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Student Climate Survey Reveals 96% of Skyline College Students Would Recommend College

San Bruno, California – October 8, 2018: Skyline College students would overwhelmingly recommend the college to a friend or family member according to a recent student climate survey. Over 96 percent of current students polled said they would recommend Skyline College. This statistic was one of many collected in a broad survey of nearly 2,000 students on campus conducted in spring 2018.

The survey, unprecedented in its scope for Skyline College, asked students to reflect on their experiences at Skyline College in terms of diversity, equity, and campus climate. The survey also included topics relevant to students, including questions on financial security, childcare, and textbook affordability. Twenty percent of the student body participated in the survey and the respondents were similar to the college demographics in terms of race and ethnicity.

“This survey provided us with a window into the life of a student at Skyline College and allowed us to measure current student attitudes and perceptions towards Skyline College’s programs, services and learning environment,” said Jacqueline Honda, Ed.D, Interim Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness. “The survey results provide invaluable information that help us shape a more complete picture of student perceptions. And all of this information will be used intentionally to increase graduation rates and remove barriers to completion.”

The results highlighted how students felt about instruction and the campus climate. Standout statistics included the following:

- 84% of students felt comfortable approaching instructors to ask questions

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- 81% of students felt that other students at Skyline College were respectful of their background and values
- 76% of students felt that Skyline College works proactively to remove barriers to success for diverse student populations
- 80% of students had a clear sense of how their major would help them to meet career goals after college

The survey also provided insight into challenge areas for students, including how they felt their personal identity affected expectations of them, how the cost of textbooks affected their coursework and class load, and how financial challenges may affect their educational journey. Questions on issues of housing insecurity and transportation also revealed challenges for students.

“Every question in the survey provides insight that will allow us to more directly address the challenges students face in higher education – helping us to make decisions on key areas where we need to devote greater resources to continue to serve students and live up to our mission” said Honda.

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

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