



President's Report to the Board of Trustees

August 22, 2007

SKYLINE SHINES

Opening Day 2007

“Student-Centered Education-How Are We Doing” was the theme of the 2007 Opening Day program as Skyline College welcomed back faculty and staff for the 2007-08 academic year. President Vicki Morrow, along with Vice Presidents Lori Adrian and Regina Stanback-



Skyline faculty and staff celebrated Opening Day 2007 with an annual group photo.

Stroud, introduced new faculty and staff and recognized faculty who celebrated Skyline service award anniversaries during the past year, as well as staff who completed degrees during the past year. Skyline presented its annual Skyline Shines Awards to faculty member, Phyllis Taylor, and community leader, Greg Cochran. All faculty and staff received packets with the newly revised Vision and Mission Statements, Completed Initiatives for 2006-07 and Plans for 2007-08, a Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Cycle (SLOAC) newsletter, Accreditation Planning Summary, a new campus map, construction update, and calendar of major events. In addition, faculty and staff received Skyline pins and buttons that say “Ask Me!” for use during the first weeks of school to assist students to feel welcome and to help them find their way around the campus. Following the program, faculty and staff gathered for the annual group photograph, which was followed by faculty



Phyllis Taylor and Greg Cochran were presented with the 2007 Skyline Shines Awards.

and classified staff meetings, lunch for all in the Student and Community Center, and afternoon flex activities for faculty.

Accreditation Self Study—it's done!

Skyline's Accreditation Steering Committee Chairs, Donna Bestock and Ray Hernandez, and editor, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, have been hard at work over the summer bringing the publication of Skyline's Self Study Report to a close. The Board of Trustees approved the Self Study at its July 25 meeting. The Steering Committee Chairs will be mailing off the official copies shortly and making it available to all Skyline faculty and staff as well, both in an online form and hard copy.

Skyline MESA students make Bridges to Baccalaureate Summer Research Presentations

Skyline MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) students have been participating in a summer research program along with students from the City College of San Francisco and the San Francisco State University Bridges and MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) programs.

On Wednesday, August 8, they made presentations of their findings at San Francisco State. They gave 10-12 minute presentations, along with time for questions and answers. For most students this will be the first time they gave a research presentation to a broad audience including faculty and peers from across the college as well as friends and family members.



Bridges to Baccalaureate presenters: (Front row) Ben Borgo, Mina Mostafavi, Ruth Arce, Margarita Gutierrez, and Kahee "Joanne" Jo. Back row: Anna Dneprov.

Concurrent enrollment student wins Future Business Leaders competition

Last summer, Aurora Victoria David took Marv Steinberg's Accounting 100 course, "Basic Accounting Principles and Procedures." Now she has taken a first place national award in a Future Business Leaders of American-Phi Beta Lambda competition in Chicago. She won in the category of accounting.

Case presents at Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute

Christine Case, professor of biology, gave a talk on "Gold, Gods, Glory and Microbial Power" at the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute, held July 27-29 at Notre Dame de Namur University. Skyline students attending were Anna Dneprov, Marcia, Soares, Richard Chiang, and Stephen Chan. Students participated in British Debates on the feasibility of biofuels. Students were on teams with participants from other California and Nevada community colleges. Marcia Soares' team won the debate.

Dr. Case was also invited to author an article on Fermentation for Grolier encyclopedia and she edited a special edition of Scientific American entitled "Current Issues in Microbiology, v. 2."

PROGRAM AND SERVICES NEWS

Skyline hosts the governor of the state of Osun, Nigeria

On August 6, Skyline College had as a guest the governor of Osun state, Nigeria, who was in the US to develop new business relationships and to strengthen California ties. On his way to meet with Governor Schwarzenegger in Sacramento, Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola stopped at Skyline College to meet with college staff to discuss possible agreements between Skyline and five of the universities in his state. The group considered ways of promoting and expanding international understanding by stimulating and supporting educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects between students and staff. The partnership could result in attracting Nigerian international student enrollment and the development of faculty exchange opportunities. Governor Oyinlola was hosted by the Center for International Trade Development, which is designed to assist small- to medium-size businesses in entering international trade.



Biology Professor Chris Case (top left) with debate students, bottom row: Marcia Soares, Richard Chiang, top row: Anna Dneprov. Not pictured: Stephen Chan.



Osun state Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola (center) and his team met with Skyline leaders, including Science/Math/Technology Dean Mike Williamson (left).

Skyline's new Assessment Handbook published

The Assessment Office is pleased to announce that the new *Assessment Handbook* is now available. The *Assessment Handbook* includes detailed information about all assessment guidelines and services, and it is designed to be a desk reference for faculty and staff. An *Assessment Handbook* for Students will be available in print and online shortly. As you may know, the Assessment Center has changed a number of policies and guidelines, such as retest policy and Ability-to-Benefit tests. A

new Proctor Services Program, which provides proctor services to distance learning students, will also be available in the near future. The handbook provides important updates to help the college better understand the operation of and services at the Assessment Center. Copies are available in Room 2233 or by calling extension 4164. Special thanks to all current and former assessment staff, Mandy Liang, Andy Davis, Nadia Tariq, Minerva Velasquez, Jenn

Palladino, and Alex Lim, for their team work on the handbook, and to Don Biederman, Pablo Gonzalez, and Jacquie Escobar for their valuable feedback and suggestions.

