



*Skyline Shines*

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## **SEED Diversity Framework Retreat**

The Fall 2012 Diversity Framework Retreat presented by The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEED) Advisory Committee will be held today, Friday, August 24 from 12pm to 5pm and Saturday, August 25 from 8am to 4pm in Building 6, Room 6202. The SEED Committee assists Skyline College in fulfilling its commitment to celebrate the intellectual, educational, and social benefits of diversity.

We look forward to seeing you there!

You are cordially invited to the...

# DIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

## FALL 2012 RETREAT

Presented by The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment  
and Diversity (SEED) Advisory Committee



FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012  
12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012  
8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

SKYLINE COLLEGE  
BUILDING 6 ROOM 6202

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AUGUST 9, 2012  
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OR CALL (650) 738 - 4285

The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEED) Advisory Committee assists Skyline College in fulfilling its commitment to celebrate the intellectual, educational, and social benefits of diversity. To that end, we have been researching the following question as it relates to various areas of the institution:

*"How do our practices and processes in connection, entry, progress and completion impact campus equity and student success at Skyline College?"*



Article by Vanson Nguyen

## Accreditation Update

Welcome back to the new Academic Year. Accreditation Co-chairs Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis have been working with Sarah Perkins, Accreditation Liaison Officer: Vice-President of Instruction on accreditation.

### What's been happening!

- The Academic Year Fall Kick-Off Steering Committee Meeting was held on August 22, 2012.
- An Accreditation Office in 5133 is being set up where accreditation resources will be housed. Christine Roumbanis will be available on Monday through Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. to assist faculty with accreditation questions.
- **DRAFT #1** of the 2013 Institutional Self Evaluation due to Steering Committee on **September 14th**.

If you have any questions or need information about the accreditation process, please contact:

- [Donna Bestock](mailto:bestock@smccd.edu), **Co-chair, Administration**; Dean, Social Science/Creative Arts division
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We are all looking forward to a great year! Read **Skyline Shines** for continuous accreditation updates. Till next time!

*Article by Christine Roumbanis*

## **Dr. Pedro A. Noguera Kicks Off Lecture Series on Opening Day**



Skyline College kicked off its Fall 2012 “A Call to Consciousness Lecture Series” with keynote speaker Dr. Pedro A. Noguera on Opening Day, Friday, August 17, 2012. Dr. Noguera is a Professor at the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University and Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education. He is one of America’s most important voices for healthy public education, focusing on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions in urban settings.

Dr. Noguera is an expert on school reform, diversity, and the achievement gap—and he translates social theory into concise, direct language with emotional impact and intellectual rigor. He is currently the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at New York University and the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education and the co-Director of the Institute for the Study of Globalization and Education in Metropolitan Settings. He is also a part-time high school teacher, the author of several groundbreaking texts and a regular guest on CNN and

NPR.

The Fall 2012 “A Call to Consciousness Lecture Series” will feature a guest speaker each month and will be open to students, faculty, staff and our community. The lecture series is made possible by the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development and the President’s Innovation Fund.

### **A Call to Consciousness Lecture Series Schedule**

- **Dr. Pedro A. Noguera, Educational Equity and Reform Scholar – August 17:**  
Dr. Noguera is the Professor of the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University, and Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education.

- **Dr. J. Stephen Morrison, Global Health, Global Health Policy & HIV/AIDS Authority – November 16:** Dr. Morrison is the Senior Vice President of the Center for Strategic & International Studies and Director of Global Health Policy Center.
- **Dr. Pamela Cox Otto, Multigenerational Communications Expert – October 25:** Dr. Cox Otto is the Chief Executive Office for Interact Communication, Inc.
- **Natasha Tretheway, U.S. Poet Laureate 2012, Pulitzer Prize Winner 2007, November 30:** Ms. Tretheway is a United States Poet Laureate, Consultant of Poetry and a Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University.

## CITD Receives Skyline Shines Employee Group Award



Shown L-R: Regina Stanback Stroud – President, Richard Soyombo – Director, Allison Mello and Pcyeta Jackson

Each year an employee or employee group is selected by the College Governance Council to receive an award designed to recognize them for helping Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. This year, The staff in the Center for International Trade Development program received the honor. Staff include Mr. Feyi “Richard” Soyombo – Director of CITD, Allison Mello – Program Services Coordinator, and Pcyeta Jackson – Youth Entrepreneurial Program Coordinator.

