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ASSC elects new officers

Hot off the press from the May 21 edition of *The Skyline View Online* is this news: Brittany Piccolotti, newly elected ASSC vice president and Mauricio Flores Hernandez, newly elected President of the ASSC.



Photo and article by Nick Donofrio at <http://www.theskylineview.com/>

Other winners were:

Commissioner of Activities: Danzel Cohen

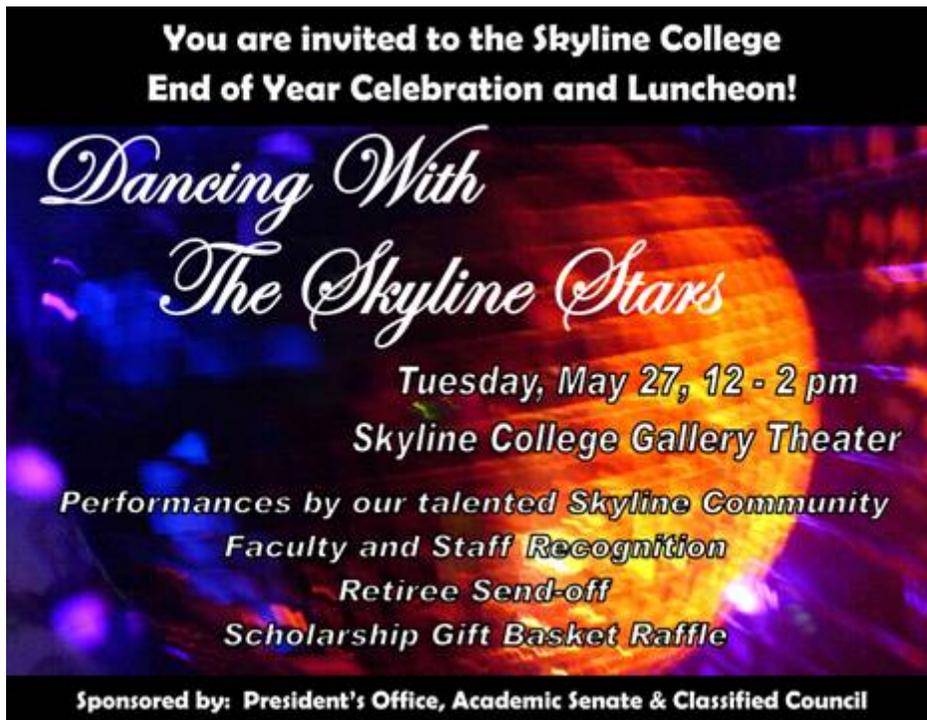
Commissioner of Publicity: Geovanna Ferrara

Senators: Ray Parenti-Kurtilla, Clarissa Williams

Skyline's Student Trustee Nominee: Virginia Rosales

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this year's A.S.S.C. Student Governing Council Elections! The voter turnout increased by 2.4% for a total of 678 votes. Senator positions are still available. Students interested in participating in the ASSC should stop by the Student Activities Office, Room 6212, for more information.

Our annual End of the Year Celebration and Luncheon is almost here—next Tuesday, 12-2 pm



You can still provide your input on the Draft District Strategic Plan

We held our Open Forum on this Wednesday, but you still have an opportunity to provide input; the **deadline is May 30** for this round of feedback via the website. There is a comment form (including a link to the Recommendations document) at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. Look under "News and Information." The link is called "Comment on District Strategic Plan Draft through May 30." Over the summer the document will be revised, submitted for community member input, revised again, and then will come back for another round of district wide review in the fall. Board action on it is expected later in the fall.

Skyline's PTK named a "5 Star Chapter"

Our Beta Theta Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society received special commendation during the Nevada/California Regional Convention. The chapter fulfilled all requirements for the distinction of being named a "5 Star Chapter." The chapter and college will receive international recognition through being cited on the PTK website at www.ptk.org. The Chapter Development Program "reflects the scholarly ideals of Phi Theta Kappa, [and] serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter and for earning local, regional, and international recognition. In this program, chapters do not compete against one another. Participation encourages excellence and recognizes progress in the attainment of goals set by the chapter." Our chapter was also recognized at the recent International Convention.

Skyline wins a grant for a community collaborative in career and technical education

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors has awarded Skyline College \$349,955 to support the Career and Technical Education Community Collaborative (CTE-CC). Serving the region of the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCD), CTE-CC will focus on emerging and high demand career opportunities in: 1) Energy and Utilities, 2) Education, Child Development, and Family Services, and 3) Health Science and Medical Technology. A Middle College with a emphasis on high demand industry sectors will be developed at Skyline College. Additionally CTE-CC will provide career exploration opportunities for 7th and 8th graders, worksite and industry-based experience for teachers/faculty, and other professional development opportunities. Partners include Canada College, College of San Mateo, several secondary school districts in the region, San Mateo County Regional Occupation Program, industry partners and others. The project begins June 1, 2008. For more information contact Regina Stanback-Stroud, Vice President of Instruction, Skyline College, 650-738-4331.

