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You're Invited...
Skyline College's Program Review Presentations

Each year faculty and staff perform an extensive review of a number of Skyline College programs to evaluate the outcomes, effectiveness and needs of those programs.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Skyline College
2:10p.m - 3:30 p.m.
Room 4-301

Presentations

Family & Consumer Sciences
Fashion Merchandising
Music

Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Skyline College
2:10p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Room 4-301

Presentations

Emergency Medical Care
English for Speakers of Other
Languages
Learning Center
Library

*Please call or e-mail Sherrie Prasad, Office of the Vice President of Instruction
at (650) 738-4321 or prasadsherrie@smccd.edu for further information.*

**SparkPoint at Skyline College Receives Superior
Partnership Recognition Award**



SparkPoint at Skyline College was recently recognized for Superior Partnership for “*outstanding contribution to our partnership in serving our customers and our community*” by Jorge A. Tapia, San Francisco / San Mateo Cluster Manager ARU 504, and Emilia Bartolomeu, Deputy Division Chief, Region 2. SparkPoint at Skyline College was launched in January of 2010. Core partners in both planning and implementation for SparkPoint include United Way of the Bay Area, Jewish Vocational Service and the California Employment Development Department (EDD). EDD offers benefits for unemployed Californians including unemployment insurance, disability insurance, paid family leave, and employment seeking services. EDD, which provides co-located services on-site at the SparkPoint Center five days per week, represents an important part of the Skyline College Career Center’s expansion to include employment services integrated with SparkPoint services and resources.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College, contact Dr. William Watson, Director, at 650-738-7035 and visit the website at:

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint>

Photo and article by William Watson

Meet Our New Transfer Outreach Student Assistants

Please help us in welcoming Cartez Hester, Victor Moran, James Rodriguez, and Janine Yalun to the Transfer Center staff!

In an effort to increase communication about the Transfer Center, the Transfer Initiative, and general transfer information to the Skyline College community and the community-at-

large, the Skyline College Transfer Center has hired four new Transfer Ambassadors. The Transfer Ambassadors will soon begin conducting classroom presentations, tabling and outreach presentations at local high schools, facilitating student focus groups, and participating in transfer events, amongst other activities. The Transfer Ambassadors will also participate in weekly trainings and meetings.

As the college continues to explore ways in which to improve the rate of students who transfer from Skyline College (via the Transfer Initiative), one obvious way is to ensure that students are getting accurate and timely transfer information. The Transfer Ambassadors will play a key role in helping the center communicate this information to students.

If you are interested in having a Transfer Ambassador give a brief presentation to your classroom, please contact Jacque Escobar at escobarj@smccd.edu or call the Transfer Center at (650) 738-4232.

CARTEZ HESTER



Cartez Hester is a first year re-entry student at Skyline College. Cartez holds the honor of being a veteran of the United States military, having served ten years with the United States Air Force, Mississippi Army National Guard, and the United States Army Reserves in St. Petersburg, FL. Cartez is a Biological Science/Pre-med major. His goal is to become a Cardio-thoracic-neurosurgeon. At Skyline College, Cartez is an active member of the Veteran's Society Club, MESA program, Honors Transfer Program, Black Student Union (BSU) program and Honors Transfer Program. Chester is the father of three boys.



VICTOR MORAN

Victor Moran was born and raised in San Francisco. He attended Mills High School in Millbrae. Having struggled with mathematics in high school, Victor fell short of the math credits he needed to graduate on time. After completing his GED, Victor working at minimum wage jobs for several years until he decided to enter Skyline College in 2006. During his first few years at Skyline College, Victor struggled academically because he was not prepared for college. Through support of the First Year Experience (FYE) program, Victor has refocused his efforts and in on track towards transfer. He is currently pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering.



JAMES RODRIGUEZ

James began attending Skyline College in the Fall of 1997 as a concurrent enrollment student. His goal is to obtain an Associate's Degree in Computer Information Specialist and then transfer to San Francisco State University with a major Business

Administration. James is passionate about transfer. He enjoys touring colleges and researching colleges and universities. James is part of the DSPS, Kababayan, and Leadership Academy Programs at Skyline College. James is also a participant of the Transfer Articulation Bridge (TAB) Program Concurrent Enrollment program with SFSU.