CITD invests in California's economic growth and global competitiveness through industry-specific

education, training and services that contribute to a highly skilled and productive workforce. At Skyline College there is a core team of CITD who have shown a long-time commitment to the values of Skyline College. They have gone above and beyond their expected duties to serve the internal college community and the community surrounding the college. Additionally, CITD has had a tremendous impact on the recency and relevance of the college curriculum, programs and services.

**Campus Climate** - Though the primary mission focuses on serving individuals to succeed in trade and business, the CITD leadership and staff have prioritized the creation of and support for college programs and services. The resulting new degrees and certificates are clear examples of the impact CITD has on the college and students.

**Open Access** -CITD facilitates open access through its Youth Entrepreneurship Program. YEP is designed to encourage young people to consider business ownership as a career choice. As a result of the YEP program, students in high school who may not have considered college as an option, are drawn to the possibility of using their creative talents to own a business.

**Academic Excellence** - CITD has been instrumental in adding degrees and certificates to the college's curriculum. New degrees and certificates sparked by CITD include:

- Customs Broker Certificate
- Ocean Freight Forwarding Certificate
- Air Freight Forwarding Certificate
- International Studies with emphasis in Africa Diaspora – Associate Arts Degree
- Solar Energy Technology Certificate
- Solar Energy Career Certificate
- Business Entrepreneurship Certificate (in state approval process)

CITD enriches the college academic experience by establishing Memorandum of Understandings with colleges and universities in other nations. The MOU's frequently include the opportunity for faculty, student and curriculum exchanges. Institutions currently in partnership with Skyline College include:

- Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria
- Methodist Boys' School, Nigeria
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil
- University of Durban, South Africa
- Zumbi dos Palmares, Brazil

CITD helped jumpstart the colleges' focus on internationalizing the campus with international students. The International Students Program was consistently decreasing over the course of the decade. CITD made a commitment to the revitalization of the program, hired an International Students Program Coordinator and helped lead the college efforts.

**Community Connection** - CITD is instrumental in cultivating community connections. Partnerships are formed in service of business and industry, trade missions, small business development and YEP outreach. CITD connects with business, industry, and community based organizations.

## Career Ladders Project Receives Skyline Shines Community Award



Shown L-R: Minerva Perez, Regina Stanback Stroud, President – Skyline College, Linda Collins, Executive Director, Dr. Darrick Smith, Esther Peña, Verónica Sánchez-Casián, , Jocelyn Wong, Luis Chavez. Not shown are Terese Chalmers, Kris Palmer, Roy Robles Theresa Rowland, Sherry Suisman, Devon Werble, Peter Simon, and Gary Yee

The Career Ladders Project (CLP) <http://www.careerladdersproject.org/> is a non-profit organization that was formed by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. They work in partnership with the California Community Colleges state-wide to provide educational and career advancement opportunities for Californians. They foster these opportunities through research, policy initiatives and strategic assistance to colleges and their workforce development partners. assist colleges in developing educational programs that allow students to advance in both education and career. Skyline College and the Career Ladders Project have been in partnership for over ten years. CLP has support Skyline College in the following ways:

1. CLP helped Skyline College launch the successful Gateway Project. The CLP has assisted Skyline College over many years beginning with the first Gateway to Biotech classes offered in 2003. Workers impacted by the changes in the airline industry were able to access short-term biotechnology training and transpose airline industry skills into biotechnical skills. CLP's advocacy for the college facilitated Skyline College in obtaining the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) contracts and a Bay Area Workforce Collaborative Grant for the Gateway Program totaling over **\$250,000**.
2. CLP provided grant writing services free of charge that resulted in Skyline College obtaining a **\$4,000,000** Green Challenge Initiative grant.
3. CLP successfully solicited a **\$120,000** Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative Grant for the Automotive Technology Program
4. CLP successfully solicited a **\$120,000** Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative Grant for the Teacher Preparation Program (These efforts combined total almost 4.5 million dollars!)
5. CLP connected Skyline College with the Annie E. Casey Foundation that resulted in the Casey Foundation's support for Skyline College's professional development in order to start a program (SparkPoint at Skyline College- Skyline College) that is modeled on the AEC Center for Working Families. CLP connected Skyline College to Central New Mexico Community College so the college could visit the center and see it firsthand.
6. CLP supported the professional development of the English and Math faculty by providing onsite, free of charge, technical assistance for the contextualization and acceleration of math and English.
7. CLP has provided technical assistance to Skyline College in the areas of preparing students through the Career Advancement Academy (CAA) model. In addition, the CLP has been an integral partner in the College's Green Innovation Challenge grant.
8. CLP has included Skyline College, free of charge, in multiple statewide convenings related to the various initiatives including the Career Advancement Academies.
9. CLP embodies the values of Skyline College and should be recognized for their outstanding partnership and support.

