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**SKYLINE COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH
SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY TO MITIGATE FOOD INSECURITY**

San Bruno, California – September 2, 2020 – Skyline College has partnered with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to host a weekly community market at the campus launching today. As part of the college’s response to strains put on students and community members in the wake of COVID-19, this program will run weekly on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

“I want our students and our community to know that we are here for you,” said Melissa Moreno, Ph.D., president, Skyline College. “I am grateful to be partnering with Second Harvest and our District to help mitigate the food insecurity so many in our community suffer.”

Each week, District employees and community volunteers will distribute fresh food supplied by Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. Each family receives a 39-pound box of food worth about \$60. The food distribution is open to the public and serves a large number of college students as well as community members.

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The college distributed a preliminary estimate of 13,000 pounds of food from Second Harvest to 300 families, including students and community members. The weekly food distribution is staffed by volunteers from Second Harvest, and the community college district.

The San Mateo County Community College District, which Skyline College is part of, has been running a community market at College of San Mateo weekly on Fridays for several months. Their work has paved the way for the successful launch of the Skyline College community market today. If community members miss the Wednesday market at Skyline College, there is an opportunity to visit the College of San Mateo market on Fridays.

Skyline College has always acted as a vital resource to students, providing a variety of basic needs support through programs such as the Promise Scholars Program, EOPS, and more. In addition, the San Mateo Community College District, purchases and mails Safeway food cards to its list of food-insecure students once a month.

The San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation has set up an emergency fund to support these efforts as well as emergency scholarships and other student needs.

Please visit foundation.smccd.edu to support our local students.

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About Skyline College

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.