



SKYLINE COLLEGE
EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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APPRECIATION

Sixth Annual President's Breakfast and proposals for next year's President's Innovation Fund projects: Skyline College's sixth annual President's Breakfast was on March 23, 2006 and more than 250 people participated. Skyline wishes to thank all who were in attendance at the South San Francisco Convention Center to share a meal, talk about Skyline and work to build the President's Innovation Fund. Skyline wishes to thank the following people for whom the President's Breakfast is a major annual undertaking, and to which they devote tremendous energy and creativity: Sandy Irber, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Development, Shelley Hausman, Public Information Officer, Roxanne Brewer, Public Relations, Marketing and Development Office Assistant and Victor Eco, Student Assistant



Some of the grantees from the 2005-2006 President's Innovation Fund Projects are pictured with President Vicki Morrow at the President's Breakfast. Front row, seated left to right: Tom Hewitt, Barbara Daley, Mel Zucker and Marijane Datson. Second row, from left to right: Linda Rosa Corazon, Erika Torres, Vicki Morrow, Karen Chadwick and Liza Erpelo. Third row, from left to right: Kenny Gonzalez, Donna Elliott, Carla Campillo and Sandy Irber.

National Library Week celebration and presentation of "California's Greatest Moments": Many activities were held at the Skyline College library during the week of April 3 to celebrate National Library Week. The festivities culminated in a talk by Dr. Kevin Starr, author, professor of history at University of Southern California and former California State Librarian. This was Dr. Starr's second visit to Skyline College. Nearly ten years ago, on September 25, 1996, he was the keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony for Building 5, which houses the library. Many students and faculty attended his talk entitled, "California's Greatest Moments: A Historian's Journey Through History." Dr. Starr has written numerous newspaper and magazine articles and has written and/or edited fourteen books, six of which are part of his Americans and the California Dream



Dr. Kevin Starr presented "California's Greatest Moments," during Skyline's celebration of National Library Week.

series. His presentation and the National Library Week festivities were funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Skyline wishes to acknowledge Senior Library/Media Technician Barbara Daley and Reference Librarian Dennis Wolbers for writing the funding proposal for the project, which was funded by the President's Innovation Fund. In addition, Barbara organized the event and also contacted Dr. Starr. A special thanks also to Library Director Tom Hewitt, library staff members Carol Driscoll, Eric Brenner, Sandy Kirkpatrick, Kim Lim, and Angela Viviani who helped with lunches and programs, Sandy Irber, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Development, and Shelly Hausman, Public Information Officer.

Skyline Stars: Transfer Hall of Fame:

Skyline held its second annual Transfer Stars Hall of Fame recognition event in the Gallery Theater, thanks to the efforts of Linda Rosa Corazon and the President's Innovation Fund. The Stars completed coursework at Skyline, and then transferred to a four-year college or university and went on to achieve exceptional educational or career success. The Stars were selected through the following process: a call went out campus wide for nominations, instructional and counseling faculty made nominations and then the Transfer Advisory Council reviewed and approved the. Inducted this year were Mark Simon, Dolores Victor, Gracie Hough, Hellen Zhang, Andy Davis, Violeta Borjas and Vu Tran. This year's inductees included many immigrants and first-generation college students. They were actively involved in Student Support Services such as EOPS, DSPS, and MESA, and they are actively involved in giving back to their community. Hellen Zhang and Andy Davis are mother and son and are now adjunct faculty at Skyline (in Business and Biology, respectively). Photos and bios are posted on college website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skyline/sts/tc.html> Photos and bios of the 2005 awardees are also posted on the site.



Skyline Stars 2006, from left to right: Hellen Zhang, Gracie Hough, Andy Davis, Violeta Borjas, Mark Simon and Vu Tran. (Not pictured: Dolores Victor)

Magui Moro Master Artists: A lecture and guest performance by the Magui Moro Master Artists Abraham Abdulla, Akmad Siao, Faisal Monal, Karatuan "Datuan" Kalanduyan, Sata Abdullah, and Teng Emba was held on Tuesday, April 18. Magui Moro Master Artists are Islamic natives from the Southern Philippines known for their time-honored cultural practices in gong music, compelling rituals, and intricate textiles. In vividly colorful traditional regalia, the Magui Moro Master Artists performed songs inspired by typhoon rains and the sound of crashing waves on the kulintang (knobbed gongs), demonstrated expertise in interlocking rhythms on the agung (bass gongs), danced with warrior leaps and mock attacks, and sang incantations of ancient verses.