## Outstanding International Students at Skyline College

Denice Sy a dynamic and extremely intelligent from the Philippines. She was a student of Skyline Honors Programs until May 2012, before the Haas Business School at the University of Berkeley.

Her remarkable academic and personal success admission to University of California, Irvine, and Berkeley.

Denice has received several awards for her scholastic and leadership and was recently receive *Phi Theta Kappa's 2012 Hites The Society's most prestigious and largest offering.*

While at Skyline College, Denice served as the Vice President of Beta Theta Omicron and was involved in a lot of activities to serve her fellow students and the Community.

The ISP is proud of Denice's accomplishments and wish her the very best in all her endeavor.



young lady  
College in the  
transferring to  
California

gained her  
Santa Barbara

outstanding  
selected to  
**Scholarship.**  
**scholarship**



Moaid Mahjoub is an impressionable gentleman, who can be described as a citizen of the world. Moaid is a patriotic scholar who has done extensive work with the global community to promote and foster the culture and heritage of Saudi Arabia all over the world.

For Moaid's extensive work, he was recently named the Cultural Ambassador to Saudi Arabia by the Ministry of Culture. Consul General of South Africa to Saudi Arabia has this to say about Moaid "*I have also had the pleasure of viewing the documentary film being produced by Mr. Mahjoub and was similarly astonished by the diverse cultural and scenic beauty of the country and its people. Through the work conducted by Mr. Mahjoub and his team, this beauty will become more widely available to*

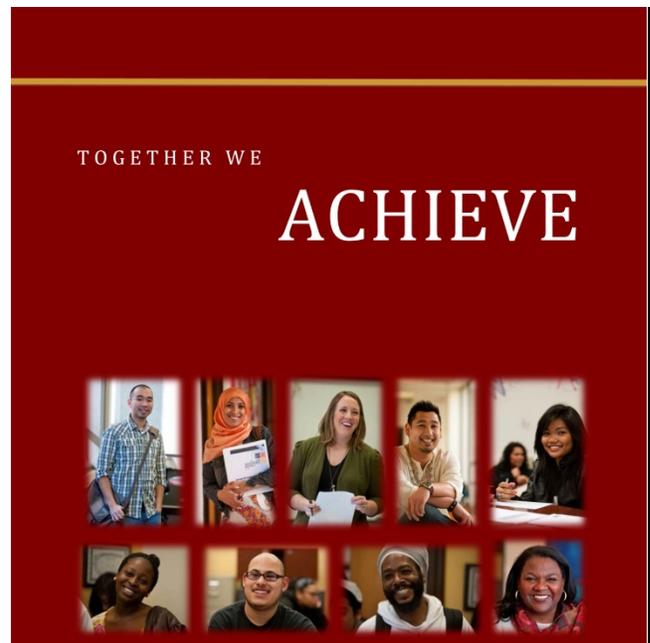
*those wanting to know and learn more about the rich traditions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its people"*

Skyline College is proud to have you in our growing global Family. Kudos to you!

*Article by Jaye Akin-Taylor*

**Student Services Executive Summary Report**  
**Summer/Spring 2012**

The Student Services Leadership Team has published its first Executive Summary Report for Summer/Spring 2012. The report provides an overview of the efforts and accomplishments achieved by the Student Services Division during the summer and spring 2102 semesters. Areas highlighted include: *Innovative and Best Practices, Leadership and Employee Development and Culture of Inquiry*. The full report will be posted on the Student Services webpage each semester. The report illustrates the dedication, commitment and professionalism of the faculty, staff and administration in the Skyline College Student Services Division.