Hermanos program celebrates the end of a triumphant year

Tuesday, May 20th highlighted the second year the Hermanos program has graduated a cohort of 18 senior Latino males from South San Francisco High School. They will all be continuing their education and all have registered to attend Skyline College, College of San Mateo and San Jose State University this fall. In celebrating their achievements, the

Program invited students, families, community members and Skyline College faculty and staff. The May 20th celebration included recognition of the high school students, Hermanos Club, appreciation of the supportive family members who filled Room 6202, and of community leaders who support the program. With over 100 people in attendance, the student spotlight was strong and the inspiring students who spoke of what Hermanos has meant to them was moving—Steve Valencia (Skyline), Gabriel Barrientos (Skyline), and Dionicio Garcia (South San Francisco High School). Recognized for their strong support of the program were Pedro Gonzalez, Mayor Elect of South San Francisco, and Marta Bookbinder, Collaborative Projects Coordinator of the Community Learning Center.



Photo by Pablo Gonzalez

“Skyline rocks Stanford”

I borrowed the title of this item from the latest edition of “Flasher”, the May 2008 edition of the Honors Transfer Program newsletter (posted on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyhon/>). We had the pleasure last Tuesday of witnessing a recap of three of the presentations originally done by Skyline students at the first Community College Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University in April. The three presentations and the students who made them follow:

Cornelia Spearing, “Wiley Coyote Meets the Leprechaun”

Ashley Good, “Disease Detectives: Giardiasis Outbreak”

Luis Bill, Max Kalinin and Leo Szeto, “The Wally-Hugger Robot: Creating a Differential Drive Robot”

Thanks to Katharine Harer for her leadership of the Honors Transfer Program, to the faculty who have encouraged these students and, in some cases, who accompanied them to Stanford and assisted as workshop moderators--Luciana Castro, Nina Floro, Rosemary Bell, Connie Beringer and Donna Bestock, and to Phyllis Taylor for her work with the students in refining their presentations. Pictured below are (from left) Max Kalinin, Luis Bill and Leo Szeto with “Hally,” the wall-hugging robot.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

By the way, these three Skyline engineering students recently secured prestigious summer internships as a result of their hard work, support from Skyline professors and “Hally.” Luis is a mechanical engineering student who will intern at the

NASA Robotics Academy in Alabama this summer. Leo is an electrical engineering student who will intern at the Logistic Department at the University of Dortmund in Germany. Max is a mechanical engineer who will intern with MIT in Alameda Co. They're not sure yet with whom Hally will live this summer. All three plan to transfer to four-year universities in Fall 2009.

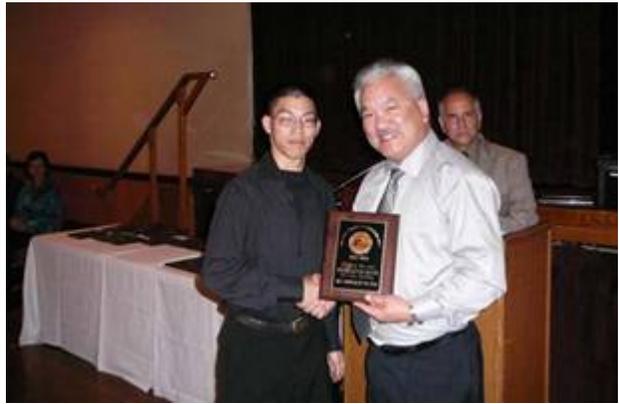
Blackout!

Thank you to all of the Skyline family who came to support the African American Success through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP) and the Black Student Union (BSU) in the first ever BLACKOUT week. Blackout was a weeklong (seven day) series of events that took place specifically to promote unity amongst all students of Skyline College. The daily events included a barbeque, a bowling outing, a video game tournament, an end of the year social, a basketball tournament, a University of California at Davis tour, and attending worship service to end the week. Special congratulations to Ms. Malorie Brewster who was the first recipient of the Dr. Paul Anthony Jackson award (ASTEP) and Mr. Brendon Peoples who became the first recipient of the Raphael Canyenguez award in honor of one of our promising ASTEP students who died last winter. A special thank you to the programs, faculty, staff, and students who showed support towards Blackout Week it was because of this graciousness that the event. Here are a couple of photos taken by Skyline BSU members. In the first one, ASTEP and BSU members symbolize empowerment at the ASTEP/BSU social. In the second, ASTEP students imitate Charlie's Angels during the UC Davis college tour. The third is our Cosmetology students showing support at the BSU Basketball Tournament.



