



Skyline Shines

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Expanding Your Horizons conference succeeds for the 27th year

Over 1000 girls participated in Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math (EYH) last Saturday, March 17. This was the 27th EYH held at Skyline and attendance has more than doubled since 1980. The girls came from middle and high schools in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties. Over 100 women and men volunteered to plan and implement EYH. The Genentech Foundation for Biomedical Sciences helps make EYH possible. Please join me in thanking the Planning Committee which puts together this very complex and well designed event: A.J. Bates, Don Biederman, Pat Carter, Chris Case, Arlene Chang, Pat Deamer, Carla Digennaro, Stephen Fredricks, Mousa Ghanma, Juliya Giverts, Stafanne Haro, Shelly Hausman, Nick Kapp, Sue Lorenzo, Judy McKeever, Julie Mooney, Vanson Nguyen, Tiffany Reardon, Omer Thompson, Kim Touneh, Tadashi Tsuchida, Renata Vieria, Ron Van Brusselen, Ellen Williams and Mike Williamson.



(Photos by Chris Case)

President's Breakfast a huge success and the proposal deadline for next year is coming up!

We had the biggest crowd ever at this year's President's Breakfast—well over 300 people, many of whom had never attended before, and all of whom were excited to hear about the great things that we are doing at Skyline. The breakfast is our annual fund raising event for the President's Innovation Fund (PIF). If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2007-08, **the deadline is April 27, 2007**. For the guidelines and the proposal form, see the Faculty and Staff page on our website at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. Here are the PIF winners in the current year, whose projects are under way right now.



(Photo by Shelly Hausman)

President's Breakfast video wins award

We have just learned that our President's Breakfast video for last spring has won an award from the statewide Community College Public Relations Officers (CCPRO). We won't know until April whether it is a first, second or third place award, but in the meantime please join me in congratulating Sandy Irber, our Director of College Development, Marketing and Public Relations, and Bryan Kingston, Chief Creative Officer of KM2 Communications.

Skyline students visit U. C. Berkeley on Multicultural Transfer Day

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of TRIO Counselor Guillermo Villanueva and his colleagues in the Puente and Kababayan programs, twenty-five Skyline College students attended U.C. Berkeley's 4th annual Multicultural Transfer Day on Sunday, March 4th, 2007. The event, organized by U.C. Berkeley students interested in increasing diversity on campus, included a variety of workshops, a campus tour, and a panel of U.C. Berkeley students who discussed their college and transfer experiences. A special thanks goes to the Skyline faculty and staff who helped make the day a huge success, including English Instructor, Hilda Fernandez; TRIO Counselor, Guillermo Villanueva; TRIO Instructional Aide, Alan David; and Kababayan Counselor, Nate Nevado.



(Photo by Leslie Shelton)

Permanent Learning Center Director selected

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Leslie Shelton to her new role as the permanent Director of the Learning Center. Leslie comes to us with a background in Transformative Learning/Educational Psychology and Student Development and Counseling. Working in non-profit organizations for the last 30 years, Leslie started Project Read, a literacy program, in South San Francisco in 1985 and acted as director until 1999, when she left to pursue doctoral studies. She founded the Community Learning Center in South San Francisco, which serves the rich diversity of that community. Leslie's extensive experience with non-traditional learners and her sensitivity to underrepresented groups of students has given her the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the richness of different cultures and their different values, perspectives and unique talents. Leslie has been acting as the interim Learning Center Director since October 2007. Please join me in congratulating Leslie on her new position.

Leary wins scholarship

Please join me in congratulating Mary Anne Leary, Division Assistant for the Social Science and Creative Arts Division, has just won a Legacy scholarship from the International Dermal Institute. The Institute is recognized world-wide for providing the highest quality of hands-on postgraduate work in the Esthetics field. This opportunity is provided to students who have been in the skin care industry for less than one year. Mary Anne graduated from the Esthetics program at Skyline last May and received her state license soon afterwards. The scholarship provides 100 hours of education that can be taken at any of the institute's locations throughout the world. The theme of her application was "Why Professional Skincare is My Passion". Her presentation was a DVD submission telling of her passion for the world of nature and how that passion translates into her love for the healing arts. She is particularly proud of this accomplishment since she is the first recipient of this scholarship from Skyline College.

Results back from new student media preferences survey

During the fall semester of 2006, Skyline College participated in a national study of community college students and their media preferences. Nearly 35,000 students, including 874 students from Skyline, participated in the on-line survey. The survey was designed and conducted by Interact Communications of Onalaska, Wisconsin. The results from the survey were intended to provide colleges with important data on internal communications, college publications, Webpage design and importance, Internet access, lifestyle activities, radio, television and newspaper preferences, and contact preferences. The information will be used to determine strategies appropriate for future marketing and communications to our students and the community, and will be incorporated into discussions on the college's web development and design. You can find the full report on our Planning and Research Office website at: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html>.

Former student sends thanks for his Skyline experience

Former student Mark Fee now lives in Montana and is a journalism student. He called to let us know about his article on Sister Providencia Tolan, a fierce advocate for the rights of numerous Native American tribes. He wanted to say what an impact Skyline had on him. He was injured in an accident (in the '70s) and came to Skyline after other plans fell through. He said he graduated due to the caring and committed educators who worked with him. His article began as an essay here, and since has been published in magazines and listed in historical societies and in the Montana Governor's office.

Draft agenda for March 28 College Council

- 1. ASSC update**
- 2. Accreditation update**
- 3. District Shared Governance Committee update**
- 4. Fresh Look Project update**

5. **Plus/Minus Grading**
6. **Program review update**
7. **Smoking policy:**
 - a. Review of designated smoking areas
 - b. Smoke Free San Mateo County proposal
8. **First Year Experience update and presentation of survey**
9. **Commencement and scholarship awards update**
10. **Next meeting:** April 25

Coming Up ...

Saturday, March 24

- Men's Baseball vs. Gavilan at Skyline, noon

Tuesday, March 27

- Men's Baseball vs. San Mateo at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Women's Badminton vs. Fresno at Skyline, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28

- SEED Book Rap: Moderator Phyllis Taylor, 12:15-1:15 p.m., Room 6206

Thursday, March 29

- Diversity workshop: MEET on Common Ground, 1-3 p.m., Room 6204.
Register: Ext. 4270
- Men's Baseball vs. Cabrillo at Aptos, 2 p.m.
- Women's Badminton vs. Mission at Skyline, 3 p.m.

Friday, March 30

- Men's Baseball vs. Mission at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- WOW! Open Reading, 7 p.m., Flory's Books, Pacifica

April 2- 8

- Spring Recess

For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

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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