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Skyline selects our nominee for the Classified Employee of the Year Award

The College Council had the great pleasure of considering five nominations for the Board of Governor's Classified Employee of the Year Award. I would like to recognize all five here:

- Barbara Daley
- Pablo Gonzalez
- Pat Carter
- Linda Herda
- Sue Lorenzo

What a joy it was for us to consider such a strong pool of nominees! In the end, we had to pick one of these five, and Barbara Daley was selected to represent Skyline. Her name and nomination will go to the Board of Trustees next week, and be considered by them along with nominees from the other two colleges and the district office. The nominee selected by the Board will be forwarded to the Board of Governors next month. Barbara and the other nominees within our district will be recognized at a future Board meeting as well. Please join me in congratulating Barbara and the other four nominees as well. And thanks to those of you who took the trouble to prepare the nominations. I will be publishing the Skyline Shines Award nomination deadline next Friday, so everyone can begin thinking about who might be recognized there as well.

It was a glorious day for a groundbreaking and ribbon cutting!

Over 200 people attended yesterday's groundbreaking for the new Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classrooms and Administration Offices. I was joined by Ron Galatolo, Chancellor; Helen Hausman, Richard Holober, and Dave Mandelkern, Members of the Board of Trustees; Virginia Rosales, Student Trustee; Larry Franzella, Mayor of San Bruno; Karyl Matsumoto, Mayor of South San Francisco; Regina Pelayo representing the Cosmetology department and Liza Erpelo representing the Learning Communities. The President's Council was there and so were many Skyline faculty, staff and students. The new building is designed to meet the needs of four programs with individualized features:

- Designed to meet the energy and sustainability standards for certification by U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program);
- 1st Floor: Classrooms, Cosmetology space, Spa and Esthetician Laboratories;
- 2nd Floor: Multicultural Center, Hosting Gallery, Classrooms, Cosmetology Haircutting laboratory, Cosmetology model salon;
- 3rd Floor: Classroom, Campus Administration offices, rooftop terrace.

Festivities continued across campus at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated section of the Science and Allied Health building. Mike Williamson, Dean of Science/Math/Technology, and Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, spoke about the building's state-of-the-art laboratories for biology, microbiology, chemistry, and earth sciences. In addition, it houses the Emergency Medical Technician Program on the first floor; The Respiratory Therapy and Surgical Technology labs with a simulated operating room, the Anatomy and Physiology lab and the Biotechnology lab on the second floor; and the physics lab and MESA Center on the third floor. Special thanks go to Hensel Phelps Construction Co and John Plane Construction Inc. for sponsoring the day's festivities. Here are the shovel ceremony and me "doing surgery" in our new Surgical Technology operating room.

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Our new smoking policy is moving into implementation for fall 2009

Skyline College will implement the new smoking policy beginning Fall semester, 2009. The new policy will limit smoking to parking lots only. This new policy is an affirmation of Skyline College's commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. To ensure a successful implementation of this new policy, an Implementation Task Force is being formed, to be chaired by Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Lori Adrian. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to participate in the task force, in order to make sure that concerns, ideas, and different perspectives related to various aspects of the implementation process are examined and taken into consideration. If you are interested in joining the task force, or would like more information about the task force, or wish to share your concerns or ideas, please contact Lori at extension 4333 or adrianl@smccd.edu.

Two PTK All California winners from Skyline

The All-State Academic Teams, administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, honors outstanding two-year college students who show intellectual rigor in their course of study, demonstrate academic, leadership and civic growth, and who extend their community college education to better themselves, their schools and their communities. California winners receive scholarships from the Coca-Cola Foundation, California Community College League. Two Skyline students have been on the All-California Academic Team every year since 2000. This year the winners are Khalil Dabeet and Maher Dabit.

