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President's Breakfast

The 11th annual President's Breakfast, hosted by the Skyline College President's Council will be held on **March 31, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** at the South San Francisco Conference Center located at 255 South Airport Boulevard. The goal of the event is to raise President's Innovation Funds that then are granted to faculty and staff for innovative proposals in support of the mission, vision and values of the college. You are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to support faculty and staff with a tax-deductible contribution to the fund, there are several ways to do so including payroll deduction, sending a check payable to San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation or using your Visa/Mastercard. Please contact the President's Office for more information at ext. 4111.

Recognizing People, Programs and Services

Tenure Review Recommendations Approved

Congratulations to Physics Professor Ilkka Koskelo on being awarded full tenure on March 9, 2011 by the San Mateo County Community College Board of Trustees. Ilkka holds Bachelors of Science in Applied Engineering and Physics at Cornell University and a Masters of Arts Physics, UC Santa Barbara, Ilkka has gone from teaching in his makeshift swing space lab and classroom to setting up a new state-of-the-art Physics lab with new lab exercises. He has grown the Physics program to its largest number of students ever. Also acted upon by the Board was recommendations to move Tina Wells and Stephen Fredricks to Contract II and Melissa Michelitsch and Tiffany Schmierer to the second step of Contract III/IV.



Thank you to the Tenure Review Committees for their work this year and congratulations to all of the faculty.

(Thanks to Mike Williamson for his contribution to this article and photo.)

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CCCAA 2009-2010 Scholar Team Awarded to Skyline College Men's Basketball



Skyline College will receive the 2009-10 CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association) Scholar Team Award in the sport of Men's Basketball. The Scholar Team Award is the highest academic team achievement award given by the CCCAA. Skyline College is one of eighteen teams being honored in a variety of sports for academic achievements during 2009-2010 academic year.

The 2009-2010 Skyline College team had a cumulative 3.26 grade point average with two members of the 14 man squad earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average. In addition, all 14 members of the team completed an average of 12 or more units per semester. Only four other teams have ever earned this award over the last decade. Through the hard work of the players, Head Coach Justin Piergrossi, his staff, the Scholar Athlete Learning Community and the academic and support services on campus, the team was able to achieve this academic milestone. This academic recognition is the greatest our program has ever achieved in its 40+ year history and is representative of the importance Coach Piergrossi places on the results he receives not only on the court but in the classroom as well.

Coach Piergrossi said, "I am very proud of our team's academic achievement. This recognition is a reflection of our players' commitment to being true student-athletes. We could not have achieved this honor without the support from our administration and campus community. The entire college should take pride in this significant accomplishment." Athletic Director Joe Morello stated "Success in an athletic program is sometimes oversimplified as being just wins and losses. This recognition is reflective of Skyline College's commitment to the development of the total student athletically and academically. Of the 92 community colleges that sponsored the sport of Men's Basketball in 2009-2010, we were the best team academically. I'm exceptionally proud."

All 2009-2010 Scholar Teams and individual award winners will be honored by the CCCAA during their Spring Convention scheduled March 29, 2011 – April 1, 2011 at the Marriott in San Mateo.

(Thanks to Joe Morello for his contribution to this article.)

Skyline College, Cañada College and CCSF Host National TRiO Day!



In February, TRiO programs across the nation celebrated 40+ years of helping students achieve their academic goals. On Saturday, February 26, Skyline College, Cañada College, and City College of San Francisco came together to host the first *National TRiO Day: First Generation Leadership Conference* at Cañada College. It's the first multi-campus TRiO conference held in the San Mateo County Community College District. With over 70 students in attendance, they took advantage of the opportunity to hear from TRiO alumni who have transferred to a four-year college or university. In addition,



workshops in Leadership, Educational Transitions, and Financial Planning (facilitated by Skyline College's Melanie Espinueva and Adolfo Leiva of SparkPoint San Mateo Center) were highlighted. The event was a major success motivating and encouraging students from disadvantaged backgrounds to graduate, transfer, and make a difference in the community. A

special thank you goes out to Skyline College's TRiO staff and students for their part in helping organize the event, SparkPoint San Mateo Center for facilitating the Financial Planning workshop and hosting the morning refreshments, and lastly, administrators Connie Beringer and Mike Williamson for their support with this event. The conference was funded in part by Chancellor's Office, California Community College through a grant managed by Skyline College.

