



# Skyline Shines

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## **Vanessa Chosa Awarded the 2013 University of California Santa Cruz Pister Scholarship**



Vanessa Chosa, Skyline College EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS student is the first Skyline College single parent student to win the prestigious UC Santa Cruz Pister Scholarship.

The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award was established in 1993 by Chancellor Pister to increase opportunities for outstanding, talented California community college students who have overcome adverse circumstances and have a demonstrated commitment to assisting and improving the lives of others. The Leadership Program offers a \$20,000 scholarship, plus summer work opportunities. Vanessa Chosa, a first generation college student, joins a prestigious circle of EOPS students who are former Pister Scholars.

Since 1998, **six** EOPS students have been named Pister Scholars.

1998 – Fernando Mejia  
2000 - Leah-Ann Williams  
2006- Daniel Tostado  
2011 - Raydan Alhubaishi  
2012 - Christian Etienne  
2013 - Vanessa Chosa

Ms. Chosa will study Latin American Studies. Before coming to Skyline College, Vanessa attended Peninsula High School. During her first semester at Skyline College, Vanessa was awarded the Friends of Skyline College scholarship. “I realized how much I enjoyed learning and that my past experiences do not predict my future.” “At Skyline, I have received the most support from teachers and counselors in my life.” Vanessa is an exceptionally dedicated student. She has also been working on campus as a CalWORKs work-study student assistant.

Vanessa Chosa’s EOPS family is delighted and honored to laud her accomplishments. We are certain that Vanessa will continue to use her life experiences and future achievements to significantly enrich the campus community and the world around her.

*Article by Imelda Hermosillo. Photo by Javier Urena.*

## The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilipino Cultural Night at Skyline College: *Layunin*

This year's production, on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, drew on pre-colonial Filipino history, bringing us back to the Philippine island of Palawan during ancient times as a possessed *datu* (or chieftan) attempted to rule the entire island while his banished son and daughter fought to keep the peace amongst the tribes. The story was written by the English 104 AK class under the supervision of head writer Danika Gutierrez, who was also in charge of last year's production, *Kapre & Me*. The students were able to successfully sell tickets for two shows, a preview night and gala night, attended not only by friends and family members, but also past PCN alumni who wanted to support the next generation of PCN students. On gala night, after the show, the Kababayan Program also celebrated our graduates and transfer students, awarding stoles and program patches not only to the students, but to our departing Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant for 2012-2013, Joyce Benedicto.



A limited number of the *Layunin* hooded sweatshirts (\$25) are still available, and the DVDs of the Gala Night show (\$15) will be on sale in a few weeks. Please contact Liza Erpelo at [erpelol@smccd.edu](mailto:erpelol@smccd.edu) or x 4119 if you are interested in purchasing either of these items. All proceeds from the show go towards future productions and activities for the Kababayan Program and its very active and dynamic student-initiated and student-run programs: Filipino Student Union, Kapatiran Mentorship Program, and Kababayan Dance Troupe.



This show would not be possible without the help and support of several important people: Kababayan Program advisors Liza Erpelo, Melanie Espinueva, and Nate Nevado; guest choreographer and PCN alumnus Jonathan Tioseco; Theater Events Manager Alan Ceccarelli and the members of his Drama 680SA: Technical Production/Stagecraft class; Katie Beverly in Graphic Arts/Production; and our deans and their assistants: Mary Gutierrez and Kenya Ruiz, Donna Bestock and Kathy Fitzpatrick, and Joe Morello and Sandra Hatzistratis.

Article by Liza Erpelo. Photos by Justin Aquino, JKino Photography.

## **Skyline College Sophomore, Anna Nguyen, Finishes Second in Badminton State Championships**

Skyline College sophomore, Anna Nguyen, finished second in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Badminton Championship contested at Pasadena City College on May 10-11. Nguyen was seeded third in Northern California and overcame several highly ranked players in reaching the final. Nguyen began play on Friday by defeating Kim Jonatan of Fullerton College in straight sets by scores of 21-12 and 21-12. Anna then upset the number one seeded Southern California player, Darby Duprat of San Diego City College, in dominating fashion winning in two quick games by scores of 21-10 and 21-11.



