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**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SUMMIT FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS HOSTED BY THE
2016 WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE TO BE HELD AT SKYLINE COLLEGE**

San Bruno, California – August 30, 2016: President Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D. announced today that Skyline College will host the **2016 White House Initiative’s Summit on Educational Excellence for African Americans** on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event provides a platform for experts—Black students to be unapologetic about the accomplishments they have made in higher education and the support needed to thrive—in school and in life.

The White House Initiative was created through an Executive Order by President Barack Obama in 2012. The Initiative works to restore the United States to its role as the global leader in education; strengthen the Nation by improving educational outcomes for African Americans of all ages; and help ensure that African Americans receive a complete and competitive education that prepares them for college, and productive citizenship. Among the things most important to the Initiative is centering the experiences of young people—those impacted by the decisions made by adults, educators, school leaders etc. The AfAmEdSummit is a way to accomplish this goal while supporting communities in responding to the needs of students.

Hosting the summit at Skyline College will provide a powerful forum to disrupt the status quo as well as negative stereotypes that surround Black students. The event will allow more collaboration with high schools on the peninsula and surrounding areas. Additionally, Skyline College will partner with other colleges in the region to open the dialogue about the needs of Black students.

Representatives from the National Council on Black American Affairs/Western Region Council on Black American Affairs will assist in the planning and preparation of the event. We are honored that Skyline College, which is part of the San Mateo County Community College District is taking on this challenge and assisting in making a difference in the lives of students. Registration is open. To register, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/afamedsummit-at-skyline-college-san-bruno-ca-tickets-26487087592.

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 17,000 students annually, offering 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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