Automotive Technology program's annual banquet brings students, family, faculty and staff together

About 200 people gathered last Saturday night to celebrate the completion of this year's group of Auto Tech students, along with student scholarships and recognition of the very critical automotive industry partners—Toyota and Nissan. As always it was fun and inspiring and represented a model of partnership—among the faculty and staff, the students, the industry partners and the college as a whole. Thanks to Clydie Rizzo and Perry Dair for their hard work putting the banquet together. Here are Tom Broxholm, Perry Dair and Rick Escalambre with some of the students recognized at the event.



First photo by Kuyen Yip; other photos by Tom Broxholm

TRIO/STAARS graduation honors student success

The TRIO/STAARS family of students, staff and faculty members gathered on Thursday, May 22nd at a luncheon banquet to celebrate the achievements of 26 STAARS students who are graduating or transferring at the close of this academic year. The TRIO/STAARS program saluted these determined students, who are often the first in their families to attend college, for their perseverance and success. Sonya Pope, a fellow graduate and inspirational author, provided a heartwarming keynote address followed by the uplifting stories of Sanjani Kumar and Kimberly Kyauk, graduating STAARS graduates. Students graduating with honors and high honors were acknowledged for their outstanding achievement before graduation stoles were distributed to all graduating students. In order to help our students achieve their goals as quickly as possible, the TRIO/STAARS Program provides students with a variety of services designed to create an academically focused environment. These services include provide special courses focused on individual students' needs, personalized academic counseling, tutorial services, academic mentors, priority registration, assistance with the transfer process, visits to transfer campuses, and, for some students, grant aid to supplement their financial aid package. If you want to learn more about the TRIO/STAARS programs, here is the website:

<http://www.skylinestaars.org/trio/index.cfm>.

Early Childhood Education students celebrate their completion

Skyline and Canada's ECE programs and San Francisco State's Child and Adolescent Development program partnered to celebrate the completion of certificate, AA degree and BA degree students in a ceremony last night at Canada college. The keynote speaker was Michelle Blakley, Program Specialist from First 5 San Mateo County. I enjoyed seeing the many family members there to share the moment with the students.

Brio-Tech program honors student certificate completion

The Biotechnology Manufacturing Certificate Program held its completion ceremony on May 21 in the Student and Community Center. These happy students were presented with Certificates of Participation: Marivic Bernardo, Ernesto Beteta, Lorna Boncodin, Nathan Brennecke, Lily Choi, Helen Dai, Katherine Irber, Jeffrey Kai, William Kwok, Lawrence Lau, Joseph Leung, Helene Licarte, Winnie Lin, Pauline Peralta, Precilla Prasad, Dan Singh, Myra Tolentino, Alexander Verlarde and Yuliya Vrubel. Also pictured are Nick Kapp and Mousa Ghanma, instructors. The intensive program prepares students for good manufacturing careers in the biotechnology industry.



Skyline College student accepts commissioner position in South San Francisco

Tony Jara, South San Francisco High School alumnus and treasurer of Skyline's Hermanos Club, has been appointed to serve as a commissioner for the Housing Authority serving the City of South San Francisco. There are 5 members, appointed to 4-year terms on the Housing Authority Commission. The Commission approves the awarding of bids for any work to be done in the Authority (e.g., painting, tree trimming, and landscape maintenance), changes to all policies, lease agreements, and contracts. Tony has been a member of the Hermanos Program for the last two years and has developed many skills including leadership, public speaking, and networking. He traveled to Los Angeles last month to present the Hermanos program at a state conference, has presented to multiple high schools across the state, and was a student speaker at this year's President's Breakfast. As the eldest of nine siblings, he finds himself being a role model, and at times, the provider for others. Help me congratulate Tony on his new appointment.



Talisman event showcases student creativity

This is our 38th consecutive year of publishing *Talisman*, our student literary and art magazine. Yesterday, Students, faculty, staff and friends met in the Gallery Theatre for the annual awards ceremony. It was such a pleasure to hear our students read from their creative pieces inspired by their varied experiences. Award winners are:

- 27th Annual Victoria Alvarado Memorial Short Story Award: 1st Prize, John Pedruco; 2nd Prize, Joyce De la Torre; 3rd Prize, Alexandra Cook-Milligan; Honorable Mention, Freddy Grijalva.
- 26th Annual Dorothy Dutcher Literary Awards for Poetry: 1st Prize, (Tie) Ashley Manibay; 2nd Prize, David Shuler; 3rd Prize, Karen Ho; Honorable Mention: Renato Peña, DeeDee Welch, Lindsay D 'Amico, Elaine Martinez & Joseph Borrelli.
- 26th Annual Dorothy Dutcher Award Journal Award: 1st Prize, Jennifer Burket.