JANINE YALUN

Janine Yalun was born and raised in the Bay Area. She graduated from El Camino High School in 2008 and attended City College of San Francisco before coming to Skyline College. Janine has applied to transfer to Jose State University and CSU East Bay as a Business Administration major. Currently, she is an active member of the Kababayan program which she credits for helping her build a solid foundation and community. Janine lives her life by the following quote: "Leave a place better than how you found it."

EOP&S/CARE/CalWORKs: We're over and above!





The foundation of our programs is built upon providing our students with above and beyond services as well as support. In the spirit of our Transfer Initiative and collaboration, we (Skyline College and College of San Mateo EOP&S staff and students) took a bus tour to Southern California during Spring break and visited University of California Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Riverside; California State University, Long Beach, Fullerton, Los Angeles and the University of Southern California. Special thanks go out to the following individuals who made this a reality: Dr. Joi Blake, Rick Wallace and members of our EOP&S family at the College of San Mateo: Ruth Turner, EOP&S Counselor/Coordinator; Tami Hom and John Vehikite, Program Services Coordinators.

On an anonymous evaluation, a Skyline student commented, "...thanks to this trip, I am so inspired and motivated to work even harder..." and another stated, "This is one of the greatest experiences I have had in my life..I have gained valuable knowledge about transferring ... EOPS, I thank you for this and sincerely appreciate the opportunities and privileges you have provided."

(Article submitted by Jeffrey Acidera. Photos by Jacky Ip, Skyline College student, and Tami Hom.)

Skyline College International Students Program Welcomes Rotarians from Brazil



Dr. Joi Blake, Vice President of Student Services, on behalf of Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud, in partnership with the International Students Program and the Marketing and Public Relations Department welcomed a group of 5 Rotarians from Brazil on Monday, April 9, 2012 from 1p.m. to 3p.m. The group was hosted by the Pacifica Rotary Club who toured with the group around the Bay Area. The Brazilian Rotarians consisted of educators who were curious to learn about the educational system in the United States, as well as, Skyline College's International Students Program.



Dr. Joi Blake, Dr. John Mosby and Richard Soyombo provided a wealth of knowledge on the nuances of the United States educational system and how community colleges in our country provide a “safety net” for students so that all students, regardless of their ethnicity, gender or background, may reach their higher educational goals. Unfortunately, it was learned that this is not the case in Brazil, where socio-economic status dictates the ability to access higher education.

The group was particularly interested in the vast programs and certificates offered at Skyline College and were given the opportunity to tour the Cosmetology facility. Jaye Akin-Taylor, Project Director of the International Students Program provided the group with packages of information on the application process of International Students admission into Skyline College. A new and exciting partnership between the Pacifica Rotarians, the Brazilian Rotarians and Skyline College is currently in the works!

Article and Photo by Cherie Napier, Richard Soyombo & Jaye Akin-Taylor

Skyline College Visits Westmoor High School To Strengthen The Automotive Career Advancement Academy



San Mateo County Office of Education Regional Occupational Program (ROP), Westmoor High School, and Skyline College are partnering to identify opportunities to improve college going rates among high school students interested in Automotive Technology (auto) careers. Pictured above from left to right: Skyline College Auto Instructor Julia Johnson and Westmoor Auto Teacher Dave Dyssegard are joined by ROP Administrator Adele Berg, Skyline College Green and Sustainable Workforce Development Programs Director Anjana Richards, Westmoor Principal Allan Reye. SparkPoint at Skyline College Director William Watson (not pictured) joined the team as they met to outline strategies that:

- increase students' knowledge about auto technology careers,
- improve students' opportunities to pursue auto careers,
- align curriculum, and

- target available resources to support students and their families while pursuing higher education.

The Auto Technology Career Advancement Academy at Skyline College features linked courses that include automotive technology, career development, and math and English that are contextualized to the auto career pathway. With funding by the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative, the Auto Career Advancement Academy has proven to be a great success. Additionally, in partnership with SparkPoint at Skyline College, CAA students receive a range of supportive services which include personalized financial coaching and access to resources that support success and retention.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College, contact Dr. William Watson, Director, at 650-738-7035 and visit the website at:

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint>

Skyline College Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center Completes 123% More Tax Returns This Tax Season!



