



Skyline Shines

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Community sees Skyline shine in a “sneak preview” of our Student and Community Center

Several hundred people gathered in our new Student and Community Center Wednesday evening to see our beautiful new facility and to preview the meeting rooms there which will ultimately be available not only for our use but also for rental by the community. Our President's Council sponsored the event. Local caterers showcased their wares and the building was filled with smiling people remarking upon the new look of Skyline. Thanks to Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman and Roxanne Brewer for putting together this event, and to the many other Skyline people who worked with them to get the whole thing to work: Facilities, Information Technology Services, Phil Jolley and El Capitan Espresso, the Sky Café staff and other faculty and staff who assisted with the event. Our official ribbon cutting for this building and for 7A and 8 will be next Wednesday, February 14, at 1 pm.



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Summer schedule for 2007

Here is an update on plans for the summer 2007 schedule. In it, we have sought to reflect a variety of feedback on last summer, including concern about insufficient “down time” between graduation (May 25) and the beginning of summer sessions and between the end of the summer session and the start of fall classes (August 22. The change in the academic calendar for fall will help with this too. With a few exceptions, there will be no Friday or weekend classes, which should also help with this issue. The class schedule will include a range of sessions as we did last year. We are attempting to communicate the plan widely so that people across the college may plan services and programs accordingly. The 6, 7 and 8 week sessions will have day and evening classes scheduled. Though we have planned the 5 week sessions to be day only, it is possible there might be a few evening classes scheduled in the evening during the second 5 week session, depending upon program need. There will be no evening classes scheduled during the first 5 week session.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
5 Week Session #1 (M-Th - day only) (6/4-7/5)					5 Week Session # 2 (M-Th - day only) (7/9-8/9)				
		6 Week Session (M-Th – day & eve) (6/18-7/26)							
		7 Week Session (M-Th – day & eve) (6/18-8/2)							
		8 Week Session (M-Th - day & eve) (6/18-8/9)							

Skyline professors on TV

Professor Liza Erpelo and Counselor Nate Nevado recently had the opportunity to showcase the Kababayan program on KTSF TV Channel 26/Cable 8. They were guests on the “Filipino Journal” show hosted by Joy Dodds and talked about Kababayan, the Filipino Student Union, Pilipino Cultural Night, and the Filipino youth in the Skyline College service area. It was Nate’s first appearance on the show, and Liza’s second. The show aired on Saturday, January 27th. Here is a photo of them in the studio.



BIOBus Tours bring local high school students to Skyline

Skyline College and Carlmont High School sponsored a BIO-Bus Tour of the South San Francisco Biotechnology Industry, Friday, February 2, 2007. Twenty-seven Carlmont Students, along with Carlmont teachers Vera Jacobson, Tina Doss, and Dan Raffa, toured a circular route through the area with stops at Genentech and Cell Genesys for on-site tours. The tour ended at Skyline College with activities in the new Science Facilities and lunch in the new Student and Community Center. Skyline faculty Dr. Nick Kapp, along with Pat Carter, led experiments to provide the students with experiential learning in biotechnology. BIO-Bus is part of a special "Quickstart Project" (SB70) called BIOMAPS, funded by The Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges, to enhance Career and Technical Education links between high schools, regional occupation programs and colleges. The BIO-Bus activity was monitored by Chancellor's Office project monitor, Diane Brady, and the CA Department of Education's SB70 Program's Consultant, David Militzer to document and demonstrate the effectiveness of SB70 Quickstart Projects around the state.



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Skyline reaches out to local elementary and middle school students

This past Saturday a group of Skyline people were judges at the Jefferson Union Elementary/Middle School science fair: Mike Williamson, Dean of the Science/Math/Technology Division, MESA Director Tiffany Reardon, math faculty member Stephen Fredricks and the following students Michelle De Mesa, Joane Jo, Rystian Espeleta, Angelina Mollina, Khalil Dabeet, Maher Dabit, Keirsha Baron and Karamjit Kaur. Below is a picture of many of the winners, Superintendent Barbara Wilson and the Skyline judges.



