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**16TH ANNUAL SKYLINE COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
RAISING FUNDS TO SEED INNOVATIVE NEW PROGRAMS**

San Bruno, California – February 24, 2016 –The 16th Annual Skyline College President's Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center located at 255 South Airport Boulevard in South San Francisco. The breakfast is hosted by Skyline College President Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D. and the Skyline College President's Council. This free event brings the community together for networking, a delicious breakfast, and presentations showcasing the innovative projects supported by the President's Innovation Fund (PIF) and the students they benefit. Attendees will be given the opportunity to donate to the President's Innovation Fund to support current and future projects benefiting students.

Since its inception in 2001, donations to the fund have enabled hundreds of Skyline College faculty and staff develop many of the dynamic programs and services that continue to benefit students and our community today. This past year alone, 20 innovative programs were funded thanks to the generosity of the community.

"The visible impact the President's Innovation Fund has on the lives of current and former students and the positive trickle-down effect of this fund on our community is the reason I am so dedicated to the President's Council," said Teresa Proaño, Duggan's Serra Mortuary and Chair of the President's Council.

The President's Breakfast program and video will feature students and alumni sharing their personal stories of transformation through their involvement in a sample of the many programs which were recently funded by the President's Innovation Fund. These programs include: the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) event designed to inspire 6th through 12th grade young women to explore careers in Science Technology, Engineering and Math commonly known as STEM; the Internship/Job Shadow Program which provides students the opportunity to build their professional acumen, network, earn college credit and gain valuable work experience connecting them directly to local businesses through the Bay Area Entrepreneur Center (BAEC); and Passport to the World, allowing students to participate in transformative travel abroad service learning trips, most recently to Guatemala. The featured speaker will be Valerie Higgins, an alumnus of Skyline College's Honors Transfer Program and the ASTEP (African American Success Through Education and Persistence) program, a President's Innovation Fund program. Higgins earned her Bachelors and Master's Degrees at San Francisco State University.

If you would like to attend the breakfast or are interested in making a donation to the President's Innovation Fund, please call (650) 738-4325 or visit our [Event Registration Page](#). RSVPs for the Breakfast are requested by Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 10,000 students offering approximately 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs. 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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