PROGRAM NEWS

Skyline commemorates 1906 earthquake: On the 100th anniversary of the April 18, 1906 earthquake and fire, Skyline College commemorated the event with the installation of a plaque in recognition of the educational significance of the quake's centennial anniversary.

Funded by the President's Innovation Fund, the plaque is at Vista Point overlooking the ocean at Skyline College. Skyline College has a unique and historic location. The campus is adjacent to the San Andreas Fault and just a few miles from the offshore 1906 earthquake epicenter. The plaque was designed and developed by Mel Zucker, a Skyline geology professor for 33 years and a producer of the local television series, "Down to Earth." The plaque was produced and engraved by V. Fontana and Co. of Colma.



V. Fontana representatives Daryl Sowers (right) and Tyson Fitz (left) with Professor Mel Zucker (center) install the 1906 Earthquake commemorative plaque at Skyline's Vista Point.

Successful GEPP event: On Saturday, April 1, Skyline hosted another group of graduating seniors participating in the Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program (GEPP). A record number of seniors from feeder high schools, 219 in all, attended the day long event. During the full day program, they completed placement testing, orientation, went on a tour and scheduled counseling appointments. Nearly 40 parents attended the parent orientation sessions that were conducted in the morning, in both English and Spanish. Given the success of the event, and knowing that there are still seniors that the college has not yet reached, Skyline may offer a third GEPP session in early May. The GEPP session for students with disabilities will be held Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. Thanks to the following people for this terrific event: Sylvia Martinez and Cass Christian from A&R, Chris Weidman, Sheila Claxton, testing proctors Linda Kisich and Mandy Liang, Angelica Gorostiza, Ivy Velasquez, Dennis Tordesillas, Donna Elliott, Linda Van Sciver for the student and parent orientation, Lou Ferguson for student orientation, Pablo Gonzalez for the parent orientation in Spanish, Kenny Gonzalez and the Campus Ambassadors and Student Workers: Daniel Tostado, Stephanie Nale, Brenda Valencia, Melody Pilotte, Dan Radovich, Elizabeth Osai, Jasn Jay, Nadia; and Jennifer Hughes.

Skyline to present tutoring program at upcoming conference: Skyline Learning Center's Tutor Coordinator, Félix Pérez, and Financial Aid Technician Randy Claros will present a workshop entitled "Skyline College America Counts Tutoring Program" at the 32nd annual Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance (ACTLA) conference on April 28-29. Skyline's program is designed to provide long-term and focused tutorial assistance to K-6 children underachieving in reading and

math as well as train college students in developing strategies for tutoring, mentoring, and serving the community. The workshop will focus on goals and evaluation of the program, obtaining resources for the program, and training/materials for K-6 tutors.

Career Expo at Skyline: Skyline College's Career Expo 2006, hosted by the Career Center on April 5 was a huge success. More than 38 companies and 76 employer representatives attended this event to recruit students for available part-time and full-time employment openings. Five hundred students and community participants took advantage of the opportunity to gain valuable information and to become more familiar with existing employment and training opportunities throughout the Bay Area. Skyline wishes to thank Virginia Padron, Jacquie Escobar, Griselle Schmidt-Fonseca and Ivy Velasquez of the Career Center for coordinating the expo.



Educational and Facilities Master Planning (EFMP) update: The last two weeks have included two campus wide forums—one with Skyline's educational planning consultant and one with the facilities planning architects. There have also been a strategy session and a meeting of the EFMP Task Force. All of the session materials—PowerPoint presentations and handouts—are available on Skyline's EFMP website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypro/home.html>. The membership of the college's large EFMP Task Force is provided there, along with the timeline for these projects. There will be two more Town Hall Forums within the next month:

- April 27, 1:00-3:00 pm, Room 2306: Town Hall Forum, presentation of the draft Educational Master Plan
- May 11, 1:00-3:00 pm, Room 2306: Town Hall Forum, presentation of preferred options for the Facilities Master Plan

In addition, the draft Educational Master Plan will be available online this week and Skyline will be inviting feedback on it in advance of the Town Hall Forum.

Phi Theta Kappa chapter announces honors essay contest: Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Beta Theta Omicron, is sponsoring an honors essay contest with a first place cash prize of \$500 and other cash prizes. All Skyline students are encouraged to write a 1500-word, original, unpublished essay on "Gold, Gods and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power." The honors study topic is "Popular Culture: Shaping and Reflecting Who We Are." The essay must be a nonfiction composition that deals with a single topic. It may be instructive, informational, or persuasive; exploring people, places, historical events and personalities, new ideas, how-to, or personal experiences. Visit Beta Theta Omicron's website at <http://skylinecollege.edu/boo/essay> for more information on the essay contest.

