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***THROUGH MY FATHER'S EYES: THE FILIPINO AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHS
OF RICARDO OCRETO ALVARADO EXHIBITION***
ON DISPLAY NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 11, 2015 AT THE SKYLINE COLLEGE ART GALLERY

San Bruno, California – November 11, 2015: The Skyline College Art Gallery, in partnership with [The Alvarado Project](#), presents *Through My Father's Eyes*, an exhibition of photographs documenting Filipino American life in San Francisco during the 1940's and 1950s. The exhibition is now open at the Skyline College Art Gallery in San Bruno, California. It will be on view through December 11, 2015. There will be a reception in the Art Gallery on Thursday November 12, from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

For Art Gallery hours, please visit our website at www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery or Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/skygallery>.

Through My Father's Eyes: The Filipino American Photographs of Ricardo Ocreto Alvarado (1914 – 1976) is a collection of 50 photographs chosen from more than 3,000 discovered by his daughter, Janet Alvarado after his death. This exhibition offers a rare view into the daily life of the Filipino-American community in the post-World War II era in the Bay Area.

Through My Father's Eyes debuted at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History Behring Center, Washington, D.C., and has traveled to Philadelphia, New York, Honolulu, and Los Angeles. "To have my father's photographs displayed in a fitting public space provided at Skyline's Art gallery is a special acknowledgment of Filipinos and their early San Francisco life and culture celebrating the presence of Filipino Americans in San Francisco and the Bay Area and their legacy in American society," said Janet Alvarado.

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Tractor, California, 1950's



Migrant Farm Children, California, 1950s

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Ricardo Alvarado emigrated to the United States from the Philippines in 1928, part of the early 20th-Century wave of immigrants known as the 'Manong Generation,' meaning 'older brother' in the Ilocano language. He served in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Army's First Filipino regiment during World War II. When the war ended, Alvarado supported his passion for photography by working as a civilian cook at Letterman Hospital at the Presidio Army base in San Francisco. For more than 20 years following the war, Alvarado documented postwar Filipino American life. His poignant photographs capture every aspect of day-to-day activities, public and private. The transformation of the Filipino American community in the Bay Area from a close-knit group of bachelors to a society defined by family life is captured in the exhibition

"We are proud to partner with Skyline College," said Janet Alvarado. "My father would be pleased to know that his life's work is being shared with members of all communities; especially students." Alvarado's photography was more than a hobby. He photographed weddings, funerals, baptisms, and parties. His Speed Graphic 'view camera,' documented street scenes, beauty pageants, cock fights, agricultural workers tending crops, and entrepreneurs on the job. His daughter Janet, now the Executive Director of The Alvarado Project, created the nationally recognized nonprofit devoted to her father's photos and demonstrating the Filipino-American cultural history. Her decades-long research uncovered the people in the photos, and she learned about curating an exhibit.

"My father's collection tells a million stories," says Janet Alvarado. "The lives and experiences of early Filipinos in America need remembering."

Parking regulations are in effect on campus from Monday through Friday. Visitors can park in designated 40 minute visitor parking spaces, or purchase a 1-day parking permit available from vending machines for \$2.00. See the visit section in the [gallery website](#) for details and vending machine locations.

About Skyline College - Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 10,000 students offering approximately 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.