SparkPoint and the Business Division at Skyline College partner with the United Way of the Bay Area's [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#) annually to provide free IRS Certified Tax Preparation for qualified members of our community. Earn It Keep It Save It features more than 212 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout the Bay Area where trained volunteer tax preparers help households making less than \$50,000 per year claim their maximum benefit and refund. Last year over 60,000 tax returns were processed. Eligible taxpayers claim the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC) which can amount to as much as \$5,751 per family.

Because of the unique advantages of hosting a SparkPoint Center at a college campus, our site takes advantage of our instructional programs to provide excellent learning opportunities for our students. Accounting students may prepare for certification by completing Accounting 665. The course includes a lab requirement where IRS certified students assist tax filers under the supervision of their instructor, John Miller. The community benefits from a high quality tax preparation service and students acquire both certification and experience for their resumes. The wonderful service is supported by several individuals and organizations who committed to increasing the number of tax returns completed during this year's tax season. This year's VITA Center out did themselves and more than doubled the number of returns completed in the previous year by completing 207 returns.

Thanks to a great VITA team including those pictured above: Adolfo Leiva, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; John Miller, Skyline College Accounting Faculty & Instructor for Accounting 665; Linda Whitten, Accounting Department Coordinator; Kelly Batson (in front), Regional Director, [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#); Julie Lamson, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; Louise Carroll, Executive Director of [Tax-Aid](#); David Hall, Instructional Aid & Site Coordinator; Dr. Raymond Jones, SparkPoint Coordinator for Service Integration. Thanks to the students who do an outstanding job and thanks also to additional volunteers including Ena Yasuhara from the United Way of the Bay Area and Skyline College's own Ellen Lee.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College VITA services, contact Dr. William Watson at 650-738-7035 and visit the website at:

www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint

Photo and article submitted by William Watson

Hip Hop Culture is Alive at Rock The School Bells!



On Saturday, March 24, 2012, the 5th Annual Rock The School Bells Hip Hop Conference

took place at Skyline College. Over 200 attendees, ranging from middle school students to teachers, from all over the Bay Area, participated in an all-day event that included various workshops that used hip hop as a tool to promote critical thinking, creativity, and social activism. It also provided our attendees an opportunity to interact and network with hip hop artists, scholars, community leaders, and mentors from a variety of hip hop educational programs.

The event was kick started by a powerful and riveting performance by Oakland's Young, Gifted, and Black followed by a captivating welcome address by our Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Joi Blake. In addition to the many workshops, attendees got to participate in numerous panels such as *Hip Hop Entrepreneurship*, *Women in Hip Hop*, and *Global Hip Hop*. This year's highlight presentation was provided by the world-renowned, *dead prez*, titled "*It's Still Bigger Than Hip Hop: Strategies for Activism, Health, and Community Power in the Information Age.*" Attendees were challenged to take what they've learned about hip hop and translating it into social activism that promote positive change in their own communities. The conference concluded with an "open mic session" called "*Hip Hop and Beyond Reflection*" where students shared their ideas and strategies on how we can use hip hop to empower themselves and their communities.



Adam Freas, one of the workshop facilitators and professor at Sacramento City College stated, "Our academic system has gotten so far into the quantifiable aspects of education, there is little qualitative recognition. Although Hip-Hop can successfully navigate in both waters, I think the beauty is the culture's ability to promote an organic approach to

achievement that allows belief to become a reality. Especially by those populations who have always felt alienated and underrepresented within society. Hip-Hop has always been the voice of the people and as much as the corporate perceptions of Hip-Hop to try to devalue its worth, here comes RTSB to save the day!”

The evening also included a scholarship ceremony for students who were awarded the Rock The School Bells Creative Arts Scholarship for their academic achievement and love for the creative arts. The evening ended with a jam-packed concert with over 400 people in attendance. Monies raised from the concert are used for future Rock The School Bells scholarships.

This event would not be possible without the help and hard work contributed by the Rock The School Bells Advisory Board which includes Nate Nevado and Melanie Espinueva, faculty volunteers, Chris Gibson, Vanson Nguyen, Tony Jackson, and Nathan Jones; the Urban Youth Society Hip Hop Club, and Alan Ceccarelli and the Theater Club.

We would also like to graciously thank William Watson and Adolfo Leiva. Through a grant managed by SparkPoint at Skyline College, this event was funded in part by the Chancellor’s Office, California Community Colleges. Special thanks also goes to Richard Soyombo and his staff at the Center of Workforce Development, Vitamin Water, SOCC, and Kevin Chak of the Skyline College Bookstore for their gracious donations.