Her two victories on Friday advanced Nguyen to the semi-finals on Saturday against defending state champion Angie Ortiz of Pasadena City College. It was Ortiz a year earlier that knocked Nguyen out of the championships. The rematch had a different outcome. Ortiz won the first game as Nguyen faulted on several serves by a margin of 21-18. In the second game Ortiz built an early lead and was ahead 18-12 when Nguyen began playing her best badminton of the weekend. Using a deft touch and aggressive approach, Anna ran off nine consecutive points winning the second game by a margin of 21-18. With the momentum clearly on her side, Nguyen dispatched Ortiz in the third game 21-17 to advance to the finals.

In the final awaiting Anna was the top ranked and undefeated player of the year Sheung Wi “Pinky” Li. Li, a freshman at DeAnza College, was riding the wave of an undefeated season having a perfect 26-0 singles record and having not dropped a set all year. In the final, the feisty Nguyen of Skyline College gave Li all she could handle. In the opening set Li fell behind 9-8, went ahead 13-9, but Nguyen cut the margin to 16-15. Li’s talent really showed toward the end of the set as she used a pair of overhead smashes and a crosscourt cutter to win the set at 21-17. Nguyen in the second set was only down 7-6 when Li went on an 8-1 run effectively ending the match and cruising to a 21-11 victory.

“Anna played with a lot more confidence that when I faced her before,” Li said. “She had just beaten Angie. She doesn’t give up.” Anna’s second place finish was the highest by a Skyline College player since 2008 when Maggie Ho won the state championship.

*Article by Joe Morello.*

## Students Win with YEP Business Plan Competition!



On May 15, 2013, the Youth Entrepreneurship Program at Skyline College (YEP) hosted the Spring 2013 Business Plan Competition Finals Round & Awards Ceremony. This will mark YEP's third competition since May of 2012 and its first to launch district-wide. This competition was made possible in part, due to collaborative efforts between Cañada College and College of San Mateo. For the first time, students enrolled in any one of the district's colleges were able participate in the same competition.



The Finals Round was held on Skyline College's campus. Students throughout the district were given the opportunity to present their business plans to a panel of industry judges from various business backgrounds and companies, including PG& E, The San Bruno Chamber of Commerce and Prudential Financial. Students that participated in this competition received one-on-one coaching and mentoring from business owners and faculty to help refine and perfect their business plans.

Cash prizes, totaling \$3,500 were awarded to three winning business plans.

And the winners are...

- 1<sup>st</sup> place award of \$2000 went to Student Speak Station, a unique business that focuses on media-based learning tools. *Campus: CSM*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place award of \$1000 went to Hotdog Creators, a gourmet restaurant featuring exquisite hotdog creations from around the world. *Campus: Skyline College*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place award of \$500 went to Guzzlers Custom Auto Body, an auto body repair shop designed especially for the high-end, car enthusiast. *Campus: Skyline College*



Congratulations to our three winners!!

**We would like to thank all faculty, students and staff for their support of YEP and the competition!**

All students who took part in the YEP competition were also eligible to compete in the BEC Boost State-wide Business Plan Competition for a chance to win a grand prize of \$5000.

***State-wide Update:*** Out of over 600 entries, two YEP participants Jerry Reynolds and Kevin Garrett, advanced onto the semi-final round of the BEC Boost State-wide competition. Congrats to our students!

For more information on the Business Plan Competition or on how to be involved in YEP, please contact Pcyeta Jackson: [jacksonp@smccd.edu](mailto:jacksonp@smccd.edu).

*Article by Pcyeta Jackson. Photos by Elizabeth Tablan.*

## **Sixth Annual Honors Research Symposium May 4, 2013 – Skyline College Rocks Stanford!**

For the sixth year in a row, the Skyline College Honors Transfer Program members at the Symposium did an outstanding job of presenting their original research projects to over 300 honors students and faculty from community colleges throughout the state.

The following students were presenters this year: Deanna Badong (English/ENVS), Jordan Chan (Physics), Gabriel Denham (Computer Science/Physics), Phyo Htut (Physics), Sarah Kay (English/Political Science), Maryam Khan (Physics), Noemi Lassat (Biology), Rashin Parsa (Anthro), Jenny Phamhi (Biology/Adaptive PE), Aruna Singh (Biology) Tulsi Solani (Biology), Aaron Tun (Physics) & Zhiteng Yan (Physics). The competition to be selected was stiff: 44% of the proposals submitted were selected this year.



