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The next edition of Skyline Shines will be published on Friday, December 3, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

I gave my monthly report to the board last Wednesday night, November 17, and it is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/>.

Distance Education Gateway launched

Jing Luan, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services, has just announced the launch of a new [Distance Education Gateway](#) for our three colleges. It is designed to improve access to online services and courses and was created by the Distance Education Advisory Committee ([DEAC](#)). A taskforce has worked intensively since late spring to make the Gateway ready for use by November in time for spring 2011 registration. You can access the DE Gateway from this link--[Distance Education Gateway](#)--or through other major access points of [MySMCCD](#) or [WebSMART](#). Here are some of the Features of the DE Gateway:

- **Student Self-assessment of their readiness for online learning**
This dynamic tool asks students a few questions categorized by technology readiness, learning styles, and transportation. With this information collected, students are instantly given graphical feedback in terms of their online readiness as compared to ideal levels of readiness. If there is a gap, they are directed to the online resources necessary. This way, fewer students may choose online learning without first knowing what is expected of them.
- **Steps to enroll into classes**
Depending on the status of one's education, individualized steps (based on decision tree algorithm) are provided ranging from just Registration for Classes to any number of combination of enrollment steps. Prospective online students are directed to college specific sites along the way, such as orientation, counseling, bookstore, and libraries.
- **Dynamic course and program search**
This area informs students on all the online courses in the district colleges, each degree/certificate program and its level of distance education coursework. In addition, students can find out what current online courses satisfy IGETC and CSU GE.
- **Faculty site**
This area contains faculty oriented resources maintained by DEAC, such as links to workshops, trainings, best practices, and FAQs. It also includes the ability for faculty to search for their own online classes.

Controversy 101 event focused on law enforcement

On Wednesday, October 27, the first in a series of dialogues focusing on controversial issues opened to a packed house. Students viewed the award winning film documentary, *Operation Small Axe* and afterwards participated in a lively dialogue with a panel of speakers including Professor Steve Aurilio, Professor Michael Moynihan, and the film's director, Adimu Madyun. The Oakland shooting of Oscar Grant and the upcoming Messerle verdict were discussed as well as differences in perceptions of police. Controversy 101 is a contribution to the ongoing dialogue around tough issues. Some of these dialogues happen in the classroom, especially in courses that fall under the auspices of Social Science/Creative Arts (SSCA). Controversy 101 provides a means of engaging the broader campus community in these conversations as well as bringing SSCA classes together. Professor Tony Jackson is responsible for the overall organization of the events with the support of Phyllis Taylor and the ASTEP Psychology 100 students. Look for the next Controversy 101 installation...coming soon!

Skyline honors veterans with *Operation Remembrance* on November 12

Skyline's Veterans Club and the Associated Students of Skyline College sponsored and organized *Operation Remembrance*, an event to recognize veteran students, held on November 12. The program commemorated Veteran's Day in the Skyline community and provided an opportunity to hear Skyline veteran students speak about their experiences in the armed forces. Sylvia Martinez spoke about her position as the Veterans Certified Official assisting Veterans in receiving their Education Benefits. Johnnie Stanton, the San Francisco Local Veteran's Employment Representative, shared the range of services that EDD offers Veterans at Skyline College through the SparkPoint Center. Skyline Counselor Carla Campillo acknowledged our veterans and asked everyone to stand and give a nice round of applause to them. Special thanks to Maria Climaco and Mason Feldman from Student Activities for planning the event. Pictured in the first photo is veteran student Ben Nievera, the middle photo includes students and Silvia Martinez enjoying pizza, and the third photo is veteran student Vincent Tuminello. Thanks to Christianne Marra for the photos.



