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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR TUITION FREE MIDDLE COLLEGE

San Bruno, California – June 15, 2015: The Skyline Middle College is now accepting applications for fall semester when it will open its doors to high school students for the first time. The tuition free Middle College is a partnership between the South San Francisco Unified School District and Skyline College allowing students to take both high school and college courses at the same time on the Skyline College campus. Fall classes begin on August 12, 2015. Interested high school students can learn more about enrollment and apply now at www.skylinecollege.edu/middlecollege/enrollmentprocess.php.

The Middle College is intended to accelerate students' academic progress and career goals while contributing to their community. To be eligible for the program, the students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and be on track to graduate on time. High school students who are motivated high achievers, gifted but not thriving in the high school environment, or capable of academic success but falling short of their potential are candidates for Skyline Middle College.

"Skyline College is focused and determined to remove barriers so students can achieve their educational and career goals. The new Middle college is an extension of this relentless pursuit of providing access to higher education," said Raymond Jones, Ph.D., Director of the Middle College.

Students will attend four high school classes in English, social sciences, career education and learning skills. In addition, they will take a minimum of six units of college courses per semester. A variety of Skyline College student services such as tutoring, academic advising and access the college library will be "bundled" to ensure students' success in the Middle College program.

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The program is designed to provide the students with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while collecting units toward an associate degree and transfer to a 4-year university, ultimately saving time and money while accomplishing their educational goals. Students will also have the option of taking career focused programs such as sterile processing, paralegal assistant, computer information, emergency medical technology, paralegal, solar technology, network engineering, among other employable certificates that allows certificate holders to enter the workforce and earn a “living wage.” These living wages make a difference for students who take this option allowing them to be less reliant on student loans because of their ability to support themselves.

Students are expected to participate in community service learning activities to develop leadership skills that will contribute back to the social, economic and political landscape of the community.

For more information on the Skyline Middle College, please visit

<http://skylinecollege.edu/middlecollege/index.php>.

About Skyline College

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.