



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**  
August 20, 2010

### **President's Report to the Board of Trustees**

I gave my monthly report to the board last Wednesday night, August 18, and it is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/>. I also reported on Opening Day and the selection of the Skyline Shines Award winners (noted below).

### **Opening Day Celebration 2010—*Commitment to Our Students***

About 175 people came together for our annual Opening Day event in the Theater. The misty day forced our group photo to be taken inside, and we chose the stage of the Theater, which, as you can see, worked out just fine! Thanks to Vic Bareng for this photo.



We presented the fifth annual **Skyline Shines Awards**. This award is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards are given, one to a college employee or group, and one to a community member or group.

**College Employee or group: Karen Wong**

English Professor Karen Wong has worked collaboratively through many programs and initiatives at Skyline and has been an effective leader, participant, and communicator. She is an advocate for her students and all students across the campus. She has been actively involved in assisting students in meeting their goals through the Learning Center, coordination of the Puente Learning Community, participation in the First Year Experience and basic skills initiatives and as co-coordinator within the College Success Initiative. Her major achievement is the coordination and facilitation of the SLOAC initiative. She has guided the SLOAC Steering Committee and has made great strides towards institutionalizing this initiative. Karen Wong does make Skyline Shine.

**Community Member or Group: The SparkPoint Team**

Our SparkPoint Center, called SparkPoint San Mateo at Skyline College, is the only such center in the state which is located at a community college. The Center provides a cluster of services for people in our community all aimed at economic stability. The services include

- credit enhancement such as improving overall credit scores;
- income supports such as access to various financial resources, scholarships and career technical education; and
- asset building through financial literacy education and coaching.

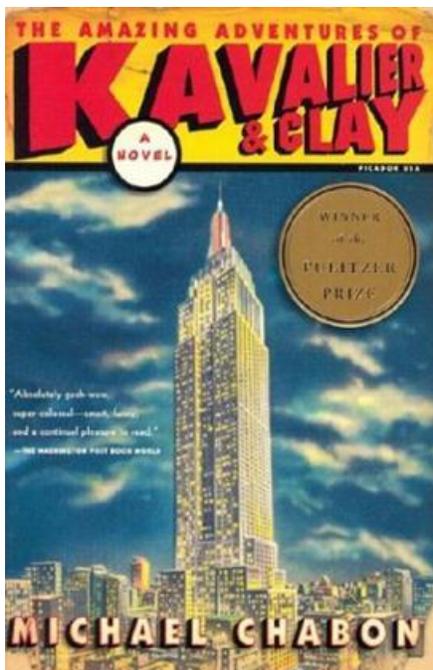
A group of crucial partners came together to make this all possible. The United Way Bay Area launched an initiative designed to create unique collaborations to help families become financially stable to improve the overall economic sustainability of the communities we serve. Additional partners from the Employment Development Department-SF/San Mateo County, Jewish Vocational Services, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, SpringBoard Forward, joined United Way Bay Area and Skyline College to form the *SparkPoint Center San Mateo at Skyline College Partnership Team*. We are proud that this unique and valuable resource is available at Skyline and this Skyline Shines Award recognizes the wonderful group of partners which make it possible. With us to receive the award was Lorne Needle, Deputy Chief Community Investment Officer at United Way of the Bay Area.



Thanks to Christianne Marra for the two photos above. The packet of materials we provided to everyone is also available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>. It includes not only the program but also the Educational Master Plan 2006 Update and the Initiatives Update 2010-11.

**Faculty door cards are flying onto the web!**

Once again 100 percent of Skyline's full time faculty have posted their door cards on the web, and 58 percent of adjunct faculty have done so. This is a testament to the commitment of Skyline people to serve our students effectively. Thanks so much to everyone!



## News from the Library

We are pleased to announce our participation in the Peninsula Library System (PLS) initiative known as **One Book One Community: San Mateo County Reads**. This year, the One Book Committee has selected Michael Chabon's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*. PLS Libraries will be presenting related events before and after the "Main Event" on October 7, 2010, when Michael Chabon will be interviewed at the Performing Arts Center in San Mateo. Skyline College Library will organize and sponsor three events in October, including a book discussion, specific dates to be determined. We will have much more information soon, so stay tuned and please start reading! The Library has a hardbound copy available for checkout, and the Bookstore is ordering several paperback copies. The book is also available at all PLS libraries.

## Interim Vice President for Student Services to serve for the 2010-11 year

In the interest of stability and continuity, I have asked Joe Madrigal to serve as Interim Vice President for Student Services for the 2010-11 academic year, rather than just a single semester. That means that the search process for the permanent vice president will be conducted in the spring semester rather than the fall.

## Coming Up...

### August 20, 2010

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., BBQ on the Quad, Sponsored by ASSC

### August 23, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Club Rush and Volunteer Fair on the Quad, Sponsored by ASSC
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Evening Welcome Booth at the entrances to Buildings 6 & 8, Sponsored by ASSC

### August 24, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., College Services Fair on the Quad, Sponsored by ASSC
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Evening Welcome Booth at the entrances to Buildings 6 & 8, Sponsored by ASSC

### August 25, 2010

- 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Pancake Breakfast on the Quad, Sponsored by ASSC
- 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., Movie Night in the Theatre (Building 1), Sponsored by ASSC

## 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:



**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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