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Last chance for President's Innovation Fund proposals next Wednesday

The deadline is next Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 pm in the President's Office. 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 is a picture of this year's winners, taken at the President's Breakfast earlier this month.



Also the last chance for Skyline Shines Awards nominations next Wednesday

The deadline is Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 pm in the President's Office. Find the official Nomination Form (at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under "Skyline Shines Awards"). Nominations should be sent to Linda Ghio, Assistant to the President. Here are last year's winners: Phyllis Taylor for the college employee award and Greg Cochran for the community member award.



Update on the Design/Build Project

In order to provide an update on the Design/Build Project, there will be a meeting of the **Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project** group on **Thursday, May 8, 2-4 pm, Room 2306**. Please feel free to join us. Many people are up to date on the particular parts of the new buildings which involve their programs, but others may want that information too. We will review plans for the new Multicultural, Cosmetology, Classroom and Administration Building (Bldg. 4N) and for the new Automotive Building (Bldg. 11N), as well as for the roadways, parking, and landscaping which are part of the project. By next Friday, I expect to have some graphics to show you on our website, because Hensel Phelps is in the process of finalizing the “schematic drawings.”

Skyline celebrates Earth Day 2008

Skyline College commemorated Earth Day 2008 with a number of events on Tuesday April 22nd. The morning started with a presentation from Karen Amon of the Al Gore Climate Change project on the issues surrounding our use of carbon based fuels and global warming. This was followed by a panel of presenters - Kif Scheuer from Strategic Energy Innovations, Jake Tornatzky of Solarcity and Skyline student Ashley Good. In addition, a “Green Fair” was held outside the student center where students could recycle phones and eye glasses, properly dispose of unused medications through a group from the Teleosis Institute and see first hand a hybrid. The event was sponsored by ASSC, Phi Theta Kappa, SHPE/MESA, the Honors Program and the SMT Division. Thanks to Shari Bookstaff, Pat Carter, Carla Digennaro, Anna Dneprov, David Hasson, Cindy Moss, Tiffany Reardon, Jeff Schinske, Pat Tyler and Mike Williamson for planning and organizing this event.



The word is out on Skyline's Basic Skills Initiative work

Last week at the statewide Academic Senate conference, Karen Wong, our SLOAC Coordinator, and Cathy Hasson, Director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, presented a breakout session on how we've integrated quite a bit of three important initiatives--BSI, SLOAC, and Student Equity. Barbara Illowsky, who is chairing the statewide Senate's (BSI) Committee, attended their breakout session. She pointed out to the audience that Skyline is a model for other campuses to emulate in terms of the process that we employed to arrive at where we currently are and indicated that Skyline's BSI website is a link on the statewide Basic Skills Initiative resource page; see <http://www.cccbsi.org/resources-from-colleges>. Thanks to Rachel Bell, Jacquie Escobar, and Rick Hough for their superb leadership for our BSI planning work over the past year. And thanks also to the many Skyline people who are working hard in the BSI subgroups to finalize our detailed plans so that we are ready for implementation next fall. The Steering Committee is listed here: Rachel Bell, Jacquie Escobar, Rick Hough, Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Lori Adrian, Rick Wallace, Mike Williamson, Connie Beringer, Leslie Shelton, Cathy Hasson, and Leigh Anne Sippel.

The Skyline View students distinguish themselves once again

For the third year in a row, The Skyline View newspaper took home a General Excellence for Online Journalism award from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges State Convention. Current editor in chief Nick Donofrio won a third-place award for news judgment and layout, as well as an honorable mention in the on-the-spot news story contest. Shannon Elliott picked up an honorable mention for student-produced advertisement. Eight students accompanied adviser Nancy Kaplan-Biegel to the convention held this year in Los Angeles from April 3-6, 2008.