(Thanks to Nohel Corral for his contribution to this article.)

Financial Aid Office Does Outreach With Tongan Community

The Financial Aid Office conducted a workshop and presentation at the First Tongan United Methodist Church of San Bruno on Saturday, February 26, 2011. Jocelyn Vila,



Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator, gave a presentation to middle school and high school students, as well as their parents. Students received valuable information about various financial aid opportunities available to them as they prepare for college. Jose

Milan, Campus Ambassador shared his experiences as a college student. Jose talked about the benefits of receiving financial aid and being a part of the Puente and TRiO Programs at Skyline.

The students asked Jose many questions and were impressed by Jose's friendliness and helpfulness. The energy and enthusiasm of the students and parents were evident as they invited Jocelyn and Jose to conduct presentations on an annual basis. Thank you to Jocelyn Vila for coordinating this event and to Jose Milan for doing an exceptional job in preparing the necessary materials for this event. If you would like to request or schedule a financial aid presentation, please contact Jocelyn Vila at ext. 4390.

(Thanks to Jocelyn Vila for her contribution to this article and photo.)

Skyline College Expands Clean Energy Programs

Skyline College is a sub-grantee for a Department Of Labor grant awarded to the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board. Skyline was instrumental in writing and submitting this two million dollar award of which Skyline will receive \$656,000 over the next three years. The grant, Home Energy Retrofit Occupations (HERO), is directed at occupations in Energy Efficiency. This includes curriculum in Home Energy Auditing and Sales, Energy Retrofitting and Energy Efficiency for Real Estate Professionals. These courses are all being developed under Environmental Science and Technology.



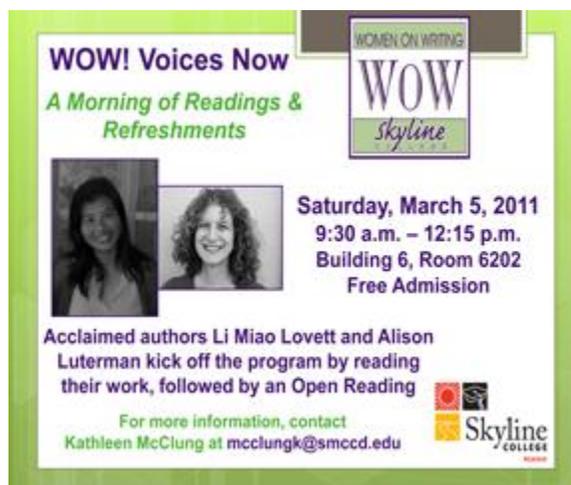
Pictured are members of the HERO Team. L-R: Rita Gulli, Project Director; Aaron Wilcher, Project Coordinator; Anjana Richards, Workforce Development Director Green and Sustainable Programs; Bruce Greenstein, Energy Efficiency faculty. Not pictured is Lindsey Virdeh, Project Coordinator for High School Programs. This team will also be setting up a planning group for Earth Day Activities in April. The first planning meeting will be March 14 at 2:00 p.m. in room 6203. Everyone is invited to attend.

(Thanks to Mike Williamson for his contribution to this article.)

WOW Voices Now Inspires a Packed House

Novelist Li Miao Lovett and poet Alison Luterman presented their award-winning work and provided guidance on creative writing Saturday, March 5 at WOW Voices Now: A Morning of Readings and Refreshments. Skyline creative writers Gale Frances and Robyn Graham received the ISA Award for achievement in writing from WOW founder Marijane Datson. Both students read their poetry to the appreciative audience of over 75 professional and aspiring writers and avid readers. John Saenz of Skyline's Learning Center read new work during the Open Readings, along with twelve other writers from throughout the Bay Area.