Skyline's Health Center presents alcohol awareness and smoking cessation information: April is alcohol awareness month at Skyline and information about two

specific issues is being addressed: alcohol poisoning and driving under the influence. Skyline is also partnering with Breathe California, an organization that is targeting 18-24 year olds for smoking cessation. Skyline asked Breathe California for a different approach to smoking cessation that would encourage students to stick with the program. The new program is a 20-minute Brief Intervention Plan. The Health Center is scheduling appointments and a representative from Breathe California will meet with the students and give them an initial “quit plan.” Each student will receive a “quit kit” which includes things to do instead of smoking: gum, candy and mind absorbing games to play, plus a self assessment tool and a booklet to keep notes on the smoking cessation progress. Students will also be provided with community resources if they need help after the session. The Brief Interventions are scheduled for April 19th & 20th from noon to 4:00pm in Skyline’s Health Center.

SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline View wins awards: Skyline View students won **General Excellence for Online Newspaper** at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges 2006 Annual State Convention in Los Angeles. This marks the fourth semester in a row that The Skyline View has won a state or NorCal regional general excellence award for either its print or online version of the paper. Staff also won the following awards:

Mail-In Awards:

2nd place for Photo Essay: Neill Herbert

4th place for News Feature: Derrick Sanchez

Honorable mention for Feature Profile: Vikki Nguyen

On-the-Spot Competition Awards:

2nd place for Editorial Cartoon: John Harrison

Honorable mention for Opinion Writing: Jonathan Dipratna

Skyline faculty member to be inducted into San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame: Terry Chrisman, former member of the Skyline Physical Education faculty, was selected for induction into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame this June. He was inducted into the Daly City Sports Hall of Fame last year for his accomplishments as both an athlete and coach. At Skyline, he coached baseball for 14 years and also built up the golf program. He has taught almost every activity class that Skyline offers.

Skyline faculty member publishes first novel: Congratulations to English professor, Kathleen de Azevedo Feinblum, on the publication of her novel, [Samba Dreamers](#), by The University of Arizona Press. You can find more information on Kathleen’s website www.kathleenazevedo.com

Skyline Biology professor publishes two textbooks: Two new editions of textbooks co-authored by Christine Case have recently been published: *Microbiology: An Introduction, Ninth Edition* and *Laboratory Experiments in Microbiology, Eighth Edition*.

Skyline automotive student wins foundation scholarship: Julia Johnson, Skyline automotive student and president of the Auto Club for the past year, has been awarded a scholarship from The Automotive Service Councils of California Educational Foundation (ASCEF). Ms. Johnson was one of the three women and two men selected. This year, dozens of high school and college applicants were scored on their automotive grades as well as their general class grades, dedication to their training and their career path, and participation in the automotive field inside and outside of the classroom, as well as community service. Scholarship winners were awarded a scholarship worth \$600 each, to help them pay for their training. Founded in 2000, the Automotive Service Councils of California Educational Foundation is dedicated to serving the automotive repair industry by providing scholarships to students in the Automotive Repair Career field. The Foundation's activities directly impact and influence the advancement of professionalism within the Automotive Repair Industry and the attitudes of society.



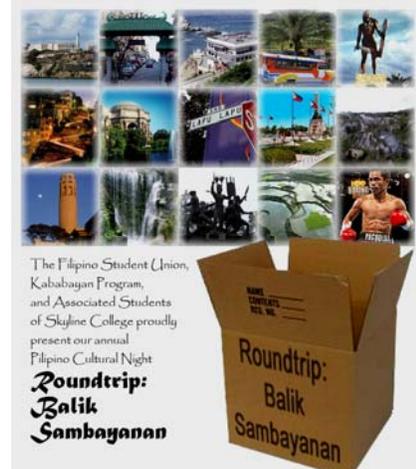
Skyline MESA students selected for summer internships: Silvia Gonzalez, Nasim Naderseresht and Eliezer Concepcion, students in the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program at Skyline were selected for summer internship programs. Chemistry student Silvia Gonzalez was selected for a paid summer internship with the Center for Polymer Interfaces and Molecule Assemblies (CPIMA) at Stanford. CPIMA provides undergraduate research experiences and promotes science education and awareness of materials science, with a special emphasis on polymers. She competed with students from all over the country and she was the only community college student selected. Computer engineering student Nasim Naderseresht was selected for a paid summer internship with the Center for Adaptive Optics at UC Berkeley. Adaptive optics is a method to sharpen the images produced by optical systems such as telescopes, cameras and the human eye by removing the distortions that blur these images. She will also receive a sponsorship to present her research at a national scientific conference. Biochemistry student Eliezer Concepción is the 2006 Genentech scholar from Skyline. He will be conducting research at Genentech and will receive a \$7500 stipend.

