



President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

Hermanos program awarded \$33,150 grant

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$33,150 for salary support for the Hermanos Program at South San Francisco and Capuchino high schools. The Hermanos Program addresses the academic, psychological and social needs of Latino males through academic support, mentoring and family support. The goal of Hermanos is to work with male students to address issues of poor motivation, lack of academic skills, college readiness; and to enroll these students in college upon high school graduation.

PROGRAM AND SERVICES NEWS

Skyline holds a welcome day for new students

One of the projects arising from Skyline's Basic Skills Initiative, and a long-standing interest on the part of many Skyline people, is a welcome day for new students and parents. It is happening this fall on the Saturday before classes begin on August 16 from 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Main Theatre. The event is designed to give new, returning and transfer students a jump start on ensuring their success in college by attending this informative, interactive, and fun half-day event. They and their families will have the opportunity to receive valuable information about college programs and services; connect with college faculty and staff; meet fellow students and make new friends; and take a tour of the campus. The event will also include small group discussions, student and parent workshops, a program fair, the chance to meet faculty, and a free barbeque, giveaways. Postcards announcing the event are being mailed to registered students and flyers are being given to students undergoing assessment. There is an online registration form for the event at www.SkylineCollege.edu under "Events." Faculty and staff will be contacted through their respective deans to participate and provide program and service information.

**Achieving Success:
Let's Get Started**

A **FREE** welcome and information day for new Skyline College students and families

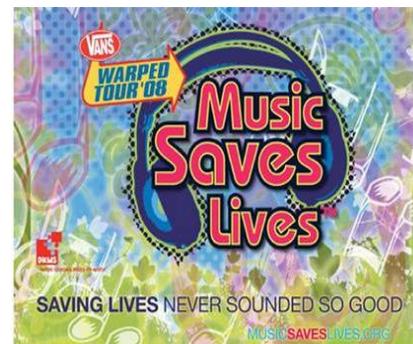
Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008
9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Jump Start to hold completion ceremony

On Thursday evening, July 24th, twenty-seven juniors and seniors from eight area high schools will complete their intensive “jump start” to college with a banquet and celebration in the Gallery Theater at Skyline College. The Jump Start program, now in its 11th year, gives high school juniors and seniors with lots of potential, but poor grades, a chance to catch up on credits and experience firsthand the possibility of college as a realistic goal. The celebration banquet for students and family members will begin with a buffet at 6 p.m. followed by a program featuring student-created PSAs about campus services that support student success, examples of student writing, and awards for excellence in math, English, video, and college success. The evening concludes with the presentation of the Outstanding Scholar Award for the student who exhibits excellence in all four academic areas of study.

Skyline blood drive a success

The American Red Cross sponsored a blood drive at Skyline on July 2 in the Student and Community Center. A total of 52 units of blood were donated. All donors received a back stage pass to the Vans Warped Tour ‘08.



EVENTS

Opening Day festivities, August 14 and 15, 2008

- **District Opening Day, August 14:** Cañada College will host the San Mateo County Community College District’s Opening Day festivities on **Thursday, August 14, 2008** and faculty and staff from the three campuses will be in attendance, along with the Chancellor, District staff, members of the SMCCCD Board of Directors, the Bond Oversight Committee, and the SMCCC Foundation Board of Directors. The program begins with a continental breakfast to be served from 8:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. in the Main Theatre Lobby, Building 3. Presentations will follow beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Main Theatre, followed by lunch in the upper quad area near Building 9. Following the district event, there will be afternoon flex activities at Skyline College for faculty.
- **Skyline College Opening Day, August 15:** On the following day, **Friday, August 15, 2008** Skyline will hold its Opening Day festivities beginning with a continental breakfast in the Main Theatre Lobby from 8:00 a.m. to 8:40 a.m., followed by presentations and awards in the morning in the Main Theatre beginning at 9:00 a.m. At approximately, 10:30 a.m. the annual group photo of faculty and staff in the Building 7/8 quad will be taken, followed by a coffee break. The Academic Senate meeting for faculty will begin at 11:00 as will the Classified Council meeting. All faculty and staff are invited to a campus-wide lunch in the Student and Community Center, Building 6, from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be followed by afternoon division or unit meetings.