A number of faculty mentors and discipline professors provided inspiration and support: Shari Bookstaff, Chip Chandler, Jeff Diamond, Katharine Harer, Nick Kapp, Ilkka Koskelo, Melissa Michelitsch & Lori Slicton. Add to the list Skyline College faculty members who volunteered to serve as moderators of student sessions: Jim Bowsher, Luciana Castro, Stephen Fredricks, Gregg Grist & Katharine Harer. Katharine has also served as the Chair of the Proposal Committee and a member of the Symposium Planning Committee since the inception of the event. Honors Transfer Program Counselor, Joyce Lee, is also an original Planning Committee member. Joyce is in charge of Registration, a herculean task which she performs gracefully and efficiently.

The Honors Research Symposium is a stimulating day of celebrating student scholarship. Next year it will be held at UC Berkeley, and Skyline College students are already working on projects to present.

*Article by Katharine Harer.*

# **New Energy Systems Technology Management (ESTM) Department Pilots Solar and Energy Efficiency Courses with PG&E**

The new Energy Systems Technology Management (ESTM) department at Skyline College piloted two solar courses and a commercial energy efficiency course with PG&E's Pacific Energy Center (PEC) in April. The PEC is a customer-funded education and training program that offers dozens of courses annually to the public on topics related to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The facility, located in the South of Market area of San Francisco, serves a similar audience to the college: new entrants to the field and experienced professionals looking for the next step in their career.

PEC courses are mostly one-day workshops on special energy topics, taught by experts in the field, designed with input from industry advisement. The courses usually do not require prior training, and historically do not offer credentials or formal pathways to employment.

That's where Skyline College ESTM faculty and PEC leaders and instructors see an opportunity for partnership. The pilot courses, a solar credentialing course, a solar thermal course, and a 3-day commercial building energy auditing course, created models for PEC students to earn college credit toward degrees and certificates in the ESTM programs at the college. The college also enables the PEC to offer a solar industry credential from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

ESTM department faculty Bruce Greenstein, Doug Faust, Peter Waring, and Aaron Wilcher worked with Pete Shoemaker, the PEC Renewables Coordinator, and Ryan Stroupe, the PEC Energy Efficiency Coordinator on a partnership they feel makes practical sense, using existing resources. The special topics solar courses at the PEC met a need in ESTM curriculum, and Shoemaker and Stroupe were able to fill the need with curriculum they have in hand.



*Pete Shoemaker of the PG&E Pacific Energy Center dives into a solar thermal lesson.*



In one model for the partnership, current college students signed up for the PEC courses through the regular Skyline College schedule of classes. In another model, students who showed up through PG&E's registration can fill out a petition for "Credit by Exam" at no cost through a program called CTE Transitions. The programs allowed the college to serve existing and new students.

The course with Ryan Stroupe, a 3-day course called, Energy Auditing Techniques for Small and Medium Sized Commercial Facilities, also enabled the college to train several college interns who gained work experience on energy efficiency projects in the county during Spring semester.

The ESTM programs are offering an extensive summer solar course, ENVS 411, Solar Design, Estimation, and Sales and a high school program, ESTM 680SA, Summer Energy Camp. Starting in Fall, 2013, solar and energy efficiency courses and labs the college move from the Environmental Science and Technology (ENVS) program to the ESTM department. For more information about the classes and programs, please visit the department's website:

[www.skylinecollege.edu/estm](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/estm)

For more information on the PG&E Pacific Energy Center, go to their website:

[www.pge.com/pec/](http://www.pge.com/pec/)

You can also email or call Skyline College ESTM program staff for more information.

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Rita Gulli, Project Director, (650) 738-4491 [gullir@smccd.edu](mailto:gullir@smccd.edu)

*Article & Photo by Aaron Wilcher.*

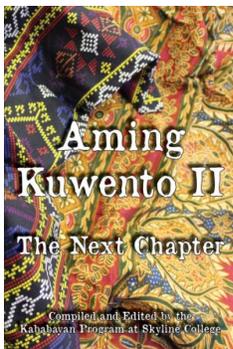
## The Kababayan Program at Skyline College Presents: *Aming Kuwento II: The Next Chapter*



In 2008, the Kababayan Program and Filipino Student Union at Skyline College published their first book, *Aming Kuwento: Our Stories*, a collection of artwork, photography, poetry, short stories, and essays about the Filipino and Filipino American experience. Students, faculty, staff, and community members all contributed to the project, which was funded by a Trustees' Fund for Program Improvement awarded in Fall 2004. The book was inspired by the words of Evangeline "Vangie" Buell, co-founder of the East Bay chapter of the Filipino American National Historical Society:

"If we do not tell our own history, then others will tell it for us — as *they* interpret it — and we will risk losing the essence and truth about the Filipino American experience. That history could fade from memory, and one day, our children's children could be asking, 'Who were our ancestors? What were they like? What did they do?' and there could be no one to answer and nowhere to look."