Rock The School Bells was a President’s Innovation Fund recipient from 2007-2009.

For more information regarding Rock The School Bells, please contact Nate Nevado at info@rocktheschoolbells.com.

Skyline College Student Art Exhibition Opens Next Week at the Art Gallery

Featuring over 100 paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, prints, ceramics, and more. The reception will be on Thursday, April 19 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Gallery. The Skyline College Jazz Quintet will perform live music, and food and beverages will be served.

The Gallery is open Mondays through Thursdays, please check our website for listing of hours:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>

Celebrate Earth Day at Skyline College

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY @ SKYLINE!
GREEN FAIR on the QUAD
Thursday, April 19th 10am – 1pm

<p>Monday, APRIL 16th FREE FOOD! <i>2pm-4pm</i> <i>Bldg. 6 Rm. 6202</i> Movie Day Thursday, APRIL 19th <i>1pm-1:30pm</i> <i>Meet at Vista Point</i> Plant Walk</p>	<p>SOLAR PANELS LIVE MARINE ANIMALS! STUDENT RUN CLUB BOOTHS STUDENT POSTER SESSIONS: BIO 110 & ENVS 680SD HYBRID-ELECTRIC CAR DEMOS MUSIC, FOOD, & MORE!</p> <p> Skyline College Earth Day Committee</p>	<p>FREE FOOD! Thursday, APRIL 19th <i>1:30pm-3:30pm</i> <i>Pacific Heights Bldg. 19 Rm. 120</i> Energy Efficiency All-Campus Sustainability Workshop</p>
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“Achieving Success – Let’s get started!”
 Outreach event for Graduating High School Seniors



Jose Milan, Student Financial Aid Ambassador speaking to students about his experiences at Skyline College.



Melanie Espineva, SparkPoint Counselor, speaking about the services SparkPoint provides to students.



Very excited and attentive graduating high school students!

On Monday, April 9, Skyline College hosted an event for graduating seniors in the Jefferson Union High School District who are also concurrent enrollment students at the college. This outreach event was an informative afternoon as students learned about

college programs and services such as counseling, financial aid, admissions and records, First Year Experience (FYE) and SparkPoint. Counselors and students found the event helpful for students as they begin the transition from high school to college. The lunch was provided by SparkPoint and gifts were donated by the bookstore.

Special thanks to the following individuals who made this event a success:

Jose De Souza	Admissions and Records (Event Planner Committee Chair)
Jocelyn Villa	Financial Aid and Scholarships (Event Committee member)
Carlos Romero	Outreach Counselor (Event Committee member)
Dr. William Watson	Director, SparkPoint at Skyline College
Kevin Chak	Manager, Skyline College Bookstore

Thank you to Dr. John Mosby for his contribution to this article and to Jorge Murillo and Cherie Napier for the photos.

Skyline College TRiO Students Discover UC Davis

On Friday, March 16, 2012 the TRiO program, in partnership with the Transfer Center, arranged for fifty Skyline College students to participate in Discover UC Davis, an annual event designed to inform students about the admissions process to UC Davis, hear from transfer student panelists and university representatives, and tour the campus.



During the event, students attended various workshops to learn about Studying Abroad, Undergraduate Research, Financial Aid & Scholarships, and Pre-Health and Pre-Law Advising.



Students were also engaged with a panel of transfer students whose experiences mirrored those of our students. The panelists spoke about the transfer process and their personal experiences at UC Davis. The event concluded with a campus tour where students learned more about UC Davis' student demographics, its history, and interesting facts.

Discover UC Davis was a major success, which served to promote the goal of transferring to a UC among TRiO and Skyline College students alike. We want to thank the Transfer Center for organizing this event.

Thank you to Jessica Lopez for her contribution to this article.

Honors Essay Contest Open to All Skyline College Students

Deadline April 20, 2012



Beta Theta Omicron is sponsoring an Honors Essay Contest which is open to all Skyline College students enrolled in the Spring 2012 semester.

Students will have an opportunity to win cash prizes for their essays about "Food Fight! Competition and Food." The Honors Study Topic is *The Culture of*

Competition. Read more about the topic and get detailed information about the essay contest at the following link: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/boo/essay/>.