**STUDENT SERVICES**  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT  
SPRING/SUMMER 2012

*Article by Dr. Joi Blake*

## **CITD Hosts visit from College President from Liberia**



On July 30th, Skyline College hosted a visit from Dr. Levi Zangai, President of Grand Bassa Community College (GBCC) in Buchanan, Liberia. GBCC is the largest community college in the Republic of Liberia. Dr. Zangai was invited to Skyline College by Richard Soyombo of the CITD as

part of the African Diaspora Program.

The goal of the visit was to identify areas of collaboration between GBCC, Skyline College and the CITD and to discuss a possible MOU between Skyline College and GBCC. Dr. Zangai met with Sarah Perkins -Vice President of Instruction and other campus department heads to discuss partnerships.

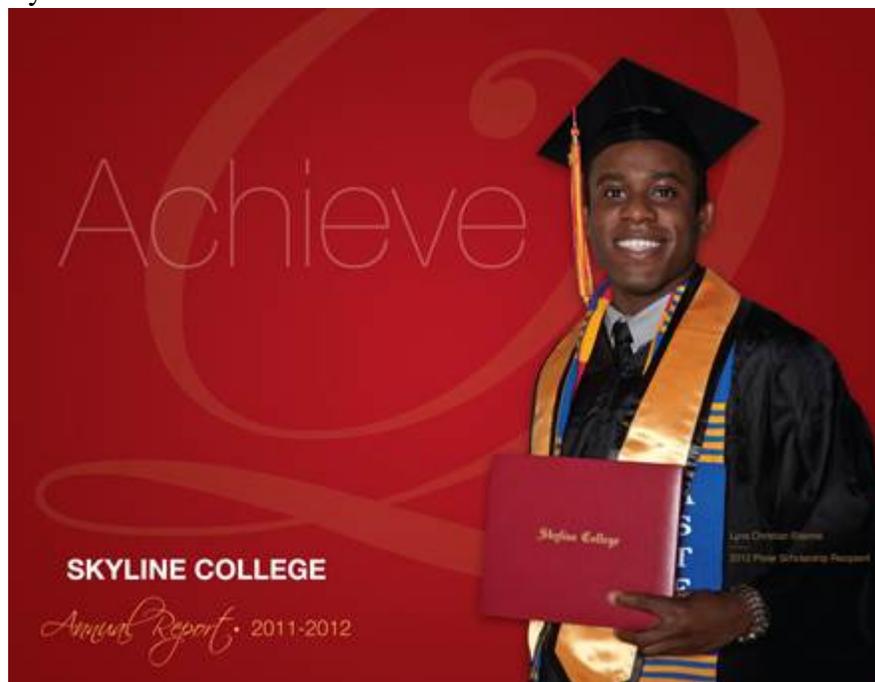
Dr. Zangai was received by the CITD and the Skyline College President's Office. His visit also included a guided tour of some of the College's most successful programs that can be replicated in other countries, particularly in Africa.

As an outcome of this visit, Senator Gbehzohngar Findley, President of the Liberian Senate, will be visiting Skyline College on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this visit is to meet the leadership of the college and to ratify the MOU between GBCC and Skyline College. While Senator Findley is in the Bay Area, the CITD will schedule meetings with local businesses and elected officials as part of his itinerary.

*Article by Pcyeta Jackson*

## **Skyline College Annual Report**

Skyline College debuted its first ever College Annual Report on Opening Day, Friday, August 17, 2012. The annual report summarizes the college's accomplishments and the highlights including educators of distinction. It features the new academic programs, college initiatives and communicates the rich cultural environment that is so unique at Skyline College. Further, the annual report will serve as documentation for the college and provide accountability to the community on tax and bond support such as Measure G. We hope you enjoy this encapsulated version of the 2011-2012 Skyline College academic year.



## Facilities Beautification

Kudos to Richard Innokuchi and the Facilities team for their hard work this summer in getting the campus ready for the fall semester. The landscaping of the campus looked beautiful for students' arrival. The Dining Hall renovation is complete with just a couple of punch list items left. A big thank you to Tom Bauer and LPAS Architects for transforming the Dining Hall into a beautiful and comfortable space with ample seating for students. Your support is very much appreciated. Several projects are underway on campus to improve student access and increase function of facilities. Thank you to Jose Nunez for his Leadership and vision.

