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Skyline Shines is being published early this week because the college and the district will be closed from Friday, February 15 through Monday, February 18 for the President's Weekend.

ASSC Sponsors "Coats for Comedy" on February 22

ASSC's "Coats for Comedy" event is on Friday, February 22 at 7PM in the Main Theatre. All contributed coats will be donated to One Warm Coat. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Student Activities Office. Advance Sales tickets are \$10.00 with a current Skyline Student Body Card and a coat donation or \$15.00 for non-students with a Coat Donation. Tickets at the door will be \$20.

8th President's Breakfast to be held April 1

Each year the President's Council raises funds for the President's Innovation Fund through the breakfast. About 300 people attended last year and enjoyed seeing the annual video of our Innovation Projects, hearing a couple of students speak and sharing breakfast. College faculty and staff are welcome to join the many community members who come to support the college.

**8th Annual Complimentary
President's Breakfast**

**Tuesday, April 1
7:30 a.m.**

South San Francisco
Conference Center

RSVP to 738-4325



Transfer Leadership Study interviewers come to Skyline

Skyline College was selected as one of seven colleges in the state to participate a grant-funded project that is focused on best practices of transfer programs and services at California community colleges. Skyline was identified as having better than expected transfer rates according to a study that was conducted in 2005/06 by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. The purpose of the Transfer Leadership Study is to better understand the range of factors that positively impact transfer and to identify best practices. This week many faculty, staff and students were interviewed and/or participated in focus groups that were led by two external researchers from the Transfer Leadership Study project. The project will wrap up toward the end of the year with a comprehensive report of the findings and recommendations for best practices in transfer. We are proud to be a part of this study and look forward to the final report.

Skyline student selected as Genentech Scholar

Skyline Student Kahee “Joanne” Jo has been selected as this year’s Genentech Scholar. The Genentech Scholars is a prestigious scholarship program that includes a \$7500 scholarship, a research mentor, and a summer position at the Biotechnology facility in South San Francisco. Joanne, a tutor for the Mathematics Engineering and Science Achievement Program (MESA) and Vice President for Phi Theta Kappa, plans to transfer to UC Berkeley this fall to study microbiology.



ECE Department launches new course in Children’s Literature

The Early Childhood Education in the Business Division and the Literature Department (Language Arts Division) joined forces this term to offer a new course in Children’s Literature. New adjunct faculty member Tracy Heffernan, a San Francisco Children’s Librarian, is teaching the weekly class. It is a rousing success and follows on the heels of another successful collaboration between ECE and the San Mateo County Office of Education to offer a unit-bearing series of workshops about Language and Literacy Development that included an address by Professor Lily Wong Fillmore of UC/ Berkeley. Adjunct ECE faculty member Soodie Ansari will be offering a short course in supporting young bilingual learners as a follow-up next fall.

Skyline’s first Alumni Mixer coming next Thursday, Feb. 21, 5:30-7:00 pm, Student Center

Skyline, in addition to the President’s Council, is hosting an Alumni Mixer from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Student and Community Center. We’ve invited our alumni to experience Skyline’s warm and welcoming expanded and renovated campus! Please invite students with whom you still keep in touch and feel free to attend! To RSVP by Feb. 14 for yourself and/or alumni, please call 738-4325 or email skyalumni@smccd.edu. If you want to be sure that a particular group of students with whom you are in contact are informed about this event, please contact Sandy Irber at lrber@smccd.edu. Here is the postcard we sent out with “then and now” photos of Skyline students in our programs.



ASSC to be recognized by Second Harvest Food Bank

This fall, ASSC undertook a project to help provide food to people in need. Their work will be recognized at the Second Harvest Food Bank Annual Awards Event in March. ASSC collected 1565 pounds of donated food and nearly \$500 as well.

