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SKYLINE COLLEGE FIRST COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA TO RECEIVE BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

San Bruno, California – June 11, 2012: Skyline College is the first community college in California to receive accreditation for its Business Programs by the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). The college will receive official recognition on June 17, 2012 at ACBSP's International Conference in Baltimore, MD. The accreditation was awarded for a period of 10 years without any conditions, notes or opportunities for improvement. The programs now ACBSP accredited include Accounting, Business Administration, Business Management, Office Management, Lawyers Assistant, Multimedia Technology, International Trade and International Logistics.

"The dedication, talent and commitment of our faculty and staff are evident in this recent accomplishment by the Business Programs at Skyline College. The accreditation demonstrates our ability to prepare our students for successful careers in business," said Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, President, Skyline College.

The process for gaining accreditation was arduous. A team of faculty lead by Christine Roumbanis, Professor/Coordinator of Business, Linda Whitten, Professor/Coordinator of Accounting, and Don Carlson, Dean, Business Division wrote a 150 page self-study in the fall of 2011 for ACBSP. Extensive changes in curriculum and the outcomes assessment processes were made in 2011-2012 to meet the accreditation standards. An ACBSP evaluation team visited Skyline College March 12-14, 2012 to review the self-study and confirm that the college and the business programs met its standards. The evaluation team consisted of Dr. Deanna Timmons, Chair of Business (retired) Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. Idalene Williams, Accounting Professor, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Nebraska, and Lorie Costello, Professor of Business, Saint Paul College, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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The Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs provides program accreditation to hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the US and the world. The ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation association for business education supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence. For more information on ACBSP, visit www.acbsp.org .

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 10,000 students offering over 80 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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