Skyline Women's Badminton team advances to State Championships

Skyline Women's Badminton team defeated Fresno City College on April 17th to win the Coast Conference Championship, become Northern California Champions and qualify for the State Team Championship. This will be Skyline's 5th

appearance in the title match with previous appearances in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005. The champion from Southern California has won the state championship the previous eight years. Please join me in congratulating the team and coach Jan Fosberg. Skyline will be hosting the State Championships from May 8th – 10th. The State Team Championship will take place on Thursday, May 8th pitting Skyline against the Southern California Champ who is yet to be determined. This match will begin at 3 pm. Individual singles and doubles play will be held on May 9th and 10th. Because this is a State Championship event, admission will be charged with all receipts going to the California Community College Athletic Association. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, faculty, staff, seniors and children under 12. Ticket sales will begin at 2:30 PM on May 8th. For information, call 650-738-4271.

Respiratory Therapy program hosts regional job fair

Yearly, the Respiratory Therapy Program at Skyline College hosts a job fair for all RT Programs in the Bay area. On Wednesday, April 23rd, approximately 100 soon to be graduates from Foothill, Napa, Ohlone, and Skyline College attended in our Student and Community Center. Healthcare employers from all over the bay area were there eager to recruit the newly trained respiratory therapists. The event was an overwhelming success! Skyline will be graduating 21 students from its 2 year program in June 2008.



Skyline students shine at Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University

Skyline honors students made Skyline proud on Friday April 18th at the First Annual Northern California Community College Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University. Thirteen honors students from Skyline College presented their original research projects, and all of them were professional, well-prepared and intellectually invigorating. We have heard nothing but complimentary remarks from people who attended Skyline's presentations. The following students presented their research: Luis Bill, Leo Szeto, Max Kalinin, Ashley Good, Claudia Briones, Margarita Gutierrez, Kahee

Jo, Jacqueline Thanh, Michael Lam, Jonathan Madison, Cornelia Spearing, Ann Sobczak and Richard Chiang. Another ten students attended to support Skyline and to learn from the presentations. In total there were 65 separate and distinct presentations from 10 community college honors programs. Over 200 students and faculty supporters attended the event which was sponsored by the Bay Honors Consortium and hosted by Stanford University. The Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Stanford noted in his address to the students that his not-so-hidden agenda in hosting the symposium was to interest more community college students in applying to Stanford. Honors Counselor, Joyce Lee, reports that a number of students have been encouraged to apply to Stanford just since the Symposium! For a copy of the Symposium program, see Katharine Harer, Skyline Honors Transfer Program Coordinator. She has extra copies to share with faculty and students who want to get a feeling for the breadth AND depth of student research. We also hope to put on a mini-symposium here at Skyline to share some of the presentations with our campus community. Thank you to the faculty moderators who generously helped out: Nina Floro, Luciana Castro, Rosemary Bell, Connie Beringer and Donna Bestock. Thanks also to Tiffany Reardon for participating and supporting Skyline students.



Goldie Lee takes on a new role as Transfer/Career Center Coordinator

Goldie Lee will begin her new duties on April 28. Goldie has a MA in Education Administration and a BA in Criminal Justice from San Francisco State University. She is an alumna of Skyline College with an AA degree. She is currently an Instructional Aide in our Assessment Center and has also worked in temporary positions in our Transfer/Career Center and Child Development Center. Please join me in congratulating her on her new duties.

Liliana Garcia joins the Learning Center staff

Liliana Garcia will begin as the new Office Assistant II in the Learning Center starting April 28th. She is a former Skyline College student who just received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from San Francisco State University in December 2007. The Learning Center staff members are delighted to have Liliana return as a full-time employee, since she has past experience working in the center as a peer tutor. Please join me in welcoming her to her new duties.

College Council update

The College Council met on April 23 and addressed the following topics:

1. **Budget update:** Vicki Morrow provided a brief update on the status of the state budget including the growing deficit and the shortfall in property taxes.
2. **Website redesign update:** Sandy Irber described the work of the Fresh Look Advisory Committee's Website Redesign group which is working with the consultant Interact on the project. The committee has already selected the key audiences for our website (called "pods") for each of which there will be a unique entrance into the site

and a tailored look and navigation for their part of the site. Interact will be providing three alternative graphic designs for our site and the committee will review those in early May.