## Write On, 2012 Classified Staff Retreat

*Write On!* was the theme of the Skyline College Classified Staff retreat held July 19<sup>th</sup> at College Vista Clubhouse, and focused on the various types of business documents that are used by our classified staff from day to day.



The first workshop, Business Etiquette 101, was presented by Marcia Hakanson of Claremont EAP. Ms. Hakanson gave a practical, fun-filled workshop on the dos and don'ts of business writing and etiquette.

The second workshop, given by Skyline College Professor Alma Cervantes, focused on various business writing styles and "netiquette". It was very interesting to see the mistakes we tend to make when writing memos, letters or emails.

Last but not least, Skyline Professor Katharine Harer led an inspiring workshop on creative writing and journal writing. This workshop gave the classified staff a chance to dig deep and explore ways to express our thoughts and feelings through poetry. Not surprisingly, we discovered a lot of hidden talent among our ranks!

In attendance at the workshop were: Linda Allen, Barbara Daley, Kylin Johnson, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Pcyeta Jackson, Allison Mello, Pat Tyler, Carol Driscoll, Cass Christian, Donna Elliott, Nancy Lam, Adriana Armas, Maggie Baez, Cam Dinh, Steve Cornejo, Minerva Velasquez, Sylvia Martinez, Sandra Hatzistratis, and Vivian Paw.

*Article by Linda Allen and Barbara Daley. Photo by Minerva Velasquez*

## **SparkPoint at Skyline College Presented Dr. John W. Rice Award for Diversity and Equity**



SparkPoint at Skyline College is one of three community college programs in the state awarded the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. John W. Rice Award for programs that exemplify diversity and equity through service to underrepresented constituencies. Named after the former member of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the 2012 Dr. John W. Rice Award was presented to SparkPoint at Skyline College on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 in Sacramento.

The award is named in honor of Dr. John W. Rice who served on the California Community Colleges' board from 1992 until his death in 2000. He was a leader, innovator and spokesperson for equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination in the California Community Colleges. While on the board, Dr. Rice also displayed a strong commitment to multicultural learning experiences for all students. The Dr. John W. Rice Diversity and Equity Award was established in 2001 to honor community college staff members, districts, colleges or programs that have made the greatest

contribution towards faculty and staff diversity or student equity.

*Article by Dr. Joi Blake*

## **SFSU/Skyline College Research Collaboration Case Studies Conference**



Skyline College and San Francisco State University Educational Leadership Doctoral Program collaborated to feature a Case Studies conference which featured real world educational cases on July 15, 2012. Students in the Doctoral program, under the instruction of Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud of Skyline College and Dr. Maria Angelica Garcia of St. Mary's College conducted small case studies to explore issues in both secondary and post-secondary educational institutions in the broader bay region. Key note speakers included Chancellor Ron Galatolo, Dr. Darrick Smith of Learning Works, Dr. Gina

Rosabal, expert in social justice leadership and Dr. Frank Chong, former Obama administration Department of Education appointee and current president of Santa Rosa Junior College.

The conference represents the beginning of a larger collaborative effort between San Mateo County Community College District and the University as doctoral students consider some of the research needs and interest of the three colleges and the district office of SMCCCD. Many thanks go out from Dr. Stanback Stroud and Dr. Garcia to an entire team of staff who made the conference possible including Bryan Besnyi, Pcyeta Jackson, Theresa Tentes, Sherrie Prasad, Golda Gacutan, Kamala Bucceri, Ira Lau, Lefty Karkazis, Amory Cariadus, Fresh and Natural staff, and Cherie Napier.



