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## **Skyline College Announced as the Top Gilman Scholarship Producing Community College in California**

**San Bruno, California – April 27, 2018:** The U.S. Department of State announced its inaugural list of U.S. higher education institutions that sent the most students overseas on the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program in academic year 2016-2017. Skyline College has been announced as the #1 community college in California (tied with Santa Barbara City College) and the #4 college nationwide (tied with four community colleges) for producing Gilman Scholars. Skyline College produced 4 Gilman Scholars and underscored its success in making international study and internships more accessible and inclusive for American students of all backgrounds through the Gilman Program.

The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the Institute of International Education, compiles the list, organized by institution size and type.

Skyline College has been cited for success in the Top Associate's Colleges category.

"Skyline College takes immense pride in this incredible achievement because it underscores our mission to empower a truly global community of learners," said Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D., President of Skyline College. "But more than that, this is significant because the opportunity to travel and study abroad is not only life changing, it is the essence of creating a more peaceful and open world."

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Skyline College houses the Study Abroad Program for the San Mateo County Community College District. Staff have made district-wide efforts in prioritizing the Gilman Scholarship by hosting scholarship workshops for students and collaborating with the Financial Aid and Writing/Learning Center offices on campus.

“The increase in Gilman recipients from one student to 18 students in two years and this recognition as a Top Producing Institution of Gilman Scholars is a testament to the efforts of our staff and to our commitment to the mission of Skyline College,” said Zaid Ghori, Director of Special International Programs.

### **About the Gilman Scholarship**

For a full list of the institutions by category, please visit the Gilman Scholarship website at [www.GilmanScholarship.org/TopGilman](http://www.GilmanScholarship.org/TopGilman).

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, with the support of the U.S. Congress, is reshaping study abroad to make it more accessible and inclusive for American students. The Gilman Program broadens the U.S. student population that studies and interns abroad by providing scholarships to outstanding undergraduates who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise participate. Since the program’s establishment in 2001, over 1,300 U.S. institutions have sent more than 25,000 Gilman scholars to 145 countries around the globe.

***Skyline College*** is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 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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