Please share this information with your students and encourage them to submit an essay.
Thank you to Christine Case for her contribution to this article.

Shared Governance

College Budget Committee Update

The College Budget Committee met on April 12, 2012, co-chaired by Fermin Irigoyen, Academic Senate President, and Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services.

Report from District Committee on Budget & Finance (DCBF)

It was reported that Kathy Blackwood gave DCBF a handout entitled “Basic Aid Discussion” which describes in detail the basic aid concept and the implications to SMCCCD. District staff continue to communicate with the State Chancellor’s Office regarding their interpretation of Ed Code provisions that explain the calculation of the district’s total revenue, and the application of the deficit factor to it. SMCCCD believes that the total revenue is the deficiated revenue limit, which results in the district backing into basic aid. Some in Sacramento have a different interpretation. If SMCCCD is not determined to be in basic aid status this year, there is no question as to whether we will reach that status next year. The district will continue to use the current model in 2012-2013. Discussions within the district leadership team to recommend changes to the current model are ongoing.

Classified Hiring Update

The College Budget Committee recommended to the President a tentative fund 1 budget for 2012-2013 which includes funding for two new full-time classified positions. The divisions submitted classified position requests as outlined in the Classified Hiring Priorities Process. Cabinet reviewed the request and the President identified the allocation of the 2 FTE. President Stroud shared with CBC the list of approved classified positions that will be funded equivalent to 2.2 FTE. The following FTE were approved:

- .42 FTE -DSPS Instructional Assistant II (increasing existing position to 100%)
- .2 FTE - Theater Technician (increasing existing position to 100%)
- .4 FTE - Visual Communications Coordinator (added to contracted services budget to create in-house graphic artist/typesetter.)
- 1 FTE - The Learning Center Program Services Coordinator

In addition, President Stroud informed CBC that as Skyline receives grant awards, grant-funded positions will be created to provide staffing to carry out the provisions of these grants. There are also vacated positions due to retirements and resignations that will be

replaced. It was clarified that when the word “new” appears on the HR position listing, it means a new posting, not a new position.

Completion by Design

On March 14, 2012, the Institutional Planning Council and the College Budget Committee held a joint meeting to listen to Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning & Research, as he introduced the concept of Completion by Design to Skyline College. Completion by Design suggests the use of information on student outcomes to help develop a framework that aims to “substantially increase completion rates over five years while holding down costs and maintaining access and quality”. CBC members who attended were impressed by the concept and how its implementation can help our students succeed. As the CBC reviews funding requests, consideration will be given to how they relate to the Completion by Design framework. The committee discussed ways to launch the initiative in order for action to follow the discussion.

Measure G – Planning for 2012-2013

The college will soon be asked to submit the Measure G Plan for 2012-2013. Funding requests should align with (1) criteria stated in the Measure G ballot language; (2) Skyline College goals; (3) Completion by Design pathway to completion criteria; and (4) program review. Eloisa Briones shared a draft of the revised budget request form which includes these parameters. The Deans and Directors will work with division faculty and staff to make the submissions to the Vice Presidents for presentation to the budget committee.

Next Meeting – April 26, 2012

Institutional Plan Committee (IPC)

The Institutional Planning Committee met on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 2:10 p.m. in room 4343. The committee was updated on the following items:

- Accreditation - CCSSEE and Employment Voice Surveys will take place 4/16-4/30. We can expect a mid-June return of the data analysis. The Employee Voice Survey will be implemented in the first week in May. Results of the survey will be available to the writing teams by the end of June.
- Next Steps after Completion by Design Forum – the joint CBC and IPC forum was well attended. The group explored ideas related to combining the two committees but no recommendations were made. The Shared Governance results were shared and the group was asked to provide its input into college council as the council discusses the shared governance structures, its efficiencies and areas that need to be changed.
- The Educational Master Plan is being updated. The committee supported acquiring a consultant to work with the divisions on the 5 major sections that still need updating. The President will follow up on the recommendation.
- The Administrative Review/Unit Planning processes are in progress. We anticipate 100% returns by mid-April.
- The president asked for and received the committee’s support in forming a task force to work on the Enrollment management team. The task force would include members of the budget committee and the IPC and others such as Division