- Khalil Dabeet, 22, has earned a 4.0 GPA in the Civil Engineering program at Skyline College. He's currently a senator in the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) and a tutor in the Learning Center's TRIO program, as well as an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, and

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Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA). His community activities include judging science projects at middle schools in the Jefferson Union School District in Daly City and volunteering at the 14th Annual Engineering Design Contest at Canada College. Khalil has been listed on both the National Dean's List and Skyline Dean's List, and is a 2009 Outstanding Scholar for Skyline College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter. His goal is to earn a degree in Civil Engineering.

- Maher Dabit, 20, has earned a 3.72 GPA in the Civil Engineering program at Skyline College. Through his work as a TRIO peer mentor and student ambassador for the Student Transfer, Academic Success and Achievement, and Retention Services (STAARS) Program, Maher has created and maintained the program web site (staars.pyuple.com) and has organized various student outreach events/activities. He's currently a senator in the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC), and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He also served as a Math/Physics peer tutor for the Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) Center. Maher hopes to pursue a career in Civil Engineering.

Here are Khalil and Maher.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Student Equity Committee gets rolling

Our Student Equity Committee replaces our former Student Access and Success Committee. Their work is going to be important in many ways and across many venues at the college, so I wanted to give you a taste of what they are talking about, and to thank the people who are involved. Here is what happened at their first meeting yesterday:

1. Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, is co-chair of the group, and David Hasson from Mathematics was selected as the faculty co-chair.
2. Committee members discussed what student equity meant to them.
3. The Committee reviewed the rationale and the charge of the committee from the College Council, committing ourselves to the key metrics of seeking to identify barriers and to promote institutional changes which would strengthen equitable student outcomes for all students.
4. The group discussed existing research planned by other campus committees (mainly the College Success Initiative Coordinating Committee), and will generate additional research ideas and form a research agenda at the March meeting. Initial ideas included cohort tracking research in the pre-collegiate course sequences, survey research into students who withdraw from courses, research into the effect of learning communities especially for students of color, and investigation into the issue of student hope and its relationship to success and persistence.
5. Rob Johnstone shared an initial "Student Equity Committee Research Brief", investigating course success and course retention rates disaggregated by ethnicity. The Committee noted the differential success rates, and initiated discussion into ways in which these outcomes could be improved. Rob vowed to attempt to share something similar at all or most of the meetings.
6. The group discussed the USC/CUE (Center for Urban Education) approach to looking at equity in community colleges. Soodi, Karen and David had attended a CUE event in Los Angeles in the Spring, and shared some of their impressions and thoughts. Rob also shared highlights from his recent participation as a grant reviewer for the Hewlett Foundation who had funded CUE project.

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There was general agreement to utilize the tools and refer to the approach generated by CUE / USC as we moved forward.

Thanks to these people for taking on this critical work, and for the group's robust launch: Rob Johnstone, David Hasson, Lynne Douglas, Lavinia Zanassi, Melissa Mihelitsch, Soodi Zamani, Karen Wong, Dennis Wolbers, Maria Escobar, Rick Wallace, Leslie Shelton, Linda Ghio and Sandra Hatzistratis.

Lady Trojans sweep season series from CSM

Skyline College's Women's Basketball team completed a series sweep against their rival College of San Mateo with an exciting 54-52 victory on February 11th at San Mateo. The Trojans won the first meeting between the teams on January 21st by a score of 68-62. This game, like the first, was an exciting affair that featured eight ties and fifteen lead changes. CSM led at halftime 26-25 before Skyline took control with an 11-4 run to start the second half. Still, the lead changed four more times after that point with the Bulldogs tying the game at 52 with just 10.2 seconds remaining. The Trojans called a timeout and then ran a play resulting in a basket by Katie Zasly with just 2.1 seconds remaining. CSM was not able to get off a final shot and Skyline came away with the victory. The Trojans are currently 6-4 in conference, good for third place, and have a 22-6 overall record. They will complete the regular season on Saturday, February 21st against Laney College at 6P. Skyline expects to qualify for the state tournament when the brackets are announced on Monday, February 23rd. Please join me in congratulating coach Trisha Hosley, her assistant Chris Watters and the members of the team.



Photo by Visual Sports

Check it out!

