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## **SKYLINE COLLEGE AWARDED TWO-YEAR GRANT TO PROVIDE FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR STUDENTS**

**San Bruno, California – May 27, 2016** – Skyline College was awarded a two-year grant to establish free non-stop, round trip shuttle service between the Daly City BART station and the campus, thanks to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) and the City and County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG). These organizations approved the grant submitted by the San Mateo County Community College District for Skyline College in response to the San Mateo County Shuttle Program Call for Projects at their May board meetings.

The “Skyline College Express” shuttle service will launch August 2016, just in time for the start of fall semester classes on August 17, 2016. The shuttle will run every hour from 7:25 a.m. to 6:44 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. The 28-person shuttle service will be open to students, faculty and staff as well as community members who utilize the services available on campus such as [SparkPoint](#), the Library and Veterans Resource Center. Those who come to campus to attend performing arts, athletics, guest lectures or other college events can avail of this convenient service.

Initial discussions on the project began in 2013 at the first annual [Success Summit](#) hosted by the [President's Council](#) where a breakout session entitled, "The Last Mile" spurred much enthusiasm. This discussion demonstrated a clear need for a solution to the problem of transportation to and from campus from major transit hubs. A comprehensive transportation survey conducted in 2014, highlighted that due to the long travel time and lack of convenience, 67% of students and 74% of faculty and staff drive alone to the campus or have someone drive them. Implementation of the shuttle program will create convenient first / last mile connections for more than 5,000 students and employees residing in Daly City, San Francisco, and East Bay vicinities, representing close to half of the campus population.

"We are thrilled to accept this grant that will help us fulfill the Skyline College Promise to support students in being able to get in, get through and get out, on time, according to their educational goals. The entire college is committed to this Promise. The dream of providing transportation for students to allow them to gain access to an education, will become a reality this fall," said Skyline College president, Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D. "This shuttle is a great example of how the Success Summit identifies issues within the north county and works to solve them. "

The shuttle program will support students in getting to campus in a timely fashion at no cost, helping to mitigate socio-economic barriers to education and decrease commute times. Potential students who otherwise had no means of transportation to attend college will now have access to world-class educational opportunities, with approximately 100 degrees and certificates to choose from, for only \$46 per unit.

"Skyline College prides itself in fostering a culture of sustainability. This shuttle will also allow us to further that goal, by reducing the campus carbon footprint, single occupancy vehicles and vehicle miles travelled." said Eloisa Briones, Vice President of Administrative Services.

To learn more about Skyline College, please visit [skylinecollege.edu](http://skylinecollege.edu).

Links included:

- SparkPoint: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint/>
- Success Summit: <https://skylinesuccesssummit.com/>
- President's Council: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/presidentscouncil/index.php>
- Skyline College: <http://skylinecollege.edu/index.php>

**Skyline College** is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 10,000 students offering approximately 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

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