Five years later, thanks to a second Trustees' Grant, the Kababayan Program has produced a second volume, *Aming Kuwento II: The Next Chapter*. This time, the book was created by the students in Liza Erpelo's class, Literature 267 AK: Filipino American Literature. The students in the class created the call for submissions, served as the editorial board for the project, and came up with the concepts for the cover art. The books were published by 360 Digital Books.



*Aming Kuwento II: The Next Chapter* will be officially released on Monday, May 20, 2013 at a book launching party at Skyline College in the Hosting Gallery of the Multicultural Center in Building 4 from 11:10 am - 1:40 pm. The contributors are invited to share their selections from the book and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. Books will be available for sale in the Kababayan Program office (4-246) at \$15 each. All proceeds from the book will go to the "Friends of Kababayan" fund, a community-supported fund to provide resources such as educational materials, supplies, equipment, and scholarships for the Kababayan Program students, faculty, and staff.

*Article and photos by Liza Erpelo.*

## TRiO: A Time to Celebrate



*2013 Certificate, Graduate & Transfer Students.*

On May 3rd the TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Project held its annual “End of the Year Celebration” in recognition of the TRiO SSS students who were receiving a certificate and/or associate degree and/or transferring to an institution of higher education, along with thirty students selected this year to receive grant-in-aid financial support of \$1000 each. Students, family members and Skyline College administrators, faculty, and staff were regaled with an elegant buffet dinner prepared by Pacific Dining. The event attracted more than 135 attendees.

To begin the evening, Interim Director Raymond Jones, Ph.D. welcomed the TRiO SSS students and families, stating that “The diversity in audience personified the Skyline College mission statement ‘To empower and transform a global community of learners.’” He implored them to realize “Your success at Skyline College is the starting point. For those of you receiving either a certificate and/or associate degree you are now prepared to earn a living wage for you and your loved ones. For those of you transferring, your next stop is the university with the goal of continuing to develop your skills for the career you envision for yourself.” Interim Dean of Counseling, Advisement and Matriculation, Nohel Corral challenged the students to "take your passions and interests and use them as your motivation to do well."



*2013 Grant Aid Recipients.*

In the next segment of the program the TRiO SSS Counselors Jessica Lopez and Guillermo Villanueva spoke about the unique relationships they formed with TRiO SSS students and how proud they were to gaze out at the audience and be able to witness the students' success and personal transformation. They were followed by an outstanding video collage produced by John Saenz that reviewed the numerous events and activities sponsored by TRiO SSS Project during year---It was a busy year!

Beginning this year the TRiO SSS Project initiated the "TRiO SSS Student of the Year Awards" to be presented to two students who are receiving an associate degree and transferring to a four-year institution of higher education. Jessica Lopez and Guillermo Villanueva presented the first annual "TRiO Student of the Year" Awards to Vanessa Chosa and Dania Talavera, who received an engraved recognition award along with a Samsung Galaxy Tab which was generously donated by Skyline College Bookstore. Their names will be engraved on the "TRiO Student of the Year" Plaque to be proudly displayed in the TRiO display cabinet in Building 5.

The final program segment identified the TRiO SSS students receiving the 2013 grant aid awards and with the presentation to each TRiO certificate, graduate or transfer student with a "Certificate of Completion," along with a TRiO stole and book bag. The celebration closed with photo opportunities for families to capture this wonderful moment of academic achievement---it truly was a time to celebrate!

*Article by Jessica Lopez & Raymond Jones. Photos by Raul Guerra.*

## FYE End of the Year Celebration

On May 14, 2013, the First Year Experience held its 3<sup>rd</sup> End of the Year Celebration in the Hosting Gallery of building 4. The event was filled with student speakers and performances by the faculty of FYE: Jarrod Feiner played a song on the ukulele and Nate Nevado performed a spoken word piece. The new group of student leadership constituents was announced and updates were provided for the upcoming academic year.



For the first time, students will continue their cohort progress to completion through the Second Year Experience (SYE), taking English and History. A big thank you to all faculty in attendance including Meegan Rivera, ESOL, Nathan Jones, English, and Cecilia Gutierrez, Counseling, FYE-LEAP.



