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Skyline will participate in the “Great California ShakeOut” next Thursday

We are participating in “The Great California “ShakeOut” Earthquake Preparedness” exercise next week. On **Thursday, October 15, at exactly 10:15 am** a designated tone will sound from our public address system. Because we do not have speakers in all the buildings, you may or may not hear the tone. So at the selected time please imagine an earthquake has occurred. “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” for several seconds. If you are in a class with students, please do the following:

- Tell students to remain calm
- Scan for anyone that needs assistance
- Appoint students to help others who need assistance
- Remind students to listen and follow all instructions
- Take roll.

Then listen for the “all clear” from the Carillon System.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere we work, live, or travel in California. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? As with anything, to act quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you. Thanks in advance for your help in making this an effective drill for all of us at Skyline College.

Earthquake: Duck, Cover & Hold

No matter where you are, know how to protect yourself and your family during an earthquake. Practice taking cover as if there were an earthquake and learn the safest places in your home and work. Practice getting out of your home and check to see if the planned exits are clear and if they can become blocked in an earthquake. Practice turning off your electricity and water. Know how to turn off the gas, but do not practice this step. In the event of an earthquake, once you turn off your gas, only your utility company should turn it back on for safety reasons.

Tips

- When in a **HIGH-RISE BUILDING**, move against an interior wall if you are not near a desk or table. Protect your head and neck with your arms. Do not use the elevators.
- When **OUTDOORS**, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, or downed electrical wires and poles.
- When on a **SIDEWALK NEAR BUILDINGS**, duck into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, plaster and other debris.
- When **DRIVING**, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stay inside your vehicle until the shaking stops.
- When in a **CROWDED STORE OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACE**, move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall. Do not rush for the exit.
- When in a **STADIUM OR THEATER**, stay in your seat, get below the level of the back of the seat and cover your head and neck with your arms.

Duck



DUCK or DROP down on the floor.

Cover



Take COVER under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. If that is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors or tall furniture.

Hold



If you take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture, HOLD on to it and be prepared to move with it. Hold the position until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move.

**Ready
To Ride It Out?**

Classified staff celebrate the election of new leadership

The Classified Council has announced the election results for Classified Council Vice President for 2009-2010. Kathy Fitzpatrick, Division Assistant Language Arts, was welcomed into her new role at a Classified Council Coffee Meet and Greet on October 6, 2009. Rakefet Avramovitz was also officially welcomed as President of the Council. Thanks to Rob Johnstone for assisting with the online survey. A special thanks to the anonymous donor who sponsored the event. Here are the new officers, from left to right: Barbara Daley, Historian; Rakefet Avramovitz, President; Linda Herda, Past Vice President; Kathy Fitzpatrick, Vice President; Adolfo Leiva, Past President; and Barbara Lamson, Secretary. Not pictured, but part of the Executive Board are Theresa Tentes, Treasurer, Kenya Zepeda, Parliamentarian.



EOPS/CARE programs honor student creativity at 40th anniversary celebration

Wednesday night I had the pleasure of joining EOPS/CARE students past and present, along with their family members and our faculty and staff for the 40th anniversary celebration of these programs. The mission of Extended Opportunities and Services (EOPS) is to encourage the enrollment, retention and transfer of students who are hindered by language, social, economic and educational disadvantages, and to facilitate the successful completion of their educational goals and objectives. CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) serves EOPS students who are single heads of households working towards self-sufficiency, and non-reliance on support from the county's AFDC/TANF, CalWORKs department. The event was centered upon the artistic work of these students and the sculpture, photography, ceramics, paintings and drawings assembled made a fascinating show. Pedro Gonzalez, City Council Member from South San Francisco, presented a proclamation from the city to the EOPS/CARE program in recognition of its long contribution to the community. The exhibit will be here through next Tuesday, October 13, so I recommend grabbing a chance to see it before then. The Gallery hours between now and then are today from 11-1, Monday from 4-6 and Tuesday from 11-3. The event and show are funded by the President's Innovation Fund. The event and the exhibit were organized by Jeff Acidera, Imelda Hermosillo, Pablo Gonzalez, Grace Kong, and Maria Escobar. Paul Bridenbaugh, Gallery Coordinator helped curate the show and Alan Ceccarelli, Theater Events Manager, assisted with the lighting. The first picture below is a painting by EOPS student Irvin Castro; the second is a photo of guests mingling at the exhibit; and the third is EOPS student, Henry Carreno (right) discussing his work with fellow EOPS student and artist, Martin Iniguez.



Photos by Pablo Gonzalez

Skyline faculty member earns new certification

Mary Anne Leary, an adjunct faculty member for Skyline in Cosmetology, has received official word from the California Massage Therapy Council that she is one of the first in the state of California to be certified as a Massage Therapist. A new state bill (SB731) which went into effect September 1st created a certification process in the state of California. Mary Anne has been working with Rachel Gaeta, a retired adjunct faculty member from the Cosmetology Department who teaches our one-semester Spa program, to develop a Massage Therapy Program here at Skyline.

