



Dear Skyline College Community,

Welcome to the 50th academic year at Skyline College! What an incredible milestone!

I feel immensely proud and privileged to be stepping into the role of Interim President during this historic year, and pledge to continue the important work this college has been engaged in through its comprehensive college redesign.

The past few weeks have been busy! I'm lucky that I've had the opportunity to speak with constituents from all across campus – students, faculty, and classified professionals – all of whom have been so very welcoming. If I haven't met you yet, I'm looking forward to it.

Skyline College has achieved so much. Working together you've made incredible strides to boost student success, empower faculty and staff, and transform your entire institution from the ground up. That work isn't easy, and it deserves to be called out.

Over the last few years, you've inspired me and community colleges throughout the state and beyond by:

- Implementing a comprehensive college redesign that promotes Skyline College's goal that 75% of students get in, get through and graduate on time,
- Transforming the way students progress through college by launching Meta Majors and beginning work on Guided Pathways,
- Launching the Promise Scholars Program so that students can attend college free of cost in a supportive environment that has demonstrated results already,
- Developing new professional development opportunities by investing in the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning,
- Demonstrating a concrete commitment to equity through programs and events like the Equity Summit and the Equity Training Series,
- Creating state-of-the-art new facilities like the STEM Center and the Environmental Science Building that enhance the student experience and encourage the community to be partners in our success.

I don't want to skip a beat. All of this work demonstrates an incredible commitment to the students we all serve, and I fully intend to keep this momentum going over the next year.

I'll be working closely with all of you and will continue to implement the comprehensive college redesign to create new opportunities that lead to greater success for our students.



And succeed they have – our men’s soccer team finished second in the Coast North Division and 12th in the state, women’s badminton saw their doubles team win a state championship, and together our athletes averaged a GPA of over 3.1; our international student transfer rate is number 1 in the district and Skyline College has the highest UC Berkeley international student transfer admission rate in California; and as a result of mobilization from our students Skyline College will be opening a PRIDE center on the second floor of Building 4 this year.

I am also looking forward to the work we’ll accomplish together in the year ahead. As I’ve spoken to the various constituents across campus some key themes have risen to the top:

- I’m going to strive for greater transparency in everything we do and in the decisions we make.
- We’ll be taking a close look at our participatory governance process and the committee structure that underpins it to ensure greater clarity and effectiveness.
- We will continue to fully realize our investment in professional development through the CTTL and IEPI, and push to enact the General Education reforms we’ve seen over the last few years.
- And as we move into an Accreditation year, we will work together to demonstrate to our visiting team just how amazing Skyline College really is.

I know we will continue the build upon the great work already accomplished.

We will not miss a step.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you. And I’ll leave you with this: I have an open door policy...please feel free to drop by or call at any time with an idea you might have to improve our college – I’m always ready to listen.

I’d also like to let you know that I will be hosting a wine and cheese “meet and greet” reception at the end of our College Flex Day and I hope to see you all there.

Wishing each of you all the best in the coming year.

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Skyline College