Deans. The recommended plans will be submitted to IPC

- Mission – the committee did a Mission Statement exercise and drafted a new mission statement to be recommended to the college governance council. The group recommends *“It is the mission of Skyline College to empower personal transformation of a global community of learners through service and a comprehensive educational experience.”* The revised statement will be recommended to the College Governance Council for adoption.
- Goals – the committee identified some key concepts to be included in the goals. A draft of the modified goals will be emailed to the committee. Once the committee is comfortable with the draft goals, they will be forwarded to the College Governance Council for adoption.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2012

Board of Trustees

At the April 11, 2012 SMCCCD Board of Trustees meeting the Board considered revisions to the Rules and Regulations of SMCCCD. Accreditation Standard IV. B holds that “The governing board regularly evaluates its policies and practices and revises them as necessary. In this regular evaluation, the Board considered the following District Rules and Regulations:

- 1.02, organization of the board (approved)
- 1.30, compensation of board members (approved)
- 1.35, board member conduct (approved)
- 1.45, agendas for meetings (approved)
- 1.60, rules of order for board meetings (approved)
- 8.06, investment of district funds; 2.02, chancellor of the district (approved)
- 2.03, college presidents (approved)
- 2.40, public records (approved)
- 7.01, eligibility requirements for admission of students (approved)
- 7.43, student financial aid programs; 8.13, public safety on district property (approved)
- 8.16, construction bids – prequalification of bidders (not approved – further staff work and information to be provided in the future)
- 8.27, records management (approved)
- 8.30, property management, inventory and transfer (approved)
- 8.51, report of injuries (approved)
- 8.60, telephone services (12-3-102b) (approved)

Much of the revisions were technical in nature. The Board added the ability to appoint an ad hoc advisory committee composed of less than a quorum of the board with no power to act on behalf of the board. To see the nature of the changes see the [March 28, 2012 Board Packet](#).

Earth Day Planning Meetings Open To All!



Earth Day is approaching quickly and a committee led by Amber Lincoln, President of the Environmental Club, has been formed to jumpstart the planning process. An Earth Day celebration at Skyline College is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012. Planning meetings occur every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Building 6, Room 6205 and are open to anyone who is interested in volunteering their time to make this

day and the entire week a success.

Two planning meetings have been held so far, and a list of tasks has been created with lots of input and help from students, faculty, and staff. Amber is calling for more student help to guarantee activities held during this week cater to their interests as well as provide an opportunity for student leadership. **Please pass the word around to your student network to give them this exciting opportunity!**

Some events already in the planning stage include an expo with booths focused on environmental issues on the quad during Earth Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., an evening career panel for students interested in environmental careers, and an All-Campus Sustainability Workshop focused on energy efficiency. Word on the street is that the shark tank from the Marine Science Institute will be back for another appearance this year!

For more information on Earth Day and Earth Week, please contact Amber Lincoln at linky9113@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh for her contribution to this article.

**\$1,000 Available: Deadline Extended for the Faculty
Innovative Sustainability Education Award**

\$1,000 Available for Faculty for the Innovative Sustainability Education Award!

Award Categories

Spring 2012 one-time award:

- 1st Place: \$500
- 2nd Place: \$350
- 3rd Place: \$150



Application Process:

- Review award application which includes desired outcomes, criteria, and timeline
- Prepare and carry out lesson plan, project, activity, or assignment
- Disburse student evaluation template to students to complete
- Prepare and submit your 2-page application narrative, course outline, student evaluations, and any other supplemental documentation to Lindsey Virdeh

Applications Due on Friday, April 27th

For more information, an application, and a student evaluation template, contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu or 650-738-4445

Funded by the President's Innovation Fund (PIF), there are three awards available to encourage faculty to integrate concepts of sustainability into their lesson plans and curriculum. Faculty who accomplish this in an innovative and effective way, and connect these concepts with student learning outcomes of their course may apply for this one-time awards program for the Spring 2012 Semester. All faculty are encouraged to apply! Award categories are included in the graphic above.

Examples include a project, activity, or assignment that will inspire students to consider sustainability in the classroom and beyond. One specific example would be the following:

- A Chemistry instructor at Skyline College applies for this award. In teaching students about acids and bases, she decides to discuss household cleaners and how acids and bases in common cleaning products affect the health of local wildlife. She arranges for a guest speaker from the county to talk to the students, and then asks students to research and present on the chemistry behind the dangers of disposing of acids and bases improperly. Following this activity, she assigns students to find out which of their own household cleaning products are considered hazardous and asks them to visit a household hazardous waste facility to dispose of these items, and to write about their experiences, what they learned, and how this activity has changed their behaviors and understanding of chemistry.