Editorial staff members are: Brendan Clark, Monet Fielding, Adviser Katharine Harer, Jeanine Heran, Elaine Martinez, Alex Shively & DeeDee Welch. The cover artist is Danni Lee, Alfonso Maciel is the cover designer and Mary Campi is text

and art designer. Thanks to: Connie Beringer, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Virginia Gianoli, Teresita Del Castillo-Brown, Kathy Z-Taylor, Luciana Castro, Sam Roybal, and Skyline English professors and judges Jamie Tipton, Linda Hein, Erika Dyquisto, Hilda Fernandez & Georgia Gero. Talisman is supported by Associated Students of Skyline College, the Language Arts Department and individual faculty members. Katharine Harer has been the faculty editor of the magazine for 16 years. Here are Ashley Manibay who had two poems win first place for the 26th Annual Dorothy Dutcher Literary Awards for Poetry; John Pedruco, first place winner of the 27th Annual Victoria Alvarado Memorial Short Story Award; and Renato Peña , honorable mention, 26th Annual Dorothy Dutcher Literary Awards for Poetry



Photos by Shelly Hausman

Auto wins the annual Cosmo/Auto Blood Drive competition

Our Automotive Technology and Cosmetology programs have running competition over which group will contribute the most to the annual Blood Drive. This year the winner was Automotive, with 34 people participating and contributing a total of 27 units of blood. Cosmo brought 27 people to the drive and contributed a total of 16 units of blood. Please join me in thanking them for their enthusiasm and for their support of the Blood Drive.

Improvements to parking lot lighting begin



I am repeating here a message Richard Inokuchi, our Facilities Manager, sent out this week, just to be sure everyone is aware of a great improvement on campus:

Hi everybody - as you may have noticed (maybe not) Student Parking Lot 2 recently underwent a lighting fixture retrofit. The new lamp heads that were installed are light emitting diodes (LED's), which are expected to provide a better quality of light, consume less energy and last longer than our current lighting fixture lamps. Parking Lot 2 was selected as a *'beta test'* for the new lighting as it is awfully dark on that side of campus and there have been safety concerns on that hilltop parking lot – it was the best candidate for an increased lighting initiative and improvement.

The manufacturer is in the process of making fixtures that can be used in all our remaining parking lots, along the entire Loop Road and both entranceways to campus. The unknown is a funding stream to retrofit all the remaining 50+ lighting standards. Please note that this applies only to roadway and parking lot lighting and not walkway lighting at this time.

Should you be on campus after dusk, please take a look. Of particular concern is the whether or not the lighting will improve visibility during the heavy fog conditions we have here at Skyline (like tonight). Comments are welcome and should be sent to Patty Della Bona, District Facilities Project Manager, at x6862 or dellabonap@smccd.edu.

New Face in College Payroll: Faith Ettinger

On payday next week, say hello to our new Payroll Accounting Technician, Faith Ettinger. Faith worked as an Employment Services Technician at San Jose City College where she was responsible for auditing warrants, calculating and providing information regarding hourly classified and certificated payroll. She left that job two years ago to stay home with her newborn twins. Faith holds a Bachelors and Master's degree from the University of Phoenix. Please welcome Faith Ettinger!

Oops—wrong photo for Puente visit to UCSC

I attached the wrong photo in last week's item about the Puente student visit to UC Santa Cruz—it was from last year's trip to UC Davis. Here is the correct photo for this year's trip to UC Santa Cruz.



Photo by Monica Galvan, counselor at UCSC

College Budget Committee Update

At the May 1st CBC meeting, the committee agreed that Eloisa Briones will share with the committee all news and communications relevant to the state budget particularly those relating to the May revision. CBC also agreed to conduct an electronic vote regarding its recommendation on the 2008-09 tentative budget. Fifteen members cast their vote to approve the recommendation to the President for the 2008-09 tentative budget in the amount of \$22,320,930, which includes a \$1,000,000 one-time allocation which the district committed.

Coming Up ...

Friday, May 23

- Classified Awards Luncheon, 11:30-1:00, Gallery Theatre
- Child Development Center Graduation, 3:00 p.m., Main Theatre

Saturday, May 24

- Declared Recess

Sunday, May 25

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Monday, May 26

- Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 27

- Skyline End of Year Celebration - Dancing with the Skyline Stars, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Gallery Theatre
- Final Examinations
- Spring 08 textbook buybacks at [Bookstore](#) through June 2 (excl. Sat and Sun)

Wednesday, May 28

- Final Examinations

Thursday, May 29

- Final Examinations
- Solo and Ensemble Voice Class Recital, 12:30 pm, Rm. 1111
- Mandatory Commencement Rehearsal for graduates, 2:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M., Gym

Friday, May 30

- Final Examinations
- Commencement, 5 p.m., Gym

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/>.