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Congratulations to our newly tenured faculty!

Last Wednesday night, the Board of Trustees approved the tenure recommendations for seven Skyline faculty. I appreciate the hard work which went into the tenure reviews that led to this outcome, and I am grateful for the fine group of newly tenured faculty. Please join me in congratulating them all!

Kathryn Browne
Kevin Corsiglia
Liza Erpelo
Michael Moynihan
Norm del Prado
Leigh Ann Sippel
George Wright

Barbara Daley nominated by Board of Trustees for state wide Classified Employee of the Year

After a college wide nomination opportunity and a review of the five nominations submitted, the College Council selected Barbara Daley as Skyline's nominee to the district's Board of Trustees for the state wide Classified Employee of the Year Award. Our board then considered the nominees from all three colleges and the district office and selected Barbara as their nominee to the state Board of Governors. Please join me in congratulating Barbara for this well deserved honor. Her work touches the lives of many students, employees and members of our community. The Board of Governors will announce their selection at their May meeting.

A beautiful mural is going up outside the Gallery Theater

If you enter the college through Building 1, you can't miss it, and if you enter elsewhere, it would be worth a trip over to the Gallery Theater to see the mural being painted. The mural is part of a President's Innovation Fund project developed by Paul Bridenbaugh, our Gallery Theater Coordinator, to visually enhance the Gallery Theatre entrance, signage and website. The aim of the project is to increase the role of the Gallery Theatre on campus and in the community as a cultural center and arts venue. The mural depicts fabric panels from the parts of the world from which our students come, based on data provided to Paul by Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness. From left to right, here is where the fabric panels come from: Japan, China, USA-Europe (New York, c. 1850 quilt), Indonesia (Bali), Africa (Nigeria), Middle East/Islamic (Turkey), Philippines (Southern, Mindanao), Mexico (Puebla), and Peru (South America c. 1600). Thanks to Paul for creating and proposing the project, and working with students to execute it. The project is already attracting other students as they see the work going up. Here is what they are painting:



Skyline student wins national recognition

Maher Dabit has been selected as a 2009 Coca-Cola National Finalist. Selection as a Coca-Cola Finalist was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. As a finalist, Mr. Dabit will receive an award of \$1,000.



Photo by Chris Case

March 20 is the deadline for nominations to the Transfer Student Hall of Fame

Since 2005, the Skyline College Transfer Center has sponsored the Skyline Stars: Transfer Student Hall of Fame. The vision for this project is to recognize and honor former Skyline College students who have gone on to achieve exceptional and career success. This year's nominees will be inducted during the *Transfer Success Ceremony* scheduled for Friday, May 15th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Building 6, Cafeteria. Three inductees will be selected to receive this honor. Students inducted in the Transfer Student Hall of Fame will receive an award and a certificate, and will have their name and picture added on to a permanent plaque. Students will also have their biographies and pictures added to the Transfer Center's Skyline Stars webpage. Plaques of all nominees can be seen in a display outside of the Transfer Center. Please nominate any former Skyline College student(s) that you know have gone on to exceptional educational and career success. You will be able to get the nomination form here shortly: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/transfercenter/awards/index.html>. You may nominate more than one individual (please use a separate form for each nominee). Nominations forms must be submitted by

4:00 pm on Friday, March 20th. Please submit your form(s) to Mrs. Goldie Lee at the Transfer Center, Building Two, Room 2227 or email your nominations to leeg@smccd.edu. All nomination forms received will be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from the Skyline College community.

Skyline students win California/Nevada recognition

Ashley Good won the Phi Theta Kappa Nevada/California Regional Literary Award for her essay on the Paradox of Affluence. Theresa Kannengeiser was second runner-up for the Literary Award for her essay on the Paradox of Affluence. Khalil Dabeet was runner-up for the Phi Theta Kappa Nevada/California Regional Scholar. Kelnia Moloney, Beta Theta Omicron chapter historian, won the Phi Theta Kappa Nevada/California Regional Yearbook Award for her chronicling of the chapter's 2008 projects. Please join me in congratulating them all! Here are Ashley, Khalil and Kelnia.



