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**SKYLINE COLLEGE TO HONOR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
AT THE 15TH ANNUAL STUDENT RECOGNITION AND AWARD CEREMONY**

San Bruno, California – May 2, 2016 – The 15th Annual Student Recognition and Award Ceremony will award scholarships to 217 Skyline College students on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Theater, located in Building 1 at 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066. A reception for the scholarship recipients and families will be held immediately following the program in the Student and Community Center on campus, located in Building 6. Skyline College students will be presented with over 293 awards totaling more than \$226,000 in scholarship funds.

The prestigious Karl S. Pister scholarship will be awarded at the ceremony to a Skyline College student who will complete his or her undergraduate studies at University of California, Santa Cruz. The scholarship provides \$20,000 over two years, and assistance in securing additional funding, to a transfer-eligible student who shows exceptional achievement despite adverse socio-economic status, has demonstrated commitment to assisting and improving the lives of others, and would not otherwise be able to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz due to financial need. This highly competitive scholarship is awarded to only 13 students nationwide.

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“I look forward to honoring students and their families at the award ceremony as it is chance to celebrate their achievements. We are proud to provide over 200 scholarships this year, thanks to the generosity of the SMCCCD foundation and donors from the community, and college faculty and staff. For many students, these scholarships make a significant difference in their ability to get in, get through and get out of college, on time and we’re here to help them do just that,” said Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D., President of Skyline College.

Many of the scholarships students received are generous donations from the community secured through the efforts of the San Mateo County Community Colleges District Foundation. The Foundation’s mission is to promote student success and to nourish program innovation and excellence by providing special financial support for the District’s three colleges including Skyline College. For more information on the Foundation’s scholarship program or to donate to Skyline College, please contact the San Mateo Community College District Foundation at (650) 358-6871.

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