MOT Film Festival brings another powerful program to Skyline

Yesterday we had the opportunity to view the documentary “Big Enough” as part of our “Diverse-ability: Culture and Community” film festival. The Museum of Tolerance Alumni Group and Disabled Students Program & Services sponsored the screening of “Big Enough,” a portrait of several dwarfs who appeared in Jan Krawitz and Thomas Ott’s 1982 film “Little People.” Through a “then and now” lens, the characters confront their physical and emotional challenges: dating, marriage, and the decision to have children; the difficulties of living in a world designed for average-sized people; the struggle toward equal opportunity and enhanced self-esteem amidst cultural stereotypes; and the future for their community now that dwarfism can be diagnosed in utero through genetic testing. Afterward there was a discussion with filmmaker Jan Krawitz. Ms. Krawitz, a professor of documentary film and video at Stanford University, has won major awards internationally for her impressionistic documentary “Styx.” Retrospectives of her work have screened at the Portland Art Museum, Rice University, the Austin Film Society and the Ann Arbor Film Festival. Her 1982 Emmy-nominated PBS documentary “Little People” and “Drive-In Blues” have been broadcast nationally on PBS and the Discovery Channel. The panelists in the photo below are from left, Ethan Crough, President of the Bay Area Chapter of Little People of America; Linda Van Sciver, DSPS; and Jan Krawitz, Filmmaker.



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Skyline student honored

Former Skyline Journalism student Diana Diroy has been named a Chips Quinn scholar. She is the second Skyline Journalism student to be honored with this, the first being Giselle Velazquez who now works for the Ventura County Star. Chips Quinn is a prestigious nationwide program that, according to their web site, provides “opportunity, training and voice to young journalists of color” in part by placing these journalists in newspaper internships around the country. Diana, a current SJSU student, has been placed at the Oakland Tribune for spring 2007.

Skyline faculty member has short story published

John McDaniel, Biology faculty member, had a short story published in December, 2006. It was a story about his family’s motorcycle tour through Baja two years ago, and was published in the

December 2006 issue of Off Road magazine, volume 40, No.12, www.off-roadweb.com. The story is titled, "Baja dirt gets under your helmet: Baja is best left unscripted."

Update on a campus security issue

I am repeating here a message I sent out on Monday.

I want to update on a situation that you might have seen in the media in the past couple of days. On Friday, a teen (not attending Skyline) came to campus allegedly with a handgun. San Bruno Police were called and apprehended him immediately, and we are grateful that no one was hurt. The San Bruno Police are still investigating.

Skyline is a very safe community college (see our statistics on <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sts/security.html>). Nonetheless, we must always be vigilant to ensure the safety of ourselves and everyone on campus. Our safety procedures work, as evidenced here, but that does not replace us looking out for one another and immediately reporting anything that seems out of the ordinary.

Coming Up...

Friday, February 9

- Men's Basketball, at Chabot College, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Las Positas College, 7 p.m.
- Men's Baseball vs. Yuba at Marysville, 2 p.m.
- Last day to drop a semester class-no record

Saturday, February 10

- Making the Connection: Plug Into College, all day, Bldg 2
- Men's Baseball vs. Yuba at Marysville, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13

- Men's Baseball vs. Napa at Skyline, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

- Men's Basketball at Ohlone College, 7 p.m.
- Ribbon cutting ceremonies for Buildings 6, 7A and 8, 1 p.m., Main Quad/Bldg 6
- Women's Basketball, at Hartnell College, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

- Gold, Gods & Glory Colloquium: "The World Waits While Darfur Dies," 7-8 p.m., Bldg 6, Room 6202

Friday, February 16

- Lincoln's Birthday (Holiday)
- Men's Baseball vs. Shasta at Skyline, 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 17

- Men's Basketball, vs. Foothill College at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Men's Baseball vs. Lassen at Skyline, 11 a.m.

For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at

www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

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Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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