Li Miao Lovett, author of *In the Lap of the Gods* and contributor to many publications, is a long-time participant of WOW conferences at Skyline. Before embarking on her writing career, she worked at College of San Mateo and attended a flex day writing workshop led by Skyline's creative writing professor Katharine Harer over ten years ago. "I remember feeling very inspired by the workshop," Li announced. "A small bit of encouragement goes a long way!"

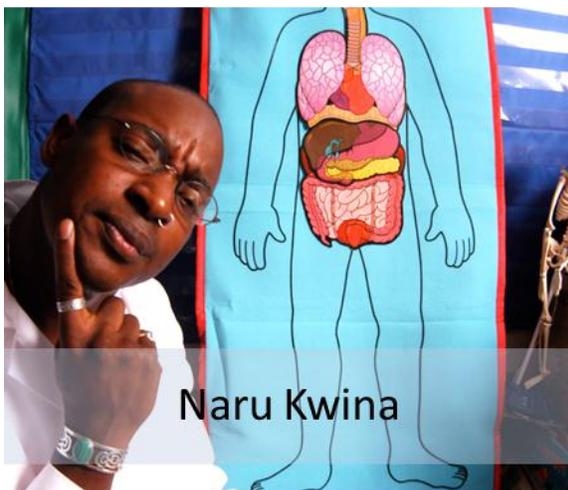


WOW Steering Committee members include Connie Beringer, Katharine Harer, Kathleen de Azevedo Feinblum, Marijane Datson, and event coordinator Kathleen McClung. Thanks also to Skyline Bookstore Manager Kevin Chak and WOW Ambassadors Priscilla Schwartz, Valerie Malliet, Georgia Gero, Ellen Woods, and Lisa Melnick.

(Thanks to Kathleen McClung for her contributions to this article. Photos by Lisa Melnick)

Rock the School Bells

The *Rock The School Bells* conference is a student-led, student-organized event aimed to educate and empower youth, students, and the communities at-large about the

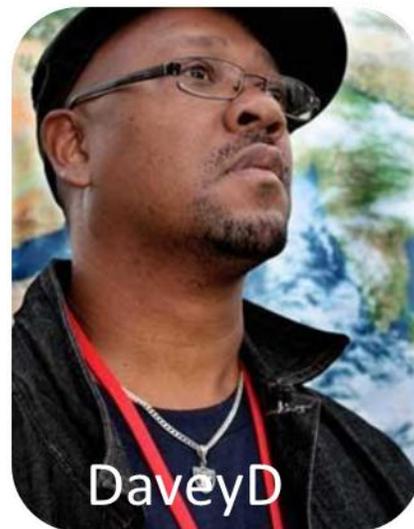


importance of higher education and personal development through the use of hip-hop. They will be hosting their 4th annual *Rock The School Bells* hip-hop conference on **Saturday, March 26, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** providing an array of educational workshops such as Hip-Hop & Social Justice; Sex, Drugs, & Hip-Hop; and It Ain't Hard To Tell: Documenting Hip-Hop in Communities thru Film.

Our highlight presentation is on Hip-Hop Entrepreneurship featuring panelists such as Davey D; Naru Kwina, CEO of HipLearning; Mike Kelly, producer of MC Hammer & Chaka Khan, and many others.

Youth and students will also engage in hip-hop cultural art forms such as various dance styles, spoken word, and creative writing. The conference will be followed by an evening show from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. filled with a variety of hip-hop performances. The show will include recognition of recipients of the Rock The School Bells Creative Arts Scholarship.

Proceeds from conference registration and concert ticket sales will go to the Rock The School Bells Educational Fund. If you cannot attend but would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please go to www.smcccfoundation.org and click Give Direct. Type "Rock The School Bells" in the comment box. For more information, please contact Nate Nevado at nevadon@smccd.edu.