The Library is proud to announce that our very own reference librarian and resident poet, Evelyn Posamentier, has had two of her poems included in the new edition of *Blood to Remember: American Poets on the Holocaust* (call # PS 595 .H64 B573 2007). Evy's work has been featured in *American Poetry Review*, *Crysalis*, *Mississippi Review Online*, and the Virtual Museum of Genocide Studies, as well as in several anthologies, including *Bittersweet Legacy: Creative Responses to the Holocaust* and *Ghosts of the Holocaust*. They invite you to stop in and check out this wonderful new addition to our collection!

The Classified Staff "Heart 2 Heart" Bake Sale and Gift Item Fundraiser was a success

On Wednesday, February 11, Skyline College Classified Staff showed off their talents by baking delicious goodies and creating imaginative & attractive gift items for the Classified Staff fundraiser. Julene Rhoan and Nancy Lam were responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating a tremendously successful fundraiser. Others involved included:

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- Kristen Abel, Pat Carter, Barbara Daley, Loretta Davis, Cam Dinh, Carol Driscoll, Stanlee Garriott, Linda Herda, Gigi Isaacs, Nancy Lam, Barbara Lamson, Goldie Lee, Wendy Lum, Karen Nielsen, Julene Rhoan & Cinthia Saenz for baking and creating;
- Loretta Davis, Carol Driscoll, Stanlee Garriott, Sandra Hatzistratis, Nancy Lam, Linda Herda, Sylvia Martinez, Félix Pérez, Julene Rhoan & Kennya Zepeda for volunteering their time;
- Steve Cornejo for setting up the sandwich board;
- and Perry Dair for helping sell items at the Automotive Center.

Adolfo Leiva, president of the Classified Council, expressed their appreciation for everyone who supported Classified Council fundraiser by purchasing gifts and goodies. Thanks to that support they raised \$538.00 towards student scholarships and staff professional development.

Dr. Victoria Morrow will receive the 2009 Gordon Award from Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Well, this is awkward, but here goes: I was nominated for this national award by our PTK chapter, so the credit goes to Chris Case and Ashley Good for taking the initiative. Here is what they say about the award.

This award is given to outstanding community college executive officers for recognizing and encouraging scholarship, leadership, and service among two-year college students. Chapter officers nominated Dr. Morrow with a 750-word essay. In the essay, Chapter President Ashley Good wrote "I was truly 'blown away'" by her dedication to the students and found it refreshing to be taken seriously. Since then I have met with President Morrow several times and she continues to be sincerely personable, supportive, and helpful. Clearly, she has taken the time to mentor me over these months and has treated me as an equal in doing so. She has always inspired and pushed me to do more. Always a great support, her dedication has made me believe in myself and empowered me to go the extra mile for my chapter."

I appreciate the honor this award represents, but the credit for our fine chapter really goes to Chris and to the wonderful PTK students including Ashley and others.

2009 ISA Scholars chosen

In memory of Isabelle Maynard, a featured author and workshop presenter for our *WOW! Women on Writing Conference* in 2003-2005, *WOW!* proudly instituted *the Isabelle Maynard Memorial Fund* in 2008. Born Isa Zimmerman in Tientsin, China, of Russian Jewish parents, Isa renamed herself Isabelle as a young immigrant in America. At *WOW!* we honor her accomplishments as a writer of fiction, memoir, drama and poetry, as an actor, pianist, visual artist, mother, grandmother, distinguished social worker and therapist. Each year, the ISA Award recognizes the prowess of Skyline College students in literature and the arts with a humanitarian and social consciousness, giving special consideration to those with physical disabilities and immigrant experience. In a ceremony in the Gallery Theatre on Thursday February 26th beginning at 12:30, part of the annual Open Reading sponsored by *Culture Comes Alive at Skyline College*, the ISA Scholars of 2009, Charity Walden and Brianna Yee, will receive a scholarship to attend *WOW!*, a copy of Isabelle's memoir, *China Dreams: Growing Up Jewish in Tientsin*, and a certificate of merit.