One Book, One Community program is launched at Skyline

Thanks to a generous grant from the President's Innovation Fund, the Library hosted its first event in the annual county-wide reading program **One Book, One Community--San Mateo County Reads**. The focus this year is on Chitra Divakaruni's evocative novel, *The Mistress of Spices*. Tom Hewitt introduced Professor Lori Slicton, who presented a talk on *The Anthropology of Cooking: Food and Memory*. The 153 students who attended the lecture were treated to a fascinating look at food and cooking around the world, accompanied by steaming cups of hot chai and delicious Indian sweets. Students were intrigued by the spice table, which offered a sample of the spices mentioned in the book, and their healing properties. Basil, for example, is thought to curb ego; cardamom sharpens perception, and fennel cools the temper. Last night the Duniya Dance and Drum company performed in the Theater. Founded in 2007 by Artistic Director, Joti Singh, Duniya Dance and Drum Company creates dance and music from Punjab, India, and Guinea, West Africa, as well as unique blends of these forms and beyond. The word duniya means "world", and their work embodies this word, as it explores the forces that have brought together the members of the company and their dance and drum styles. In addition to their participation in numerous heritage celebrations and charity events, they have performed extensively around the Bay Area in such venues as the Oakland Art and Soul Festival, the Annual Asian Family Heritage Celebration at Great America, the California Film Institute, Asian American Film Festival, the San Francisco Cultural Dance Conference, and San Francisco Carnival. The Library is hosting one more event celebrating *The Mistress of Spices*: Wednesday, Oct. 14: Book discussion in the Library, followed by refreshments and a screening of the film version of *The Mistress of Spices*.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Skyline's Financial Aid office participates in "School is My Hustle"

On Friday, September 25th the Financial Aid Office along with Skyline's Automotive Department attended the San Francisco Promise College and Career Fair. This year's theme was "School is My Hustle." The college fair was a joint effort with San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), the Mayor's Office of San Francisco and San Francisco State University. Students from SFUSD were bused into the event from every high school in the district. The college fair was designed to be a part of the school day, as to give every senior the opportunity to meet with a college/university/trade representative. This event was the first large scale College Fair in sometime directly serving SFUSD students. Approximately 4,000 high school juniors and seniors attended the event. A special thank you to Jocelyn Vila, Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator; Financial Aid Campus Ambassador, Noah Brown; and Julia Johnson, Instructor-Automotive Department for attending this event and providing students from SFUSD valuable information regarding the financial aid and enrollment process along with general information regarding Skyline College's programs and services.



Photos and collage by Jocelyn Vila

NCMPR Medallion Awards announced

Skyline's communication materials was recognized by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 6, which includes five western states and all of the western Pacific Islands. The Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communications for community college professionals. The creative effort/concept must have originated from a community college. The nominated projects must have been published, broadcast, displayed and used between September 2008 and August 2009. Skyline College received:

- A Silver Award for Printed Publications (for our new Viewbook)
- A Silver Award for Electronic media (for our Web Site)
- A Bronze Award for Promotions, college Promotional Video (for our President's Breakfast video)

Congratulations to Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman (currently on leave), and Caroline Ocampo!

Honors Transfer students learn the story of Angel Island

On Saturday, October 4, History Professor Rosie Bell, Psychology Professor Jennifer Merrill, and English Professor Karen Wong visited Angel Island's newly renovated immigration barracks with their Honors Transfer Program students. On a stunning, sunny day, they hiked, socialized, shared food (including mooncakes to usher in the autumnal moon festival), and soaked up a lot of history and poetry that perfectly illustrated social psychology principles that students are readying themselves to study. This field trip was a superb opportunity to explore a regional cultural gem.



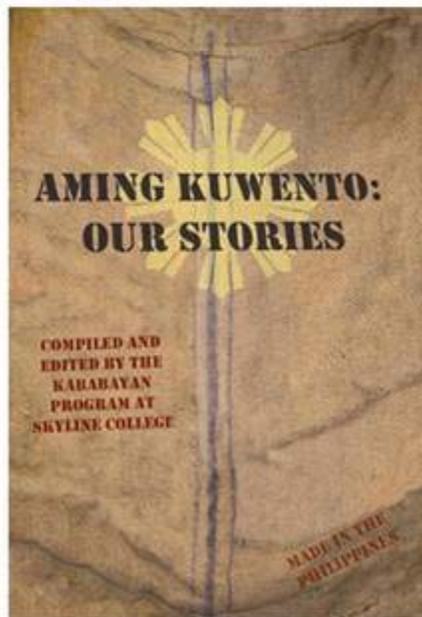
Photo by Karen Wong

"Aming Kuwento" is read at the Asian Art Museum

On Sunday, October 4, members of the Kababayan Program participated in the Filipino American History Month Celebration at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. They learned about Filipino American culture and history through performances, special displays, talks, storytelling, and activities for children. The day commemorated the 422nd anniversary of the landing of Filipino sailors at California's Morro Bay.