Photos by Chris Case

Flex Day rocks

Skyline's March 11 Flex Day was well attended, and marked by numerous excellent professional development workshops. Thanks to the PEDAC (Professional Enrichment and Development Advisory Committee) for arranging workshops of general interest: Phyllis Taylor (chair), Donna Bestock, Laurie

Biagi, Nina Floro, Linda Herda, Nick Kapp, and Theresa Tentles. And thanks to the SLOAC Steering Committee for arranged the SLOAC Assessment workshops. Here are a few glimpses of the day: breakfast around the fireplace, Pablo Gonzalez delivering a workshop on leadership, the opening SLOAC workshop, the Music faculty working on SLOs, Tom Broxholm on use of the clicker technology and Jenn Merrill on improving sleep.



Photos by Phyllis Taylor



Photos by Arthur Takayama

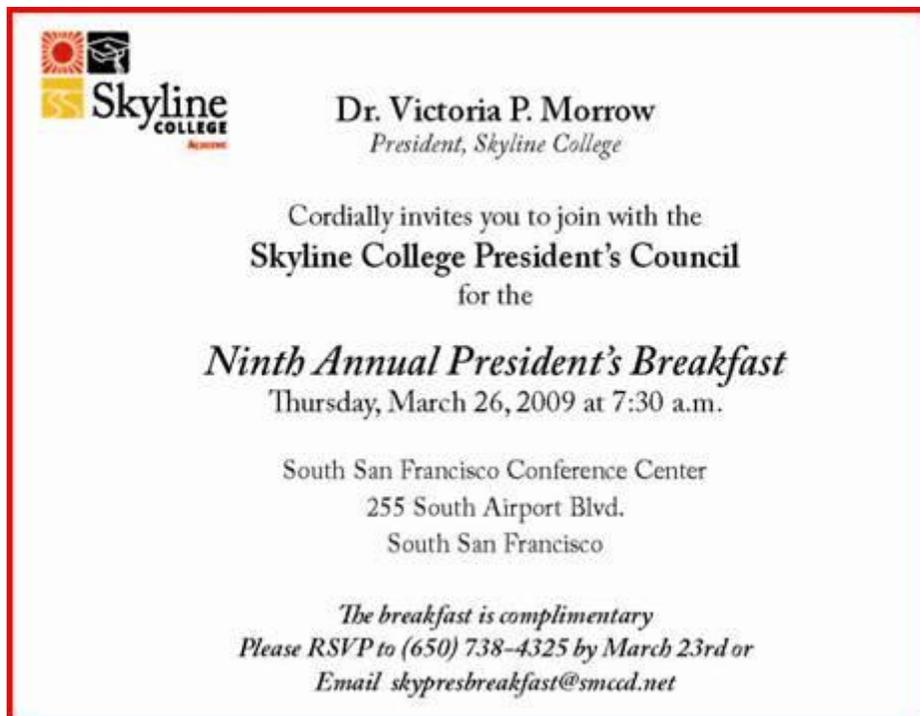
And many thanks to the SLOAC Steering Committee, who made themselves easily identifiable as resource people by means of T-shirts bearing a fine SLOAC logo designed by student Carla Castillo.



Photo by Manny Peix; logo by Carla Castillo

President's Breakfast speakers are announced

This year Professor Pat Deamer, whose ASTEP Math Academy is in its second year of President's Innovation Fund support, will speak at the President's Breakfast along with current student Alfredo Rivera, who participated in Rock the School Bells, the Multicultural Hip Hop Conference held last November. They will allow the audience to hear both faculty and student perspectives on the impact of the President's Innovation Fund. The breakfast will be held March 26 at 7:30 am at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Please see the invitation below to RSVP.



