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**SKYLINE COLLEGE TO HOST 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**San Bruno, California – May 8, 2019:** The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Skyline College Gymnasium, at 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066, Building 3. A total of 330 students will participate in the ceremony. A total of 1,722 degrees and certificates will be awarded to 1,247 students. This includes the second graduating class of 15 students who have earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Respiratory Care. Family, friends and loved ones unable to attend are invited to watch the commencement ceremony via the live feed which be available on the [Skyline College homepage](#).

“Commencement marks an incredible milestone for Skyline College students. This ceremony is the culmination of incredible personal dedication, hard work and perseverance and it represents an opportunity for the college to recognize and applaud the achievement of the graduates. Whether pursuing further education or a rewarding career in a new field, we wish all students the best as they head out to transform the world,” said Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D., President of Skyline College.

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Skyline College student John Christian Anderson Montero Aguas, will speak at the commencement ceremony providing a student's perspective on this milestone. Aguas was born in the Philippines where he lived for 17 years before moving to the United States in 2015. He graduated from Westmoor High School in 2017 and started his college journey at Skyline College two months later. John will graduate with an Associate's Degree for Transfer in Business Administration and Interdisciplinary Studies. He will continue his educational career at the University of California, Davis in Managerial Economics. He plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Administration and earn teaching credentials so that he can become a full-time businessman and part-time professor – in addition to writing a book while travelling the world, founding a university in the Philippines, and creating multiple businesses in the Philippines and in the United States.

A reception hosted by the Associated Students of Skyline College and the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development will be held immediately following the commencement ceremony in the Student and Community Center's Fireside Dining Room located in Building 6. Graduates and guests are invited to attend.

If you are a member of the media and would like to attend the ceremony, please contact Cherie Colin at [colinc@smccd.edu](mailto:colinc@smccd.edu) or (650) 738-4346. For more information on commencement, please visit the [commencement website](#).

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*Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care. 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.*