For more information on the FYE Program, contact Vanson Nguyen: [nguyenv@smccd.edu](mailto:nguyenv@smccd.edu), or ext. 4147.

*Article by Vanson Nguyen*

## Bay Area Center for International Trade Development (CITD) Speaks at San Francisco Small Business Week

On May 15, 2013, Allison Mello, Program Services Coordinator for the Skyline College Center for International Trade Development (CITD), delivered a presentation on the *Basics of Importing and Exporting* as part of San Francisco Small Business Week's Conference, "Shaping Business: Shaping Our Community." The seminar was held at San Francisco State University's Downtown Campus and was attended by over 50 individuals that were interested in international trade.



As a NASBITE Certified Global Business Professional, Allison shared her knowledge of international trade and provided the participants with valuable information on the following:

- The keys of a successful international business and marketing plan
- Learning the role of freight forwarders and customs brokers
- Financing international transactions



Seminar participants also received information on other CITD and Skyline College programs.

**Coming Up Next!** As a part of ongoing Seminar Series, on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> the CITD will host seminars titled “Getting Started in International Trade: An Introduction to the Centers for International Trade Development”. These seminars are being offered free of charge and will take place in San Francisco and Santa Rosa, respectively. These seminars will introduce business owners and members of the community to the CITD and all of the services and resources that are offered by the CITD and Skyline College. Both seminars are developed in partnership with the Northern California Small Business Development Center (SBDC), SAFE-BIDCO, The Sonoma County Economic Development Board, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco Center for Economic Development (SFCED) respectively.

**When:**  
Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:30am-10:00am

**Where:**  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
Board Room  
225 Montgomery St.  
San Francisco

**Who Should Participate:**

- San Francisco Chamber of Commerce members & San Francisco Center for Economic Development members that are
- Existing businesses interested in export/import
- New to export companies
- Individuals contemplating work within the import/export field

**Participation Fee:**  
Free to San Francisco Chamber of Commerce members & San Francisco Center for Economic Development visitors.

**For More Information & Registration, Please Contact:**  
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Phone: 415.738.7098

**Center for International Trade Development**

**SFCED** San Francisco Center for Economic Development

**Skyline COLLEGE**

**EDB** Economic Development Board

**CALIFORNIA SBDC** Southern CA Regional Council

**SAFE-BIDCO**

**When:**  
Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
8:00am-12:00pm

**Where:**  
SAFE-BIDCO  
Board Room  
1327 Corporate Center Parkway, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

**Who Should Participate:**

- Existing businesses interested in import/export
- New to export companies
- Individuals contemplating work within the import/export field

**Participation Fee:**  
Free, pre-registration required

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**EDB** Economic Development Board

**CALIFORNIA SBDC** Southern CA Regional Council

**SAFE-BIDCO**

Article by Pcyeta Jackson. Images by Allison Mello.

## Accreditation Update

**Accreditation Self Evaluation Progress.** The accreditation self-evaluation is in the final stages. The document is being edited for grammatical errors, adherence to style guides, and that the document should speak with one voice. The team is also finalizing the front pages of the document, reviewing evidence cited and checking links for accuracy, and working on defining acronyms used in the document.

The Co-Chairs received approval for Accreditation Self Evaluation Draft 3 from the Classified Council, Academic Senate and Associated Students (ASSC). We will bring back the document to Management Council for approval on May 21<sup>st</sup> and then for final approval by the Governance Council on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The self-evaluation will be brought before the Board of Trustees for review and approval in June.

The feedback from all constituency groups is that the document accurately reflects our college and we are extremely proud of the results. We thank the college community for their support and feedback and to everyone involved in the writing of the self-evaluation.

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*Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis.*

## Green Energy Summer Camp

High school juniors and seniors have a fun and educational opportunity this summer to learn about the green economy by registering in Skyline College's Green Energy Camp. The camp allows students to earn 2 units of college credit toward new degrees and certificates and degrees in the Energy Systems Technology Management (ESTM) department. For more information on the program, please visit the department's website: [www.skylinecollege.edu/estm](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/estm)



In this week-long camp, students will learn:

- how social media can motivate others to save energy;
- how to create videos demonstrating the importance solar & energy efficiency are in reducing our carbon footprint; and
- the very latest technologies from solar, energy efficiency, and social media experts

The Camp is free to high school students enrolled in Skyline College's Connection Concurrent Enrollment Program and starts June 17 through June 21, 2013 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The registration period for summer session for continuing high school students begins on May 6, 2013. For more information, contact Rita Gulli, [gullir@smccd.edu](mailto:gullir@smccd.edu) or 650.738.4491.