Preview Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN)'s *Brownout* via student mockumentaries

From the students who brought you "The PCN" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/skylinepcn2008>) last year comes "KABA: A PCN Mockumentary" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/HiandByeProductions>). Directed by Alex DeGuzman and produced by Ken Lauguico, both current Kababayan Program students, these 10-minute episodes are "sneak previews" and promotional materials for Skyline College's 5th Annual Pilipino Cultural Night: *Brownout!* The students write, act in, direct, and produce all of their own materials. All of these students are enrolled in English 104 AK: Applied English Skills for Cultural Production, taught by Liza Erpelo. Here's one of the clips: KABA : A PCN Mockumentary - Episode 1: "ABC's" at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vuuGD2njOw>.

This year there will be three shows for Pilipino Cultural Night:

Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm (Sneak Preview/Student Night)

Friday, May 1 at 7 pm (Gala Night)

Sunday, May 3 at 2 pm (Family Matinee)

Stay tuned for more details and information about *Brownout!* in the next few weeks!

Kababayan's 5th Anniversary celebration brought original and current students together

The Kababayan Program celebrated its 5th Anniversary on February 28. Students from the original 2003-04 class were there, along with former Skyline people such as Anita Martinez and Susan Andrien who wanted to share in the celebration. The first photo is of this year's advisors: (L to R) Nate Nevado, Melanie Espinueva, Marisa Mariano, and Liza Erpelo. The second photo is of the very first core group of students, the 2003-2004 class: (L to R) Victor Eco, Alyssa Jane Titong, Joanne Boston, Nikki Santiago and Paul Victoria. In the front are former advisor Romeo Garcia and current coordinator, Liza Erpelo. The third photo is of this year's Pilipino Cultural Night group: Front row (L to R): Marj Anicete, Denyce Abrigo, Jazzie De La Cruz, Stella Manubag, Jes Aquino, and Trish Morales. Middle row: Melanie Espinueva, Liza Erpelo, Briane Nuval, Lloyd Bautista, Rob Fernandez, Nate Nevado, and Marisa Mariano. Back row: Ken Lauguico, Jonathan Tioseco, Allan Gargaritano, and Allan Tiña.



Photos by Jamison Boyer

7th annual WOW! Women on Writing Conference draws a crowd

WOW! is so successful because of a dedicated group of volunteers working year long to give WOW! conference attendees (about 325 this year) an enriched and inspiring experience. I would like to express special thanks to the Steering Committee: Georgia Gero, Marijane Datson, Connie Beringer, Katharine Harer, Kathleen Feinblum, Donna Bestock and Sandy Irber. Also integral to WOW! are Kathy Fitzpatrick, Amy Leonard, Laura Baughman, Virginia Rosales, Felix Perez, Kathleen McClung, Lucia Lachymar, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Liza Erpelo, Linda Vogel, Karen Wong, Betty Lindgren-Young, Shelly Hausman, Caroline Ocampo, Rakefet Avramovitz, Kamla Bucceri, Alan Ceccarelli, Mike Celeste, Manuel Granillo, Melinda Herda, Richard Inokuchi, Barbara Lamson, Seini Mateialona, Jose Perez, Annie Trinh, Joyce Young, Amory Cariadus, and of course, our wonderful community volunteers, the WOW! Ambassadors, and especially our registration crew: Priscilla Schwartz, Karen Ho, and Kathie Semenza, and Valerie Malliett, our volunteer Program Assistant. The WOW! student volunteer corps came from the general

student body as well as from the Gay Straight Alliance, the Runners Club, the Photography Club, Honors Transfer Program, Kababayan, Puente, Talisman Literary Magazine and the Women in Transition Club. There were some highlights to the event: Carla Castillo, a Skyline student who competed last year in the Poetry Slam, came back this year to compete fiercely and win the slam. Students were engaged, articulate, active in their volunteer roles, and as conference attendees. Although the conference audience is predominantly from the Bay Area community, students had the opportunity to connect with the written word in ways beyond what they generally do in the classroom. Our students came to live in the conference environment and their creative juices were stirred--they were motivated, inspired, and they delivered! In the photos below, Julia Whitty, author of *The Fragile Edge*, is giving the keynote address, students and Professor Lucia Lachmayr enjoy the Poetry Slam, and the many great volunteers smile for the camera.