- Charity Walden, a freshman at Skyline College, enjoys writing poetry and the occasional short story. She wants to receive her B.A. in Spanish, Theatre and Child Development and hopes to apply her learning to the education of children. Two of her poems will be published in an international poetry anthology.
- Brianna Yee is 21 years old and has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area her whole life. She has always enjoyed writing and hopes to become a theatre major after leaving Skyline. Her prose pieces have been published in *Talisman*, Skyline's annual collection of student writing and art.

Here are Charity and Brianna.

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For more information, see Katharine Harer, Language Arts Department, at harer@smccd.edu. To contribute to the award fund, contact Marijane Datson at mjdat@pacbell.net or send your donation to the Isabelle Maynard Fund, Skyline College 1317, 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066.


Two great events on the schedule for next week

Disordered Eating / Distorted Body Image Workshop

February 24, 2009
11:00 am—1:00 pm
Building 6, Room 6202



Disordered Eating
Distorted Body Image




Panel of speakers:

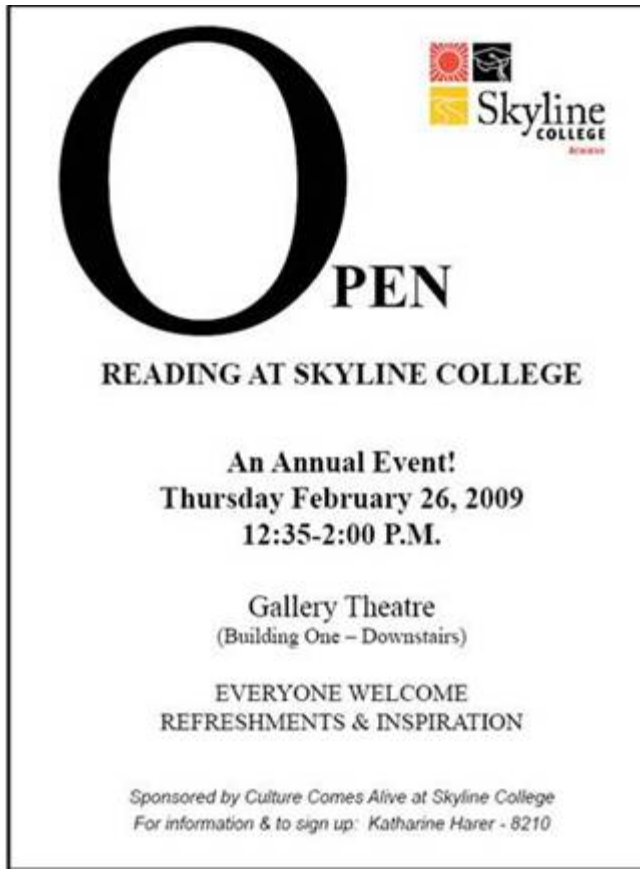
- **Linda McCabe**, PsyD, APTED
- **Carol Dietrich**, Program Coordinator, El Camino Hospital
- **Anne Hahn-Smith**, PhD, New Dawn Eating Disorder Program
- **James Lock**, MD, Stanford Eating Disorder Program

Presented by Skyline College Psychological Services
Liz 738-4351 or Bev 738-4459

Participations Certificates Available



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Coming up...

Friday, February 20

- Baseball vs. Mendocino at Skyline, 2pm
- Men's Basketball at Cañada College, 7:00pm
- Exhibit of paintings and drawings by San Francisco based artist Stephen Namara (through Feb. 28), Gallery Theatre

Saturday, February 21

- Women's Basketball at vs. Laney College, 7pm

Monday, February 23

- Baseball at Napa Valley College, 2pm

Tuesday, February 24

- Disordered Eating/Distorted Body Image Workshop, Building 6 Room 202, 11am-1pm

Wednesday, February 25

- African-American Film Festival "Eyes on the Prize", Building 1 Main Theater, 1pm-2pm

Thursday, February 26

- Open Reading, Building 1 Main Theater, 11:30am – 2:00pm
- Baseball at Chabot College, 2pm

Do you have a suggestion?

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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/>

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