*Article by Aaron Wilcher.*

## A Free, Innovative, Time-Limited Training Opportunity

*At-Risk* for Faculty, Staff, Administrators and Students is an online, interactive gatekeeper training simulation used at more than 200 campuses nationwide. Learn to identify and talk to students exhibiting signs of psychological distress and motivate them to seek appropriate help. Possible signs of distress include depression, anxiety, and thoughts of suicide.

Available for immediate use:

1. Online training for ***faculty, staff and administrators to help students*** in distress:  
To access go to <http://kognitocampus.com/faculty/ccc>  
Your enrollment key is **ccc8752 (no space between characters and numbers)**
2. Online training for ***faculty, staff and administrators to support student veterans***:  
To access go to <http://kognitocampus.com/vet/ccc>  
Your enrollment key is **ccc4554 (no space between characters and numbers)**
3. The online ***peer to peer training*** to learn skills to help a friend in distress:  
To access go to <http://kognitocampus.com/student/ccc>  
Your enrollment key is **ccc6445 (no space between characters and numbers)**

**\*You can also access by going to the Skyline College Website and clicking Psychological Services and click Kognito.**

This online course is available 24/7, it is a 45-minute course that can be completed in multiple sessions allowing you to return at your convenience as many times as needed.

Don't wait! This offer will expire. For more information contact Liz Llamas 650-738-4351 or Bev Muse 650-738-4459 with Psychological Services and Personal Counseling.

*Article by Donna Elloitt.*

## In case you missed it...

### Congresswoman Jackie Speier at Town Hall Meeting



May 1, 2013, three hundred members of the Skyline College Community attended and participated in a Town Hall Meeting with Congresswoman Jackie Speier in the Skyline College Theatre. Congresswoman Speier was the last speaker in the Business Lecture Series sponsored by the President's Innovation Fund Grant and spoke about the Twelve Commandments for business ethics. Monica Diliberto was the student Host from Kappa Beta Delta, The Business Honor Society. Lloyd Pena and Laura Sandifer co-chaired the volunteers.



*Article by Monica Diliberto*

## The First Annual Skyline College Research Symposium

The First Annual Skyline College Research Symposium held on April 26<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The day started off with a Keynote Address from Dr. John Dueber, Assistant Professor of Bioengineering at U.C. Berkeley. Dovetailing with Skyline College's Earth Week celebration, Professor Dueber discussed bioengineering approaches to creating cost-effective and sustainable biofuels.

For the day's main event, Skyline College students presented their research at a juried poster session. Forty-four students were authors on a total of 23 professional-quality posters. Hundreds of other students, faculty, and staff gathered in the cafeteria to view their work. Many of our students have won national prizes for their research over the years, including some who were presenting. The poster session was an opportunity for these students to proudly share their work with their own campus and to inspire other students to pursue independent research projects as well.



Next students attended a forum where they were able to get career and education advice from eight science, math, and technology professionals: Dr. Erin Quealy (physics researcher), Kylin Johnston (biology and chemistry lab technician), Chris Johnson (environmental consultant and geology and geography educator). James Selvidge (mathematician and computer programmer) Brian Daniel (respiratory therapist), Dr. Charles Leggett (high-energy physics researcher), John Freedman (high school and community college educator), Chris Copeland (lab technician, instrumentation specialist, and sales person), and Miguel Suarez (engineer and senior facilities manager). Dr. Carina Anttila-Suarez moderated the event.

An awards reception wrapped up the day on campus. Thank you cards and t-shirts were given to the guest presenters and the winning student posters were named. Four honorable mentions, each receiving \$25, were named: Jenny Vo Phami (for her work with Shari Bookstaff and Chip Chandler), Tin Ching Lok (for her work with Dr. Carmen Velez), Monzerrat Herrera (for her work with Dr. Christine Case), and Michael Zarubin (for his work with Ilkka Koskelo). Second prize (\$100) was awarded to a group of four students working with Ilkka Koskelo: Ali Zulfi-

khar, Imtiaz Zulfi-khar, Allan Wai, and Mathew Ennis. First prize (\$200) was awarded to Krista Barnard for her work with Dr. Nick Kapp. Thank you to all of the SMT division members who contributed their time for planning and executing the event as well as their money for the students' prizes!



