



Skyline Shines

Victoria P. Morrow, President
December 7, 2007

Design/Build Project Proposals—Open Forum to be held on December 14, 1-4 pm, Room 2306
Next Friday, we will hear the Design/Build Project proposals and see graphic depictions of the two buildings and some of the site work and landscaping. The two buildings will be the combination Multicultural Center, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness Building (Bldg 4N), and the Automotive Transmission Building (Bldg. 11). Please join us to provide your feedback. There will be three different ways to provide your input to the proposals:

- The **Open Forum** next Friday.
- We will post the materials in the **Student Center** on Monday, December 17 through Friday, December 21, along with feedback sheets and a drop box for them. We will put them back up again after the holiday break, and have them available there from January 22-February 1.
- We will provide the same information on our **website** along with a link for electronic feedback.

My briefing on the background for this project and its current status, including what the project will include is archived on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under "Other Messages from the President." By Monday, December 17, the additional information I mention above will be out there too.

Updated 2006 Skyline Facilities Master Plan Map



Survey of Student Engagement to be conducted in the Spring Semester

This semester the Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Cycle (SLOAC) Committee along with the Basic Skills Initiative Committee identified the need for a student survey to help assess student and institutional learning outcomes. The two Committees selected the *Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)*, which is a nationally benchmarked survey developed and managed by the University of Texas at Austin under the direction of George Kuh, Peter Ewell and John Rouse. The CCSSE focuses on student behavior as opposed to student perception or satisfaction. The survey instrument along with a survey plan were reviewed this semester by the Academic Senate, the Academic Senate Research Committee, Cabinet and the Institutional Planning Committee. The survey will be administered in mid-March, 2008 during one class period to a random stratified sample of courses (approximately 70), and will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Notices to will be sent in February to those faculty whose courses were selected for the survey sample. The survey, as always, will be voluntary for students. You can find out more about the CCSSE at: <http://www.ccsse.org/index.cfm>

New Honors Transfer Program scholarship to be launched

Katharine Harer is interested in creating an honors scholarship to help an honors student who is about to transfer. She is seeking contributions toward the \$500 needed to establish a scholarship with the name of an organization in the title. She is off to a good start, and anyone interested in being part of this new scholarship should send a check to Lori Adrian's office, made out to Skyline College with Honors Transfer Program Scholarship in the memo line. Once the scholarship is set up, it will be added to our list at http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypio/PDF/Scholarships-donation_07.pdf.

Basic Skills Initiative reaches a critical benchmark this week

Thanks to the excellent leadership of our co-coordinators, the college's Basic Skills Initiative took a giant step this week toward identifying the specifics of our plan to strengthen the college's approach to developmental education. Rachel Bell, Jacquie Escobar and Rick Hough are leading the effort, and they designed a terrific approach that brings in expertise from all across the college. About 75 people have been involved so far, and they developed about 155 ideas for ways to improve what we do in terms of curriculum, counseling approaches, services and more. On last Monday, 50 of those people met for 4 hours to cull through the ideas and identify the highest priorities. New state funding targeted for basic skills will help us implement these ideas.

Please join me in thanking the many people who have been involved working with Rachel, Jacquie and Rick: Jeff Acidera, Lori Adrian, AJ Bates, Connie Beringer, Don Biederman, Donna Bestock, Kate Browne, Carla Campillo, Amory Cariadus, John Chavez, Nohel Corral, Andy Davis, Pat Deamer, Tim Dupree, Liza Erpelo, Maria Escobar, Kathleen Feinblum, Murrell Green, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Greg Fraunfelder, Steven Fredericks, Jon Freedman, Elaine Francisco, Stanlee Garriott, Pablo Gonzalez, Katharine Harer, Cathy Hasson, David Hasson, Shelly Hausman, Imelda Hermosillo, Fermin Irigoyan, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Melissa Komadina, Lucia Lachmayr, Chuck Leach, Joyce Lee, Betty Lindgren-Young, John Mc Daniels, Margie Meadows, Jennifer Merrill, Joe Morello, Regina Morrison, Vicki Morrow, Mike Moynihan, Nate Nevado, Garry Nicol, Vanson Nguyen, Virginia Padron, Manny Peix, Felix Perez, Tiffany Reardon, Christine Roumbanis, Leslie Shelton, Leigh Anne Sippel, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Arthur Takayama, Phyllis Taylor, Theresa Tentes, Dina Valdelomar, Linda Van Sciver, Linda Vogel, Rick Wallace, William Watson, Jeff Westfall, Mike Williamson, Dennis Wolbers, James Wong, Karen Wong, George Wright, Jennifer Yen, and Soodi Zamani. Here are the coordinators, Rachel, Rick and Jacquie:



To see the draft action plans developed at our workshop on December 3, along with pictures of the December 3 event go to <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/bellr/BSIactionplans.htm>. The Basic Skills Steering committee will work further develop the draft plan and recommend it to the president for submission to the state chancellor's office. The BS Steering committee welcomes your comments on the draft priorities. Please send them to Rachel Bell, Rick Hough, or Jacquie Escobar.

It is time to reach out to our alumni

We are planning to host an Alumni Mixer/Event in the evening of February 11th in the Student and Community Center. We'll invite our alumni to experience Skyline's warm and welcoming expanded and renovated campus! We are contacting some specific programs who track students to assist in building the invitation list for this exciting event. Planning is underway with members of the President's Council. 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 Irber@smccd.edu.

ASSC Food Drive a success

The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) conducted a food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank of San Mateo County on Wednesday, November 21 from 10 am to 1 pm on the quad. Clubs competed for a \$500 grant from the ASSC. The goal was to collect the most items to donate to the food bank. A total of 918 pounds of food was collected and an additional \$495 was donated to Second Harvest. The Photography club was awarded the \$500 grant, MESA/SHPE received \$250 for second place and Honors Transfer Club received \$125 for third place. The Associated Students would like to thank all of the clubs, students, faculty and staff who helped to make this event a success. The members of the ASSC in the picture are: first row Bob Alberts, Anastasia Kuzina, Wendy Smith, second row Raydan Al-hubaishy and Vanessa Allas.



Photo by Virginia Medrano Rosales

Two Skyline students will be competing at the state wrestling championships this weekend

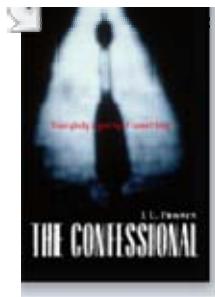
Jason Moorhouse, who is currently ranked 8th in the state after top four finishes at the Sacramento City and Modesto Tournament will be competing at 125 pounds. Jimmy Anderson, 149 pounds, is unranked but also has two top finishes at tournaments this year and will be competing. Jon West, 141 pounds, will be going as an alternate in case of an injury at his weight class. The Wrestling State Championships will be at Fresno City College beginning on Friday, December 7th at 10 a.m. and continuing Saturday, December 8th at 10 a.m. Finals are at 7 p.m. The Skyline coach is James Haddon.

Jablonski video is now up on our iTunes U website

As I mentioned in a previous edition of *Skyline Shines*, Dr. Nina Jablonski's lecture, "Living in our Skin," was everything we hoped, and the Theater was jam-packed. I mentioned that if you missed this President's Innovation Fund lecture, it was videotaped and would soon be archived on the district's iTunesU website at <http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu/> for Skyline. It is now out there, so just click on "Take me to SMCCD on iTunes U." Then scroll down to the Skyline College section, and select "Skyline Events."

Skyline faculty member's book is published

Another of our adjunct faculty, Jessica "J.L." Powers, recently published a book for teens called *The Confessional*. More information can be found at <http://www.randomhouse.com/teens/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=9780375838729>. Ms. Powers teaches English 110 (Composition, Literature and Critical Thinking) and will be teaching our first English 110 online courses in the spring.



What becomes of e-Suggestion Box submissions?

This fall semester was the first time that Skyline has used an electronic Suggestion Box open to students, employees and the community. The E-Suggestion Box is posted on the college's homepage and provides an on-going way in which to communicate valuable suggestions to college administrators. We have had

149 interested visitors to the E-Suggestion Box and 30 who made suggestions. Of those who made suggestions, 31% were from faculty, 38% were from students, 17% were from classified staff, 3% were from administrators and 11% preferred not to respond.