(Thanks to Nate Nevado for his contribution to the article and photos)

PTK - Beta Theta Omicron Wins First Place



This past weekend, Beta Theta Omicron, our Phi Theta Kappa chapter, won The 2011 Nevada/California Distinguished Chapter Award. During 2010, chapter members brought hands-on science laboratory experiments to 7th and 8th grade classes at local middle schools. Chapter members planned this project between January and March. They developed lab experiments to complement the Science Framework Standards and reached teachers who want lab experiments in their classrooms through the County Office of Education. They began working in classrooms in May. The project won the Honors in Action Project and Honors in Action: Science award. For their College Project,

Chapter members planned and implemented the 2010 Relay for Life at Skyline. The chapter's combined scores on their Honors in Action and College Project reports was the highest of the 98 Nevada/California chapters and earned The Distinguished Chapter Award.

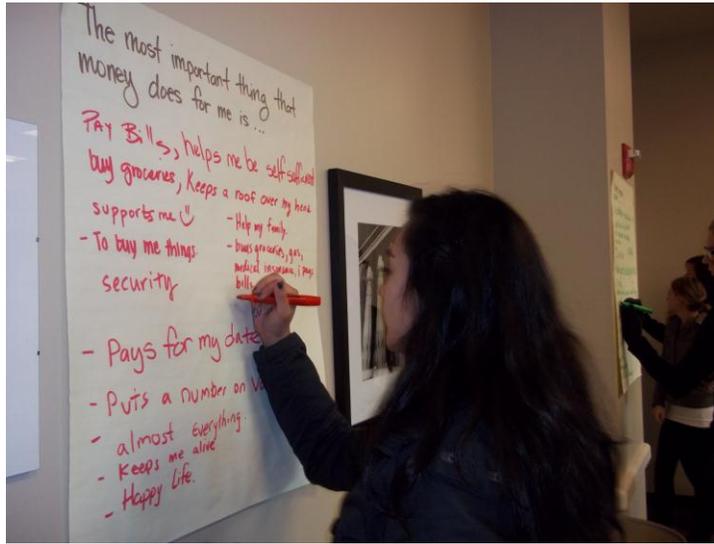
The chapter also won the Regional Yearbook Award and Clara Ricarte received the Regional Distinguished Member Award. Prizes were awarded at the Regional Convention in Foster City.

Photo: Beta Theta Omicron at the Regional Convention. From left: Katrina Cheung, Jong Hoang, Charity Walton, Ashley Good, Ashley Zuniga, Casey Fortier, Clara Ricarte, Harvey Chong.

(Thanks to Christine Case for her contribution to the article and photos)

Financial Education Workshops at Skyline College

The Financial Aid Office and SparkPoint San Mateo Center at Skyline College are collaborating to present a series of campus wide Financial Education workshops that are open to all students, staff, and community members. The first two workshops in the series, Budgeting and Saving, were presented on February 15th and 16th. Participants attending the workshops: learned how attitudes towards money affect spending plans; discussed the importance of considering wants vs. needs



when trying to stick to a budget; and gained tools to start creating individual / household budgets and to track current spending habits. Co-facilitated by Jocelyn Vila, Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator, and Melanie Espinueva, SparkPoint San Mateo Center Counselor, these workshops utilize a curriculum located at CashCourse.org which was developed by the National Endowment for Financial Education. Financial Education workshops occur twice each month through the month of May. The next workshops covering the topic of Credit Do's and Don'ts will take place on March 15 from 12:30-2:30pm and March 16 from 5:00-7:00 pm in Building 6, Room 6202. Students, staff and community members are encouraged to RSVP to attend future workshops on Skyline College's website homepage,



www.skylinecollege.edu, by clicking on the link titled "Financial Literacy Workshops". These workshops are funded in part by a grant from United Way of the Bay Area with funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. For more information, contact Melanie Espinueva in the SparkPoint San Mateo Center at 650-738-7033.