3. **College Hour proposal:** Carla Campillo described the draft approach to College Hour prepared by a subcommittee including Anastasia Kuzina and Adolfo Leiva. It would include one or two hours on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. The Council discussed whether the College Hour would be a time when no classes were offered, or limited class offerings such as labs. The Council identified several additional pieces of information to be gathered and the committee will meet again to refine the proposal. At the May council meeting, a decision will be made on whether to take the proposal out to the constituent groups for discussion or not.
4. **Follow up on the April 7 Open Forum on Governance:** This topic arises from both our accreditation self study findings and from a recommendation from the commission to create a policy for regular review of the governance process. The Council considered the findings from the discussion at the April 7 Forum. The notes from that event will be revised to highlight the recommendations made and then the constituent group leaders will take these to their organizations for discussion and additional ideas. The ultimate goal of the process is to identify any needed refinements to our governance process as well as to create a policy for regular evaluation of it.
5. **Design/Build Project update:** Vicki Morrow noted that the design work on the new Building 4N (Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classrooms and Administration) is well along and details will be available at the May 8 meeting of the EFMPP (Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project) Task Force. All members of the college are invited, and Vicki has announced the event in *Skyline Shines* and will continue to do so.
6. **District Shared Governance Council update (DSGC):** Carla Campillo reported on the topics addressed there including the faculty ethics statement (under discussion), the classified statement (in draft form) and the students' statement which has been approved; a review of the DSGC consensus building model; the District Strategic Plan; and the review of the district Rules and Regulations which is under way.
7. **District Strategic Planning Task Force update:** Vicki and Carla described the process of drafting the district strategic plan. There will be a Skyline Open Forum to discuss it on Wednesday, May 14, from 2-4 pm. The draft will be available electronically at least a week beforehand. The event is being announced in *Skyline Shines*.
8. **Proposed Student Equity Committee:** Vicki, Regina Stanback Stroud and Lori Adrian presented a draft description of a Student Equity Committee to replace the Student Access and Success Committee. Its charge would be to monitor and provide advice to the college upon the status of student equity and its membership would include representation from the various student equity related efforts across the college. The proposal will be taken to the various constituency groups for discussion.
9. **Next meeting:** May 28.

College Council minutes are archived at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>.

Coming Up ...

Friday, April 25

- Skyline hosts California Automotive Teachers (CAT) conference
- Puente/LASO's fundraiser at Giants game, 7:15 p.m., AT&T Park

Saturday, April 26

- Spring Concert: Skyline Chamber Choir, 7:30 p.m., Main Theatre, \$10/\$5
- Baseball at Cañada, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

- Spring Concert: Skyline Chamber Choir, 3 p.m., Sanchez Concert Hall, 1220 Linda Mar Blvd, Pacifica, \$10/\$5

Monday, April 28

- The Hidden Harm of the Pressure to Succeed Seminar, 12-2 p.m., Room 6202

Tuesday, April 29

- Badminton at Fresno City College, 3 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Ohlone at Skyline, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

- Skyline Shines Award Deadline
- President's Innovation Fund Proposal Deadline
- Skyline Bookstore closed for inventory
- WIT Spring Luncheon, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Main Theatre Lobby
- Program Review Presentations, 2:10-5:30 p.m., Room 5132B
- ASSC Candidate Info Meeting, 4 p.m., Room 6203

- Student Art Show, through 5/14, Gallery Theatre
- Student Art Show Reception (6:30-8:00 p.m.) and North San Mateo County Chambers of Commerce Mixer (5:30-7 p.m.), Gallery Theatre

Thursday, May 1

- Last day to withdraw from a semester length class
- Pilipino Cultural Night, 7 p.m., Main Theatre
- Baseball vs. DeAnza College at Skyline, 2 p.m.

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/>

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