The event was planned by the Skyline College Science and Research Club and co-sponsored by Skyline College Go Green and SACNAS. Due to a coordinating error at the symposium, the plant walk on Sweeney Ridge that was planned with Anne Gearhart has been rescheduled for May 10, 2013 and will serve as the end of year celebration for the Science and Research Club. The Science and Research Club finished day by taking Keynote Speaker, John Dueber, to Kome Sushi for dinner and more life, career, and educational advice. A good time and good food was had by all.



*Article by Melissa Michelitsch. Photos by KC Mendoza.*

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center Returns over \$297,000 to the Community!



The Business Division and SparkPoint at College partner with the United Way of the Bay Area's [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#) (EKS) to provide free IRS Certified Tax Preparation for qualified members of our community - households making less than \$51,000 per year. By filing a tax return, eligible taxpayers are able to claim a number of credits, including the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (EITC) which can amount to as much as \$5,891 per family. This year's VITA center at Skyline College increased the number of returns transmitted to 284, a 33.33% increase of over last year resulting in \$297,000 in refunds!

While most EKS sites throughout the Bay Area utilize volunteers, our site takes advantage of our instructional programs to provide excellent learning opportunities for our students. Accounting students may prepare for IRS 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 making them more competitive candidates for good jobs.

Thanks to the students who do an outstanding job! Thanks also to additional volunteers from the community including Sandy Allen of the United Way of the Bay Area, and Pam Lim, Enrolled Agent-Accounting for Tax. Thanks to John Miller, Skyline College Instructor for Accounting 665; Linda Whitten, Accounting Department Coordinator; David Hall, Instructional Aid; Adolfo Leiva, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; Julie Lamson, SparkPoint Program Services Coordinator; Josh Jubelirer, AmeriCorps VISTA for SparkPoint; Claudia Paz, SparkPoint Student Assistant; Kelly Batson, Regional Director, [Earn It Keep Save It Program](#); and Sean Chan, Senior Stakeholder Relationship Tax Consultant, IRS.

For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College, contact Dr. William Watson, Director, at 650-738-7035 and visit the website at: [www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint).

*Article by Dr. William Watson.*

## **CITD Hosts Roundtable Meeting With U.S. Ambassador to Fiji**

As result of the ongoing partnership between the Skyline College Center for International Trade Development (CITD) and the US Department of Commerce, on May 7, 2013, the US Commercial Service hosted a business roundtable meeting with Ambassador Frankie A. Reed, U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu, in San Francisco.



*In photo, from L-R: Richard Soyombo, Center for International Trade Development; Maureen Russell, R.M. Waite Co.; Kamlesh Doshi, President 3iSVIEW; Kajal Vekaria, Gensler; Shonda Scott, 360 Total Concepts; Ambassador Frankie A. Reed, of Fiji, Kiribatu, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu; Carla Thomas, CTA/San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce; Jack E. Doty, Watlington Foods; Fred Jordan, FEJ Associates; April Fame, HGA Architects & Engineers; Myles Stevens, Stevens & Associates Architects; Stephan Crawford, U.S. Commercial Service, San Francisco United States Department of Commerce.*

Nine Bay Area companies from various industries (e.g.: architecture/engineering, agriculture, construction materials) were represented. Ambassador Reed shared the current political and economic climate in Fiji and the surrounding islands. Company representatives were able to share with the Ambassador their previous experiences in doing business in the region and express any concerns they have in closing future deals. Ambassador Reed was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet face to face with these companies. She encouraged the companies to maintain close contact with the Embassy to facilitate future business transactions. As a result of this business roundtable the Ambassador has asked the CITD to help coordinate an inbound trade mission of Fijian executives in order to facilitate partnerships with California businesses.

*Article by Elizabeth Tablan & Allison Mello.*



## **Governance: Institutional Planning Council**

The Institutional Planning Committee met on May 8, 2013.

### *Human Resources Plan*

Eloisa Briones presented the Staffing for Student Success Taskforce's revised Human Resource Plan recommendation to the IPC members. The plan was developed using resource needs identified in the Administrative Leadership Unit Plans, Annual Program Plans, Program Reviews, Measure G staffing allocations, faculty allocation requests and Strategic Priorities Plan. The draft plan includes the recommendation of adding 39 classified positions, 19 faculty positions, and 2 administrative positions. The plan also includes the reclassification of two administrative positions, including reclassifying the Chief Business Officer to that of Vice President of Administration to be on parity with positions being established at CSM and Cañada. One of the two administrative positions would be the filling of an existing vacant Dean position (Instructional Technology). The process of updating the plan began in July 2012. The plan is a blueprint for what the colleges staffing resource needs are for the next five years.