This year's celebration was even more significant, as just this past September the California State Assembly voted to "designate the month of October 2009, and every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month." The Kababayan Program helped kick off the event with a discussion of and

readings from *Aming Kuwento: Our Stories*, a collection of artwork, photography, poetry, short stories, and essays about the Filipino and Filipino American experience published by the Kababayan Program in Spring 2008. Students, faculty, staff, and community members all contributed to the project, which was funded by a Trustees' Fund for Program Improvement awarded in Fall 2004. The Kababayan program's part of the event at the Asian Art Museum consisted of readings, discussions, and Q & A led by current student Jemelee Peralta and Kababayan Program alumni Nikki Santiago, Joanne Boston, Valerie Evangelista, Tiffany Evangelista, Alyssa Titong, and Victor Eco, with support from advisors Liza Erpelo and Romeo Garcia (currently at Cañada College). Books are available for sale at the Asian Art Museum as well as from Liza Erpelo in 8-214 (erpelol@smccd.edu) at \$10 each. All proceeds from the book will go to the "Friends of Kababayan" fund, a community-supported fund to provide resources such as educational materials, supplies, equipment, and scholarships for the Kababayan Program students, faculty, and staff.



College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on Thursday, October 8, co-chaired by Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones.

1. **Reduction Strategies, review of requested data, discussion:** CBC started with a review of the charge of the committee which is basically to review and evaluate various strategies to achieve the budget reduction goal for 2010-11 and make a recommendation to the President in December. The committee discussed the impact on students, FTES, staffing and service levels of these strategies: reduction of summer offerings by 50%; reduction of fall/spring sections; elimination of the Child Care Center; further reduction of hourly counseling; and defunding of administrative positions. Skyline is estimated to generate 8,679 FTES this year. As class and program reductions are evaluated, achievement of the college FTES goal must be considered, as this drives the college's site allocation. The Curriculum Committee has already begun work on the Program Improvement and Viability (PIV) process. Besides cost savings, impact on FTES should also be taken into account. In response to the CBC's request, Eloisa Briones presented an analysis of the cost to operate the Child Care Center. Before the district augmentations for benefits and facilities and maintenance costs, and the college's fund 1 support, the Center operated with a significant deficit each year. In 2008-09, this deficit was \$273K. There were 28 students who brought their children to the Center last year. Should the college decide to close the Center, an alternative solution to consider would be to sub-contract this program, similar to what Canada had done with theirs several years ago. The System Office has just released the 2009-10 categorical and federal stimulus funding allocations to the districts and colleges for 2009-10; however the final allocations from the district to the 3 colleges have not been received. Vice President Lori Adrian and the Student Services leadership team had developed scenarios for each of the categorical programs assuming 32% cuts; these will need to be adjusted as some of the program cuts have now increased to at least 40%. DSPS Coordinator Linda Van Sciver and Director of EOPS & Special Programs Maria Escobar shared some of the reductions in staffing, levels of service and number of students served that will come as a result of the funding reductions in their respective programs. Dean of Counseling Rick Wallace described how the hourly counseling budget can be further reduced by 1.0 FTE. The college has successfully implemented the offering of CRER 410 classes (equivalent to group counseling) and e-counseling. Strategic scheduling of counseling appointments during peak periods and busy hours of the day helps maximize use of counselors' hours. Rick was proud to announce that Skyline has an 85% show rate for counseling appointments. President Vicki Morrow reviewed the Skyline's administrative organization chart and the committee the strategy to eliminate 1 to 3 unspecified administrator positions. Included in the administrative team are grant-funded positions that would have to be eliminated if the funding were to disappear. The management staff is lean (13) considering the 10,300 students the college serves. Eloisa asked the committee to evaluate each of the proposals presented using the Rubric to Evaluate Proposed Reductions. These will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. **Task List and Timelines:** Ray and Eloisa will develop the task list and timelines that will integrate the PIV timelines with CBC's. Considering that a recommendation to the President will need to be finalized in December, the committee agreed to scheduling more meetings as needed.
3. **Next Meeting:** October 28, 2009.

Coming up...

Friday, October 9

- Women's soccer vs. Hartnell College, 3pm

Tuesday, October 13

- Women's soccer vs. Las Positas College, 2:00pm
- EOPS & Skyline: 40 years, Art Exhibit, Gallery (Last day to view)

Wednesday, October 14

- Book Talk "Mistress of Spices" – One Book One Community, Library, 1pm

Thursday, October 15

- The Great California "ShakeOut" Earthquake Preparedness Exercise, All Buildings, 10:15am

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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