10th Year for Getting a Jump Start to College

What happens to high school students who are bright and capable but surrounded by the clouds of school failure, poor grades and hopelessness? Few see college as a realistic option and have no goals for the future, yet Skyline's innovative six-week Jump Start program has been turning doubt into possibility and failure into success for the past 10 years. Participants are selected from a pool of juniors and seniors nominated by counselors and teachers from area high schools and must have a GPA less than 2.0 but demonstrate potential to succeed. They participate in an integrated Math, English and College Success curriculum in which they conduct research and write essays on social issues, create short documentaries on how to address these problems, master new approaches to math, and learn strategies to succeed in college and future careers. Most apply because they are motivated by the chance to gain enough high school credits to graduate with their peers. But many also stumble upon the hidden treasures of renewed motivation, concrete goals, and the experience of college as a real possibility. Here is this year's class, along with the Skyline staff who worked with them: Leslie Shelton, Tiffany Reardon, Georgia Gero, Vanson Nguyen, Amy Leonard, Kelly Hagen, David Hasson, Bonnie Cagno, Kamla Bucceri, Felix Perez and Jose Perez.



New Academic Planner and Student Handbook published

Skyline's 2007-2008 *Academic Planner and Student Handbook* will be available for free to all new and continuing students beginning August 21. This year's publication has been expanded to combine the Academic Planner, which is developed by the Counseling Department, and the Student Handbook, which is published each year by the Student Activities Office. The Academic Planner provides vital information, including "tips for success," that are beneficial to students' educational planning and decision making. The Student Handbook directs students to a wide variety of programs that support student success, and outlines key college policies, procedures, student rights, and responsibilities. Fundamentally, the *Academic Planner and Student Handbook* is designed as a navigational tool to guide students as they map out paths to success in a new and sometimes complex college environment. The new *Academic Planner and Student Handbook* was developed by the Student Activities Office and the Associated Students, in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President of Student Services, the Counseling Department, and the Office of College Development, Marketing, and Public Relations. Special thanks to Amory Cariadus,

Coordinator of Student Activities, Shelly Hausman, Public Information Officer, and Lori Adrian, Vice President of Student Services for their leadership in this project.

College Council Annual Report

College Council publishes an annual report of its work, organized by topic. That report is now available on our website, along with the minutes for the College Council, at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>

Skyline's Facilities Crew temporarily moves to Loma Chica

Facilities Supervisor Richard Inokuchi and his crew welcomed all Skyline faculty and staff to their new offices at Loma Chica School located on the Skyline Campus on August 7. Loma Chica will house the Buildings & Grounds and Custodial departments while their permanent buildings are being rebuilt. Faculty and staff were treated to building tours and a barbecue put on by the Facilities staff.



B&G staff hosted a delicious BBQ at Loma Chica. On the left from front to back are: Luis Hernandez, Bryant Evans, Diego Zarco, Vinny Samujh, Richard Inokuchi, Phil Fong and Sheikh Hussain, On the right from front to back are: Martin Morales, Luis Martinez, and Tony Gulli,



Facilities Supervisor Richard Inokuchi shows new construction Projects at the at the Loma Chica site, temporary home of the Skyline Facilities Department. At left is Sandy Irber, Director of College Development, Marketing & Public Relations.,

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Update on the Facilities Master Plan and the next wave of construction

President Vicki Morrow is convening Skyline's Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force (EFMPP) on August 30 to help the college with the planning for the next wave of construction. Over the summer the college has acquired a more concrete sense of the real cost of building everything it mapped out for Capital Improvement Program II (CIP II). Skyline dreamed big, which the president was glad of, but it is clear that the college will have to make some choices among the components it had hoped for. So the EFMPP will hear all about that, consider various scenarios for fitting projects within the resources the college has, and then will advise the president on the best approach.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

New marketing approaches at Skyline

This ad has appeared in English in the Pacifica Tribune and in Spanish in El Mensajero. Skyline has an animated version of it on MySpace as well.

EVENTS



WELCOME WEEK
August 22—August 29

EVENTS:

WELCOME BOOTH AND INFORMATION TABLE
Wednesday, August 22 and Thursday, August 23
8AM to Noon and 6PM to 8PM
Freebies and College Information

BARBEQUE
Friday, August 24
11 AM to 2PM
FREE BBQ and Activities
Pepsi Give-A-Ways

FRESH START
Monday, August 27
9AM to 11AM
Free Coffee & Doughnuts

SPIRIT DAY
Tuesday, August 28
10AM to 1PM
Come support our Athletic Teams
Free Activities and Give-A-Ways
Discounts on selected
Skyline merchandise at the bookstore

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Wednesday, August 29
7AM to 10AM
Free Pancake Breakfast
Come meet Faculty, Staff, College Administrators
and members of the Student Government (ASSC)

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