Dragon mural is now nearly complete

"Rồng gặp mây": "Dragon meets clouds" is the title of the new 42' x 23' mural design for the Right Wall of the Parking Lot E entrance to Building 1. Left to do are a few finishing touches, including painting the Dragon's eyes to finish up the project. An artistic tradition in China is for the artist to paint them at the very last, resulting in the commonly used phrase "painting the dragon's eyes" - an expression for something that would emphasize a last piece of very important work in a project. Here is how Paul Bridenbaugh, Gallery coordinator and leader of the project, describes the mural:

It uses an abstracted form of a Vietnamese Dragon as a starting point for its design. One of the design challenges for this location is to create an image that will tie into the existing gallery mural thematically and visually, yet allow the new mural room for conceptual expansion. The design is specifically related to the location, and works around existing architectural features. The mural image has been designed to be seen primarily from an oblique, foreshortened angle, 'squishing' the image into a more compressed form. Note that unlike the first mural, there is no 'long-shot' opportunity for viewing this mural head-on, it can only be viewed from an oblique angle.

The mural area consists of 20 two-tiered vertical sections of concrete panels that average 2' wide by 23' high. The Dragon image is set against a light blue background with a pale yellow at the top. The Vietnamese Dragon is a Sky dragon, and the blue represents the Sky – the Dragon's abode. The yellow represents moonlight. The Dragons' body is filled with textile patterns from many cultures, representing the diversity of the Skyline College Community.

The mural location is ideally suited for a Dragon image. Revered all over Asia, Dragons are seen as benevolent, omniscient, and bring blessings and good fortune. They are commonly located to the right of an entrance to a room or building- this orientation is said to bring good luck to those who pass by. To flow the energy of the image into the entrance to Building 1, a poem by Song Dynasty Master Xuedou Zhongxian is painted above the doorway.



The Mural was designed and painted by Paul Bridenbaugh, with many thanks to the following volunteer artists for their help with drawing and painting the mural: Art Sato, Teena Makapugay, Alan Ceccarelli, Victoria Maung, Denise Wilkie, Aya Artola, Kim Centeno, Iat-Seng Lam, Elizabeth Wong, Beth

Braunstein, Anna-Marie Vargas, Jamie Weinstock, Jessica Daniel, Lone Wang, Wasan Hasan , Olivia Asis, Phil Harris, Gaby Gerson, and Qing Liu.

Welcome Video Project completed for nonnative speakers of English

The Welcome Video Project was begun in Spring 2010 as part of a need to speak directly to nonnative speakers and clearly delineate the steps to enroll at Skyline. The English Language Institute (ELI) recognizes that many nonnative speakers do not enter Skyline by following the processes we've set for them; intimidated by lengthy forms and complex directions in English, they rely on friends and family members to guide them, but often at the expense of incomplete information. The ELI wanted a video that would illustrate the level of support that is provided to newcomers to help them navigate the college landscape. The video features the ELI and many of Skyline's support services, but it especially highlights the importance of counseling and education planning. The video has been subtitled into Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish and provides clear guidance in all the phases of matriculation. ELI Coordinator Leigh Anne Sippel wrote and directed the video; production was done by [KM2 Communications](#), and captioning and translation by [Aberdeen Captioning](#). Many Skyline students and staff appear in the video, which resides on the ELI website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/programsofstudy/languagearts/eli/index.html>.



Skyline Women's Soccer team qualifies for CCCAA Playoffs

Skyline College has qualified for the first round of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Women's Soccer playoffs. The playoffs are a single elimination tournament pitting the top 32 teams in regional and state competition. The Trojans finished second in the Coast Conference North Division with a 8-3-1 conference record and a 15-4-

1 mark overall earning the 11th seed. In the opening round, Skyline will play the Foothill College Owls who finished the season as champions of the Coast Conference South Division with a 11-1 conference record and a 15-3-2 mark overall earning a 6th seed. The Owls and Trojans met earlier this season on October 12 with Foothill winning 2-0. The match will take place at Cañada College this Saturday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can only be purchased at the match site with a cost of \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, staff and children.

Coming Up...

November 19, 2010

- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Modesto @ Skyline
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. West Valley @ Skyline

November 20, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Yard Sale at Child Development Center

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – Conference Tournament @ Hayward
 - 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Foothill @ Cañada College
- November 23, 2010**
- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Feather River @ Quincy

November 24, 2010

- Declared Recess (Evening Courses Only)
- 4:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Butte @ Oroville
- 5:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan @ Gilroy

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/>

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