*Article by Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud*

## **Beta Theta Omicron, a Five-Star Chapter**

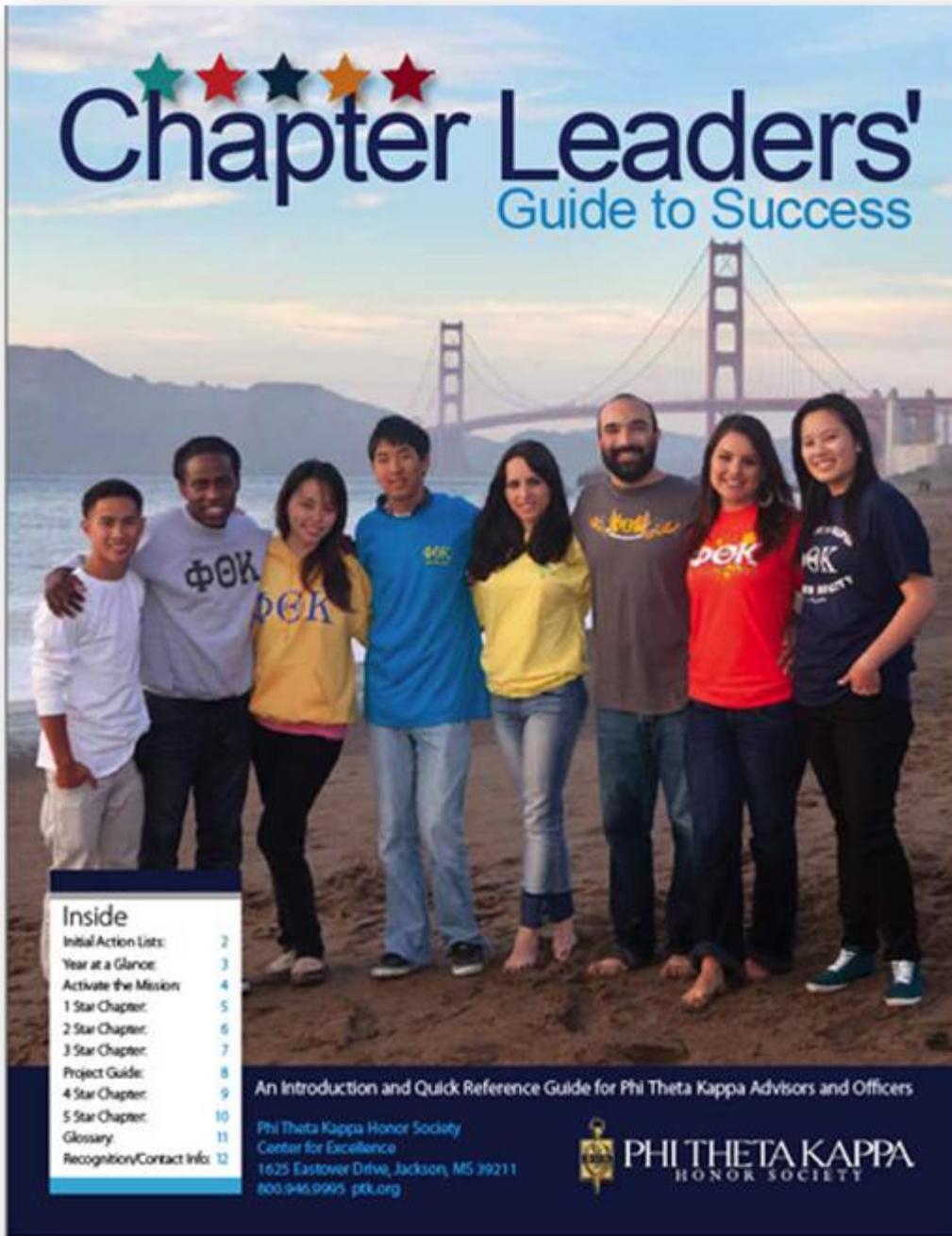
Beta Theta Omicron, our chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, is a five-star chapter. This is the highest ranking a chapter can achieve. Additionally Beta Theta Omicron was recognized as a "Top 100 Chapter," a distinction shared with only seven other California community colleges. Beta Theta Omicron is featured on the cover of the Phi Theta Kappa *Chapter Leaders' Guide To Success* (see the photo).

The chapter's status and international awards are due to the hard work of our five-star members. The members continued their scholarship and leadership throughout the summer. During the summer:

- Skyline alumna Denice Sy received Phi Theta Kappa's 2012 Hites Transfer Scholarship, the Society's most prestigious and largest scholarship offering. Selection was based on scores in the Hites Transfer Scholarship Competition, for which over 2,300 applications were received. Denice is one of only ten students to be selected for this honor. Denice will be starting Haas School of Business this Fall.
- Our own Phi Theta Kappa Gennady Ivanchenko has an article entitled "Keys to Success in

College” published in begincollege.com <<http://www.begincollege.com/key-to-success-in-college/>>.