The next step is to recommend the plan to the College Governance Committee by their next meeting which is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Ulate will provide ample time for the IPC members to review the plan. He will communicate with IPC to see if a recommendation can be made by either meeting in person or responding via email.

### *IPC/CBC Merger Update*

Dr. Ulate reported that at the last CBC meeting the item regarding merging both IPC and CBC was presented. CBC members approved the idea of a merger at their April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was decided that beginning in Fall 2013 the IPC will begin the discussion of the merger of both committees. The merger will not take place until possibly 2014-2015 academic year. An idea of possibly having a hybrid committee for next year and invite CBC members to the IPC meeting and vice versa was presented. It would enable both committees to more directly collaborate during the 2013-2014 year.

Early Spring 2014 a decision will be made if the merger will indeed take place beginning 2014-2015 academic year.

### *Fact Sheet*

Dr. Ulate shared with the committee the current Fact Sheet used to promote our college which is updated each Fall. The document has general information about Skyline College and there are categories of information on the Fact Sheet that have not changed in many years.



At the IPC meeting there were suggestions made by committee members of areas that should be added to the Fact Sheet. They are:

- Adding CHASE as a Learning Community
- The Full Time and Part Time should have additional information in explaining what it means.
- Adding number of students receiving financial aid.
- In regards to the Transfer Students, adding how many transfer to private schools or identify top three private schools our students transfer into.
- Adding information specific to international students that attend Skyline College.
- Adding information specific to first generation students that attend Skyline College.
- Adding information specific to Veterans attending Skyline College.
- Adding information regarding SparkPoint.
- Number of students on campus that speak multiple languages.
- Adding a QR code for people to go to the Skyline College website to find additional information.
- Adding information regarding Student Activities, Sports and Clubs.

It was suggested that in the residency category, San Francisco should be its own category. With additional information added to the Fact Sheet, it may need a new look. With the new look it is possible to make it into a two-sided document with marketing appeal that would also include “Why Skyline College Shines” as a tag line. Dr. Ulate will take the suggestions and use them to create an updated Fact Sheet for the Fall.

#### *Membership for next year*

The IPC members discussed how to increase participation at the IPC meetings in the future. Leigh Anne Shaw suggested that both she and Dr. Ulate compose a message to the deans stressing that there should be two representatives from each division and also the importance of Classified Staff representation. It was also suggested to create a list of the accomplishments that IPC has done this past year. This will allow the college to see how the planning informs the budget process.

In order to spread the word about IPC accomplishments it was suggested that either a presentation to all employees or a handout can be included in the Opening Day packet informing the campus of the work IPC does throughout the year.

## Coming Up

### Friday, May 17, 2013

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Latin American Student Organization (LASO) - Meeting, Skyline College, Building 4, Room 4240
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., ASTEP Graduation & Celebration Ceremony, Skyline College, Building 6

### Monday, May 20, 2013

- 11:10 a.m. – 1:40 p.m., The Kababayan Program at Skyline College Presents: Aming Kuwento II: The Next Chapter, Skyline College, Building 4, Hosting Gallery

### Tuesday, May 21, 2013

- 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m., Transfer Center – UC DAVIS Visit - Tracy King, Skyline College, Building 2, Room 2-227
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Skyline College Environmental Club - Go Green, Skyline College, Building 7, Room 7109
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Inaugural Music Major Benefit Recital, Skyline College, Art Gallery, Room 1-121

### Friday, May 24, 2013

- 5:00 p.m.(Doors open at 4:15 p.m.), Skyline College Commencement Ceremony, Skyline College Gymnasium, Building 3

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 1/4 or 1/2 of a page. Do not place pictures next to each other, they must be on separate lines.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Please make sure your article is single spaced.
- 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. <sup>3</sup>The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. Noon.<sup>2</sup>
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., <sup>3</sup>Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses.<sup>2</sup> And <sup>3</sup>I counted 176 records on the shelf.<sup>2</sup>).
- 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., <sup>3</sup>March 4, 2011<sup>2</sup> not <sup>3</sup>March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011<sup>2</sup>).
- 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 <http://skylinecollege.edu/publicinformationoffice/feedback.php>



[Feedback and Suggestion Box](http://skylinecollege.edu/publicinformationoffice/feedback.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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