The application deadline for this award has been extended to **Friday, April 27th**. There is still plenty of time for faculty to prepare a project, activity, or assignment for their students

to complete in order to apply for this award. A step-by-step process for applying for this award is included in the graphic above.

Faculty support in the form of a Sustainability Faculty Learning Community (FLC) is also available in the form of a once-per-month gathering. For more information on the FLC and an application and student evaluation template for this awards program, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu or 650-738-4445.

Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh and Briana McCarthy for their contribution to this article.

Coming Up...

April 13, 2012

- Deadline for ASSC Governing Council Elections Application; Building 6, Room 6-212

April 14, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., *The 2nd Annual Conference: Pride in Community Strength in Unity* @ Skyline College, the conference is a free event featuring speakers, workshops, performances, and fun photo-ops; register at www.gsacon.wordpress.com and walk-ins are welcome.
- 12:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Gavilan College @ Gavilan

April 16, 2012

- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Earth Week Kick-Off: Movie Night, Building 6, Room 6202; for more information on and to volunteer for Earth Day, please contact Amber Lincoln at linky9113@yahoo.com or Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or virdehl@smccd.edu

April 17, 2012

- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Cabrillo @ Skyline
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. Mission College @ Skyline

April 18, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

April 19, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Earth Day Celebration at Skyline College in Main Quad; for more information on and to volunteer for Earth Day, please contact Amber Lincoln at linky9113@yahoo.com or Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or virdehl@smccd.edu
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Energy Efficiency Workshop, Pacific Heights, Building 19, Room 120; for more information on and to volunteer for Earth Day, please contact Amber Lincoln at linky9113@yahoo.com or Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or virdehl@smccd.edu
- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Canada College @ Cañada

Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

April 20, 2012

- 7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m., Cabaret, Skyline College Theater; presented by the Skyline College Dance, Drama and Music Departments; Tickets \$10 at the door or \$5 pre-sale tickets online at <http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu>

April 21, 2012

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April 24, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Credit Do's and Don'ts, Building 1, Room 1219B; for more information or to RSVP, please call 650-738-7035
- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Monterey @ Monterey
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. Fresno City College @ Skyline

April 25, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Skyline College Blood Drive in Building 6, hosted by the Health Center in partnership with The American Red Cross. Make your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor code: Skyline or call the Health Center at extension 4270.
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Credit Do's and Don'ts, Building 1, Room 1219B; for more information or to RSVP, please call 650-738-7035

April 26, 2012

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

- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. DeAnza College @ DeAnza

May 1, 2012

- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. City College of San Francisco @ CCSF

May 2, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Graduation Application Deadline; for more information, please contact your Counselor or Admission & Records at 650-738-4465
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

May 5, 2012

- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., the 7th Annual Pilipino Culture Night: Matinee – presented by the Kababayan Program at Skyline College; Tickets are \$5 presale and \$7 at the door; for tickets, please contact Jonathan Gulingan at jonathangulingan@gmail.com or KababayanProgram@gmail.com; for more information, please visit <http://skylinepcn.tumblr.com>
- 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., the 7th Annual Pilipino Culture Night: Gala Night – presented by the Kababayan Program at Skyline College; Tickets are \$5 presale and \$7 at the door; for tickets, please contact Jonathan Gulingan at jonathangulingan@gmail.com or KababayanProgram@gmail.com; for more information, please visit <http://skylinepcn.tumblr.com>

May 9, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Student Recognition & Awards Ceremony (SRAC) Theater; Dessert reception to follow in 6202

May 16, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

May 17, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Talisman Awards Ceremony, Building 1, Art Gallery
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Student Recognition & Awards Ceremony (SRAC) in Theater

May 19, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Visual Merchandising Class Fashion Show at

Serramonte Shopping Center – presented by Skyline College Visual Merchandising Class

May 25, 2012

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Commencement, Building 3, Gym

Guidelines for Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week:

Send submission to skylineshines@smccd.edu

- **Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week's issue**
- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to ¼ or ½ of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m." "The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.")
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.")
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e., "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011").
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e., Skyline College instead of Skyline).

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>



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- 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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