The first two photos are by Scott Fong and the third is by Vinnie Samujh.

Home schooled students visit Skyline's Library

On March 2, the Skyline College Library hosted a research skills workshop for approximately twenty members of Bay Area Gifted Home Schoolers, including kids and their parents. Amy Titus, Reference Librarian, introduced the group to the basics of college library research. Most of the young people in the group are planning on attending SMCCD colleges through the concurrent enrollment plan.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on March 12, 2009.

1. **Review of Budget Reduction Strategies:** Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones reviewed the budget outlook at the state and district level. She pointed out that community colleges fared well in that there are no cuts to the system besides zero COLA, deferral of apportionments, and suspension of mandated costs. In 2009-10, there will be no COLA, no fee increases, no property tax shift and 3% growth. Good as these may be, there still remains a lot of uncertainty. Actual state revenues in April might fall below projections. Some of the solutions to balance the state budget require voter approval on May 19th. Depending on the results, the state budget might remain the same or require deeper cuts. In light of this, district Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood presented to the Board of Trustees best, middle and worst case scenarios to help the district plan for this year and next. Eloisa presented the 2008-09 Expenditure Reductions that the committee approved last December 4, 2008, pointing out updates to the list. She also calculated an estimate of this year's ending balance, taking into account the expenditure reductions. CBC established as a benchmark for the Balanced Scorecard an ending balance equal to 3% of its site allocation. This year's estimated ending balance is slightly below the college's ending balance goal.
2. **Preliminary 2009-2010 Site Allocation, Best & Worst Case Scenarios:** The committee also reviewed the updated 2009-10 Strategies to Reduce Expenditures. Eloisa did a preliminary calculation of the college's site allocation under the best case scenario (\$4 million district deficit) and worst case scenario (\$8 million district deficit). This compared revenues and expenditures, taking into account reduction strategies for next year, not including savings from managed hiring

and retirements, as these are yet unknown. Overall, the college is well positioned to weather budget reductions in the worst case scenario without having to make additional cuts. She reminded the committee, however, that a good deal of uncertainty remains.

3. **Next Meeting:** CBC will meet again on April 30, 2009, after the next DCBF meeting scheduled on April 21st.

CBC minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/cbc/index.html>.

Errata

The correct attribution for the photos of Khalil Dabeet and Maher Dabit in the February 20 edition is Chris Case.

In the eSuggestion Box update on March 6, I accidentally left in a note to myself concerning bike racks. We are, indeed, looking into how we can provide bike racks on campus!

Coming up...

Friday, March 13

- Last Day to apply Skyline College Institutional Scholarships
- Nature Insideout- works by Ronit Arnon, Eliza Barrios, and Patricia K. Kelly through April 3, Gallery Theatre

Saturday, March 14

- Baseball at Hartnell, 12pm

Monday, March 16

- Rescue Education / March in March, Sacramento, Free Buses leave Skyline at 7am

Tuesday, March 17

- Discipline Workshop Series given by the Child Development Center, Building 6 Room 6203, 2-4pm
- Baseball at Cañada College, 2pm
- MESA Seminar- Rapid Determination of Toxic Elements in Consumer Products via X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry (XRF), Building 7, Room 7106

Thursday, March 19

- Baseball vs. Cabrillo College, 2pm
- Badminton vs. DeAnza College, 2pm

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **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/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



And for ideas about Skyline's **40th Anniversary** celebration next year, here is the link:



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/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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