Automotive Department renews T-TEN Program

The Skyline Automotive Program has just renewed their annual agreement with Toyota Corporation which enables them to continue offering to students the Toyota T-TEN Program. This program has been a part of Skyline College Automotive Department for the past 20 years. The Automotive Department is awaiting delivery of four 2007 KIA vehicles for the Automotive Training program. On April 25 and 26, the Department will host the California Automotive Teachers (CAT) Conference which draws 150 to 180 automotive instructors from the state of California.

Study on reducing campus environmental smoke exposure to be conducted at Skyline

As part of his San Francisco State University program for a master's degree in Public Health, Ray Hernandez will be conducted a study on reducing campus environmental smoke exposure. The purpose of the study is to "better understand the prevalence and perceptions of smoking among students and employees at Skyline College and to identify components of an effective policy aimed at reducing exposure to environmental tobacco smoke on campus." Recommendations derived from this assessment will be used by our Health and Safety Committee and the College Council to assist us with our work on campus smoking policy. The research project has been approved by our Research Committee and will include an electronic survey of students and of employees next week. There will also be interviews conducted.

African American History events still coming

You have three more chances to experience the wonderful array of events slated for this year's African American History month, thanks to the Black Student Union.

Spring 2008

African-American History Month

A Celebration of Music:
Africa's Gift to the World

Film Presentations & Performances

Skyline College
Main Theater—Student and Community Center

Contact: Tony Jackson * 650.738.4156 * jackson@smccd.edu

Calendar of Events:

- **2/20** R&B Jazz Performance
The Tone & New Management
12:30 pm Main Theater
- **2/27** HAIRDOO;
Business Life Arts Culture Kids A.P.E.S.
12:30 pm Main Theater
- **2/29** S. Kwaku Daddy
12:30 pm Room 6202

Skyline College

HAIRDOO

The Tone & New Management

Institutional Planning Committee update: The IPC met for the first time this spring semester on Wednesday, Feb. 13th from 2:00-4:00. Updates on a number of projects at Skyline were discussed including: the Transfer Leadership Study, the Website Redesign Project, the upcoming Community College Survey of Student Engagement, the employee and student surveys on Skyline's smoking policy, the college's reaffirmation of its accreditation, and the Design/Build project. The IPC also spent time reviewing the new Enrollment Management Plan and its companion Integration Matrix which aligns six of Skyline's major plans and initiatives to help prioritize and coordinate resources. Finally, the IPC discussed the newly

implemented Basic Skills Research Agenda and the research that is slated for the spring semester. The next IPC meeting is scheduled for March 12th from 2:00-4:00 in Room 5131.

Coming Up ...

Thursday, Feb. 14

- Chicana/Latina Foundation Scholarship Workshop, 1-2 p.m., MESA Center Room 6205.
- Duo Recital with Elizabeth Ingber and Megan Koch, 2:15 p.m., Rm 1111

Friday, Feb. 15

- Lincoln's Birthday (Holiday)
- Last day to drop a semester length class without appearing on record
- Men's Basketball at Cañada, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Lassen at Skyline, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

- Declared Recess
- Women's Basketball at Las Positas, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Feather River at Skyline, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17

- Declared Recess
- Baseball vs. Shasta College at Skyline, noon

Monday, Feb. 18

- President's Day (Holiday)

Tuesday, Feb. 19

- Baseball at Cosumnes River, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

- Men's Basketball vs. SF City at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at CSM, 7 p.m.
- R&B Jazz: The Tone and New Management, 12:30 p.m., Main Theater

Thursday, Feb. 21

- Science in Action: "An Inverted Pendulum," 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Room 6205
- Alumni Mixer, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Bldg.6

Friday, Feb. 22

- Women's Basketball vs. Foothill College at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Mendocino College at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- ASSC presents "Coats for Comedy," 7-9 p.m., Main Theatre

You can 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 a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



For our Web Site Redesign Project, please log in your suggestions and concerns in the "Web Site Redesign Project eSuggestion Box", also on <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/> or click the box below.



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/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.