- Morgan Davis and Christopher Cabeza. The Antimicrobial Properties of a Traditional Medicinal Plant, *Adenostoma fasciculatum*. Mentor: Christine Case
- Mary Tsang and Anna Portelli. Antibacterial Activity Of *Rhamnus californica*, An Ethnomedicinal Plant Historically Used By Native Americans. Mentor: Christine Case
- Lisa Razon. Use of Physical Rehabilitation in Canine Subject with Ruptured Cranial Cruciate Ligament to Augment Recovery. Mentor: Shari Bookstaff
- Noimee Lasat. The Identification and Quantification of Viability in Commercial Yogurt Through Culture Based Analysis. Mentor: Melissa Michelitsch
- Irene Yim. Antibacterial Activity of Cultivated and Wild Basidiomycetes. Mentor: Christine Case

- Monzerrat Herrera. Assessing the Effect of Urban Development on Biodiversity in an Urban Stream. Mentor: Christine Case

All of these students now have their first publication. Prizes were awarded to the best paper in each category. **Skyline students Lynn Huynh and Reema Eid won the Microbiology award.**



Rene Vasquez and Irene Sequeira at their poster. Inset: Lynn Huynh and Reema Eid.

TRiO Hosts Transfer Workshop Series

As part of their educational goals, TRiO students must have the goal of transferring to a college or university within four years while earning an associate's degree or certificate. In collaboration with the Transfer Center, the TRiO program will facilitate a series of transfer-related workshops this semester in an effort to assist students through the transfer process.



CSU Application Workshop – Tuesday, October 4, 2012

During the workshop, TRiO students received important updates on CSU admissions requirements, including information on program and campus-wide impaction as well as the new AA-T and AS-T degrees. Moreover, TRiO students were given the opportunity to create an account on CSUMentor in order to view and begin the process of completing the CSU admissions application online.



How to Research College Majors and Universities – Tuesday, October 9, 2012

During this workshop, TRiO students learned the importance of early planning and researching of potential transfer institutions as well as critical factors to consider when choosing a college or university, including, but not limited to, financial cost, program competitiveness/reputation, and location.

In addition, students learned about online tools designed to facilitate their selection process, such as campustours.com, bls.gov, and EUREKA, among others. Lastly, students were strongly encouraged to seek out services available to them at the Transfer Center and Career Center at Skyline College.

During both workshops, TRiO students remained actively engaged and participated in lively discussions!

Article by Jessica Lopez. Photos by Nohel Corral.

Skyline College Speaks Sustainability



Share your ideas to “green” Skyline College.

Thursday, November 8, 2012

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Building 6, Room 6202

JOIN US! Students, Faculty, Staff all Welcome. Come eat, enjoy, & share your best ideas to improve our campus & community sustainability.

Announcing
\$4,000 to fund YOUR best ideas!



RSVP or ask questions: mairj@smccd.edu

President's Council Kicks off Peninsula Success Summit Planning Session



The Skyline College President's Council is looking forward to hosting a Peninsula Success Summit that invites community, civic, political and non-profit leaders to convene and develop an action agenda for addressing issues in the county with attention to the north portion of the county. The Summit will explore: (1) ways in which the educational institutions can meet the needs of north county business and civic communities, (2) ideas for resolving issues in north county and (3) ways to highlight innovation and creativity in the county.



President's Council Chair Jessica Evans and Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Cherie Napier facilitated the brainstorming session. Afterwards participants were invited to the President's Suite for light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

The Success Summit will be held at Skyline college next fall and is sure to identify an agenda upon which the President's Council will act and pursue resolutions. Examples of such issues include jobs, health care, transportation and community connection.

Coming Up...

Friday, October 19, 2012

- 1:00 p.m., Women's Soccer - Canada College (DH), Skyline College
- 2:00 p.m., Kappa Beta Delta Fall Induction Ceremony, Building 4, Room 4301
- 3:00 p.m., Men's Soccer - Cabrillo College (DH), Skyline College
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball - Gavila College, Skyline College

Saturday, October 20, 2012

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling - North Dual Meet, Santa Rosa

Monday, October 22, 2012

- 10:00 a.m., Transfer Day, Student & Community Center, Building 6, Dining Hall

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

- 1:00 p.m., Women's Soccer - Las Positas (DH), Skyline College
- 3:00 p.m., Men's Soccer - Hartnell College (DH), Skyline College

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

- 12:00 p.m., Impactful Interviewing, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 12:30 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Room 4240A
- 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:00 p.m., Wrestling - Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball - Ohlone College, Skyline College

Thursday, October 25, 2012

- 11:00 a.m., Fall 2012 Skyline College Lecture Series Multigenerational Communications Expert, Room 6202, Building 6

Friday, October 26, 2012

- 2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer - City College of San Francisco, Skyline College

- 4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer - Ohlone College, Fremont

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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 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, 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/>

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