(Thanks to Jocelyn Vila and Melanie Espinueva for their contribution to the article and photos)

Food Assistance for Students in Need

Students are increasingly presenting themselves to the college with the most basic of needs being unmet: food for themselves and their families. They may need your support



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in connecting them with resources that can make a difference. A new service is available at Skyline College that can lead to their acquisition of emergency supplemental nutrition. SparkPoint San Mateo Center at Skyline College is partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide a Food Pantry on the Skyline College campus for people in need of food. The Food Pantry will be open by appointment only every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., except for scheduled college holidays. If participants are not able to come during that time, we will work to accommodate

them. They may call or email to make an appointment: 650.738.7035 or sparkpointfoodpantry@smccd.edu. Please contact William Watson at watsonw@smccd.edu for more information.

(Thanks to William Watson for his contribution to this article.)

Awards and Proposals

Skyline Shines Award Call for Nominations

Reminder: The Skyline Shines Award is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline College shine in terms of the quality of its programs and services as well as its reputation for quality. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of the Skyline College employees and one to a community member or group. Nominations must be made **by 4:30 pm on Friday, April 29** using the official Nomination Form <http://skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshinesaward.html> under “Skyline Shines Awards”). The nominations must describe the ways in which nominee(s) help the college live up its values (the criteria are included with the form).

Nominations should be sent to Linda Bertellotti, Assistant to the President. They may be mailed, faxed (650-738-4338), or emailed to: bertellottil@smccd.edu. The address is:
Linda Bertellotti, President’s Office
Skyline College
3300 College Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066

The College Employee or Group award and the Community Member or Group award will be selected by the President in consultation with the College Council and President’s Council Executive Committee respectively. They will be announced on the college’s

Opening Day in August 2011.

President's Innovation Fund Proposals - Reminder

It is time to submit proposals for the President's Innovation Fund. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2011-12, **the deadline is Friday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m.** in the President's Office. The guidelines and the proposal form are on the college website at: <http://skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/presinnovationfund.html> (under President's Innovation Fund).

Coming Up – Future Events

Coming Up...

March 12, 2011

- 1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Canada @ Skyline

March 14, 2011

- 4:00 p.m., Science Lecture: Novel Ways Cells Use Lipids to Turn Genes On and Off, Building 7, Room 7106

March 15, 2011

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Financial Literacy Workshop: Credit Do's and Don'ts, Building 6, Room 6202
- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. San Mateo @ Skyline

March 16, 2011

- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Career Workshop: Successful Networking Techniques, Building 1, Room 1218
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Financial Literacy Workshop: Credit Do's and Don'ts, Building 6, Room 6202

March 17, 2011

- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Ohlone @ Ohlone

Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

March 19, 2011

- 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Expanding Your Horizons Conference, Skyline College

For more information visit: <http://skylinecollege.edu/eyh/>

March 23, 2011

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Career Networking Night, Cafeteria – Building

March 24, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Health Fair, Cafeteria – Building 6

March 26, 2011

- Rock the School Bells Multicultural Hip-Hop Conference, Skyline College

March 29, 2011

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:50 p.m., Skyline Students Speak: Our Future, Our Success, Building 6, Second Floor

March 31, 2011

- 7:00 a.m., President's Breakfast, South San Francisco Conference Center

April 16, 2011

- 9:00 a.m., Super Saturday – Apply for ESL Classes in One Day, Learning Center – Building 5

April 21, 2011

- 2:30 p.m., Building 4 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Southwest corner in Multicultural Quad

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at marrac@smccd.edu.

Publisher's Note: Would you like to submit something to be included in Skyline Shines?

Send a written narrative along with pictures highlighting the item being submitted. Be sure to include the information describing who, what, when, where, and why for a complete article. Items submitted will be considered for inclusion. All items submitted may possibly be modified to satisfy publication needs.

Please send submissions to skylineshines@smccd.edu .

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>



For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The California Community College 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/>