- Several 2012-13 chapter officers tutored in the JumpStart program and led campus tours for Bridges to Algebra success. They included  
Chapter President Irene Yim,  
Ronnelle Naungayan,  
Morgan Davis,  
Paula Rivera, and  
Jaimelynn Alvarez.  
And 2011-12 chapter president Camille Espiritu.



*Article by Christine Case*

**San Bruno Chamber of Commerce Mixer  
Hosted by Skyline College**



Skyline College hosted a San Bruno Chamber of Commerce mixer in the Multi-Cultural Center on Thursday, July 12, 2012. Approximately 45 community members attended as well as many faculty and staff demonstrating their commitment to serving the community. Each attendee was encouraged to fill out a short survey to inform the Educational Masterplan with incentive of winning a Netbook generously donated by Tom Bauer and Kevin Chak in Auxiliary Services. Janet Arline Barker, a local artist, author, art teach and speaker won the Netbook and was thrilled!



The event was formulated to provide a venue to connect the community to Skyline College more intentionally and showcase all the campus has to offer. The campus upgrades visually shown on a slide show and the community was thanked for their support they have provided to the college through Bond and Measure G dollars. Administration provided tours for interested attendees of the Automotive Department, Cosmetology, The Building and Science Center, Respiratory Therapy,

Surgical Tech and the Student and Community Center where conferences can be held.



## Kappa Beta Delta Alpha Beta Chi Chapter Initiation

Skyline College held the first Initiation for Kappa Beta Delta May 24, 2012. Kappa Beta Delta is the Business Honor Society for schools accredited by ACBSP. Skyline was the first California Community College to earn accreditation for its Business Program this month. Thirteen students were initiated as Charter Members of the Alpha Beta Chi Chapter. They are: Kelli A. Buckley, Xue Yan Cai, Ereckle Chanturia, Arie Leon Man, Daniel Nicholas Morris, Rodulio Adonay Padilla, Claudia Paz, Lloyd F. Pena, Maria Irene Pendzialek, John Figueroa Ramirez, Beatrice Ricarat, Melinda Leigh Stevenson, and Denice Grace Tanenggee Sy.





## ASTEP/Math Academy Graduation – Celebration

ASTEP/Math Academy fourth annual graduation-celebration took place on Friday May 18, 2012. This was ASTEP/Math Academy most successful event. **THE STUDENTS DID SHINE.** There were several students speakers Pcyeta Jackson, Marcel Thomas, Claudia Valle, Kent Foster and Manika Clay. Their profound words were so inspiring and encouraging that many of the guests in the audience were touched. There were over three hundred family members and parents attending the graduation-celebration and they were overjoyed with so much excitement seeing their son's, and daughter's being the first in their family to graduate. Students were acknowledged, awarded for excellence, persistence and meeting requirements for graduation and transfer.



Guest speaker Mr. Thomas Vaughn, Human Resource Manger Kaiser Hospital (Dr. Bessie Vaughn's son) presented up lifting words to the students on how to overcome challenges they will face in the world, to never give up, never stop learning, go after their dreams and even become future entrepreneurs. He also stated he will look for them to finish their degrees and apply to Kaiser for employment. After the celebration, students asked "how can I meet with him for more information."



**These are just a few words our faculty and administrators said about the ASTEP Graduation-Celebration:**

Congratulations on a wonderful event.

I did not realize how much participating in ASTEP/Math Academy graduation would impact me. As I sat there and heard the students' testimonials about the love, concern and care---along with the tough love, and more importantly the pride and sense of accomplishment communicated by them I found myself tearing up and continually having to brush off the tears.

The ceremony was amazing. I was thoroughly moved. Let us get to working toward next year and the future.

Let me add my appreciation and thanks to all those who made our ASTEP's graduation last Friday such a fabulous event! I have attended many previous ASTEP graduations – but I do not remember any that could even come close to what happened last Friday

ASTEP/Math Academy has changed many students to believe they can achieve whatever dreams and goals they will set for themselves.

I am proud and relieved that the celebration went so well.

What a wonderful celebration to recognize the accomplishments of our students in the ASTEP program.

From the look of the huge family and community turnout, this program not only teaches math, it changes lives.