Many of the suggestions were consistent with feedback we received from students and employees over the past two years via focus groups and surveys (i.e., Campus Climate Survey, Employee Voice Survey, and the Marketing and Communication Focus Group Study). The suggestions fell into seven broad categories including, Campus Safety, the College Website, Facilities Maintenance, Facility Needs, Signage, Service Quality and Communication. Here is what became of them all:

- Suggestions that were made about the need for improved signage including inside the Student and Community Center, at Pacific Heights, on Building 5 and the slogan on the front of Building 6, as well as the need for expanded facilities (e.g., parking) will be addressed through the college's Capital Improvement Program.
- Suggestions that were made about the need to improve the college's website are being addressed with the Fresh Look Project major website redesign slated for Spring 2008.
- Suggestions made regarding the facility maintenance including the cleanliness of the cafeteria/student lounge area, the building windows have been referred to the Facilities Office. The Facilities Office also addresses concerns and requests in an ongoing way through their Facilities Help Center which may be accessed on-line at: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/portal/>
- Finally, suggestions for improving our service and communication to students including services and facilities available during evening class hours, redoing the outgoing messages on college telephone system so that they are clearer, and provide more information about college activities and events via e-newsletters and electronic calendars are being considered through the Fresh Look Project and by the President's Cabinet.

Please keep those suggestions coming!

Other 49ers series concludes with women of the Gold Rush

Ruth Ann Lum McCunn addressed the subject of the women of the Gold Rush, concluding our Other 49ers series, funded by the President's Innovation Fund. This President's Innovation Fund project was created by Barbara Daley, Eric Brenner, Dennis Wolbers, Carol Driscoll and Tom Hewitt. They brought us a rich and fascinating series that I will remember vividly for a long time. The series was consistently well-attended by students, and I am confident that they, too, have had a memorable educational experience of excellent speakers and performers and opportunities for getting answers to their very sophisticated and penetrating questions.

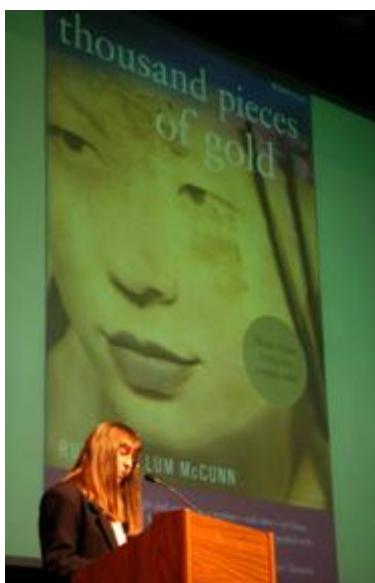


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Coming Up ...

Friday, December 7

- Community and Jazz Bands present Winter Concert, 7:30 p.m., Main Theatre
- Wrestling State Championships, 10 a.m., Fresno
- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, 2 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Lassen at Merritt College, 4 p.m.
- EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Gift Giving Tree Celebration, 3-5 p.m., Rm 6202
- ASSC Toys for Tots Drive, 10:00am until noon on the quad, Bld 6.

Saturday, December 8

- Wrestling State Championships, Fresno, 10 a.m.
- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, noon
- Skyline Concert Choir Performance, 3 p.m., Cañada College Main Theatre

Monday, December 10

- "Juggling Act," presented by Classified Council, 3-4 p.m., Rm 6203
- Spring 08 books available for preorder online at Bookstore

Tuesday, December 11

- Ceramics Sale, Through 12/13, Gallery Theatre

Wednesday, December 12

- Phi Theta Kappa seeks Toys for Tots until Dec. 12

Friday, December 14

- Men's Basketball vs. DeAnza at West Valley, 2 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Santa Rosa at Skyline, 6 p.m.
- Design/Build Project Proposals—Open Forum, 1-4 p.m., Rm 2306

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 an item for *Skyline Shines*?

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

Do you have a suggestion?

You may want to try our new e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



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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