Skyline shines at campus recycling efforts: Figures submitted in an annual report to the State's California Integrated Waste Management Board show that Skyline recycled nearly 73% of its trash in 2005. According to Facilities Manager Richard Inokuchi, this is a remarkable achievement given the state is mandating that colleges recycle only 50%. Skyline wishes to thank the all of the construction contractors who worked on various projects during 2005 and did their best to recycle construction materials and debris where possible. Swinerton, Hensel Phelps, Bothman, John Plane, Preston Pipelines, and Chevron Energy Systems are all to be congratulated for their cooperation with Skyline College and its recycling efforts. Thanks also to District

General Services and Bookstore operations for their assistance with special product and book recycling. Special thanks also go out to San Bruno Garbage Company, who worked diligently with Facilities and construction contractor staff on making sure Skyline's recyclable construction debris got credited and taken to appropriate recycle material disposal and transfer sites.

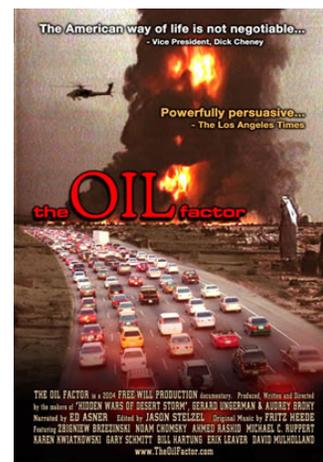
COMING EVENTS

Pilipino Cultural Night, April 22, 2006: The Filipino Student Union, Kababayan Program, and Associated Students of Skyline College present the annual Pilipino Cultural Night - an event that expresses the spirit of the Filipino American experience. Pilipino Cultural Night will feature music and dance performances. In addition, students will present a play entitled, "Roundtrip: Balik Sambayanan." Pilipino Cultural Night aims to create a greater sense of community between American-born and immigrant Filipino students. The event will be held on Saturday, April 22 in the Main Theatre beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 at the door.



Chamber Mixer and Art Reception, April 26, 2006: Skyline College will host a North San Mateo County Chambers of Commerce Mixer and Art Reception in the Gallery Theatre on April 26 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Members of the Chambers of Commerce from Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Millbrae, San Bruno and South San Francisco will be in attendance. The Art Reception will honor student artists whose work was selected for the annual exhibit, which began on April 19. Judging of the student art was held in early April by guest curator and painter, DeWitt Cheng, who is also a noted writer/critic for Art Week. He will talk about his impressions and selection process of the art works submitted to the show. Reservations may be made by calling (650) 738-4324 by April 21. Parking will be available in Parking Lot 1 adjacent to the Gallery Theatre.

"The Oil Factor; Behind the War on Terror", April 28, 2006: A 90-minute documentary and presentation by film directors Gerard Ungerman and Audrey Brohy will be held on Friday, April 28 from 12:30-3 pm in Skyline College's Main Theatre. The film, narrated by actor Edward Asner, is a researched documentary with film footage from Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and includes interviews with the Bush administration and intense cinematic activism. The film presentation is part of the Adewole Project series. Arrangements for the presentation were made by Social Sciences Professor Tony Jackson and the project was funded by the President's Innovation Fund.



Week of the Young Child, April 29, 2006: Skyline College Children's Center is bringing communities and families together for a fun and exciting time at this fifth annual community festival. Many services and providers will come together to provide resources and activities for young children and their families. Admission is free. The festival will be held from 11:00-3:00 pm at the Children's Center, located across from Skyline College next to Loma Chica School.

Spring Dance Concert, May 4-5, 2006: Skyline College's annual dance concert embraces an eclectic variety of dance forms including Polynesian to tap, swing, Brazilian, ballet, modern and hip-hop. This year's event will include participants from South San Francisco High School and Holy Angels Grammar School. The concert will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5, in the Main Theatre at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$1 for children ages 12 and under. To reserve tickets for will call, please contact dance instructor Diana Cushway at (650) 738-4274.