*Article by Pauline Wethington*

## ECE Department's Early Intervention Conference



On May 12, 2012, Skyline Colleges' ECE Department hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Intervention Conference. Supported by the CCPPP of CA Department of Special Services (administered by West Ed), the focus of this year's conference was self-regulation and language acquisition in the early years. Over 350 participants attended, with workshop topics ranging from early writing, brain development, improving communication and language development to using storybooks and dramatic play to support language and literacy. Graduates of the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Certificates welcomed the participants.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Stuart Shanker, Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy & Psychology of our University (Canada) and Linda Brault, Director of Beginning Together (an Inclusion Collaborative). Kudos to Adjunct Faculty Elaine Francisco for coordinating both the grant and the successful conference. Mark your calendars: next year's conference at

Skyline College on May 4, 2013 will focus on Motor Development & Occupational Therapies.



*Article by Kathryn Browne*

## **Disability Resource Center New Name, New Location**

The DSP&S Offices, newly named the Disability Resource Center has moved to the first floor of Building 5. Many thanks to the CITD staff for being willing to move to the third floor of Building 1 in order to accommodate this move. Many thanks to the faculty and staff in Distance Education and Workforce Development Center for being willing to share the space. When all has been completed, you will be able to locate the following programs in the listed spaces.

- **Building 5:** The former CITD Director's Office, staff, space, workroom, Conference Room and Classrooms 5132A and 5132B will be converted to DSPS offices, the High Tech Assistive Technology Center, and DSPS testing Center.
- **Building 1:** CITD, including the Director, Program Services Coordinator, Office Assistant, and Intern will move to offices in the former President's Suite.
- **Building 2:** The Veteran's Resource Center will be moved to the space vacated by DSP&S to accommodate the request for more room and services in the Vet Center. The offices vacated by DSPS staff will be converted to regular faculty offices. The office vacated by the Workability staff will be converted to a storage room and the room vacated by the High Tech Lab will be converted to a general lecture classroom.

Thanks go to the faculty and staff for working with us to help make this possible. If the spaces are not ideal, I hope we can take comfort in knowing that in the next wave of Capital Improvement Projects, we will have the opportunity to design and construct more ideal spaces. Anjana Richards, Richard Soyombo, the Instructional Deans, Dr. Joi Blake, and Mike Williamson are to be commended for being team players and helping to make the best of the situation.

Many thanks go to Jose Nuñez, Vice Chancellor of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations and Sarah Supple, Project Manager for supporting our goals to make DSP&S more accessible and the Vet Center more resourceful.

*Article by Dr. Joi Blake*

### **Coming Up...**

#### **August 24, 2012**

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Ice Cream Social, Campus Quad

#### **August 24, 2012**

- 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SEED Diversity Framework Retreat, Building 6, Room 6202

#### **August 25, 2012**

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., SEED Diversity Framework Retreat, Building 6, Room 6202

#### **August 29, 2012**

- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., TAG – Transfer Admissions Guarantee Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., TAG – Transfer Admissions Guarantee Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

**August 30, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

**August 31, 2012**

- Last Day to Add/Drop Semester Length Courses

## **Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!**

**August 31, 2012**

- Last Day to Add/Drop Semester Length Courses

**September 3, 2012**

- Labor Day Holiday

**September 4, 2012**

- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., TAG – Transfer Admissions Guarantee Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

**September 5, 2012**

- 12:10 p.m. – 1:40 p.m., UC Personal Statement Workshop, Building 6, Room 6203
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

**September 6, 2012**

- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., How to Research College Majors, Building 6, Room 6203
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., TAG – Transfer Admissions Guarantee Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., TAB – Transfer Articulate Bridge Workshop, Building 2, Room 2227
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

**September 7, 2012**

- 12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., New Student Transfer Orientation, Building 6, Room 6203

### **September 10, 2012**

- Last Day to Drop without Appearing on Record

### **September 12, 2012**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., TAG – Transfer Admissions Guarantee Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

### **September 13, 2012**

- 12:10 p.m. – 1:10 p.m., Understanding the new Associate for Transfer Degrees, Building 6, Room 6203
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

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

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/events/index.php>

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the event, date, time and location to Cherie M. Napier via email at [napierc@smccd.edu](mailto:napierc@smccd.edu).

## **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](mailto: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/generalinformation/esuggestionboxes.php>



### **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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