



## SKYLINE COLLEGE EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECEMBER 14, 2005

### APPRECIATION

**Topping Out Ceremony for Science Annex:** A connecting beam for Skyline's new Building 7A Science Annex was signed by many faculty, staff, students, district employees and construction project members at a Topping Out Ceremony on December 12. President Vicki Morrow and Mike Williamson, Dean of Science/Math/Technology, recognized the hard work of the design team from Swinerton Management & Consulting, as well as Hensel Phelps Construction Company and district staff.

Earth Science and Chemistry labs will be located on the third floor, life science and allied health labs will be located on the second floor, and the division office will be on the first floor. The building will connect with the existing Science Building, which will house classrooms.



*Mike Williamson, Dean of Science/Math/Technology, said the new Science Annex will have state-of-the-art labs for earth sciences, chemistry, life sciences and allied health programs.*



*Respiratory Therapy instructor Ray Hernandez signs the Building 7A beam.*



*Construction workers placed a tree on top of the beam, which was then fastened to the support cable on the crane.*



*The ceremonial beam is hoisted into place.*



*The beam is now in the topmost part of the new building.*

Skyline wishes to thank all who participated and to the many people who made the occasion possible and who were involved in arranging the ceremony.

**Alaskan delegation visits the county:** The County of San Mateo Human Services Agency hosted a delegation of the State of Alaska representatives in workforce development at a November 8 meeting at the Belmont Human Services office. Skyline's Vice President of Instruction, Regina Stanback-Stroud, presented information on the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board and Skyline College Gateway and Biotech Certificate partnership. According to Glenn Brooks, Jr., Interim Director of the agency, "Each session of their packed agenda was a testament to how the San Mateo Human Services Agency and partners work collaboratively to help children and families in San Mateo County .... We were able to provide the information our Alaskan guests were looking for and more. Not only were they impressed with our integrated human services programs, but they were also struck at the level of community collaboration...." Thanks to Regina Stanback-Stroud for her leadership in helping to develop the partnership between San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board and Skyline College.

**Winter Concerts at Skyline:** Skyline's music department heralded the holiday season with performances by the concert and jazz bands, and concert choir. This year's Winter Concert was held on Friday, December 2nd in the Skyline College Main Theatre. "Music of the Highlands" was performed by the Skyline College Concert Band, and featured the music of Dvorak, Van der Roost Holst, Fantasia, Ticheli, Sparks and Sousa. The Skyline College Jazz Band, featuring Vocalist David Umemoto, performed music of Wetzel, Montooth, Carmichael, Williams, Porter, Holman, Harline, Adler & Ross, and Nestico. Skyline's Concert Choir presented Glorious Glorias, featuring Antonio Vivaldi's beloved "Gloria in D Major, RV589" on December 3-4. The choir also performed Russian choral treasures, African American holiday spirituals and Christmas carols. Jude Navari conducted the choir. The string ensemble was led by Virginia Smedberg and vocal solos were sung by soprano Barbara Daley and mezzo-soprano Susan Hall.

**Holiday serenades at Skyline:** Music instructor Billy Robinson and his horn quartet treated Skyline staff and students to a series of beautiful horn serenades. Their wonderful music rang through the halls of various buildings around the campus. Skyline wishes to thank Billy Robinson as well as Buzz Wilkes, Arnold Sears, and Dick Leland.



## PROGRAM NEWS

**Skyline College CITD wins mini-grant:** The Bay Area Community College Consortium recently awarded a mini-grant to the Skyline College Center for Internal Trade Development to expand the delivery of international trade seminars from Marin County to Santa Rosa. Skyline is pleased to be the recipient of this grant, as it helps remove some of the barriers to international trade facing small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the North Bay Area. The program, appropriately named Creating Export Opportunities (CEO) specifically targets women, handicapped, minority entrepreneurs, as well as, the main stream SMEs.

**Skyline's Health Center holds Great American Smoke-Out:** Information on smoking cessation and the health risks of smoking was distributed to approximately 500 students on November 17 at the annual Great American Smoke-Out. Skyline's Health Center partnered with Respiratory Therapy instructor Ray Hernandez and his students conducted blood pressure and peak flow screenings for approximately 200 students. Ray also showed students a diseased lung. Donna Elliott, Health Center assistant, and Nurse



*Students in the Respiratory Therapy program conducted blood pressure screenings at the Great American Smoke-Out.*



*Skyline's Health Center distributed brochures and information on smoking cessation.*

Jan Gersonde coordinated the event and also handed out brochures, cigarette butt cans from Don't Trash California, an informational flyer, and a packet of products from Cough to help students quit smoking. The Health Center also partnered with the American Lung Association, whose project coordinator, Laravic Flores, distributed information about *Young Adults for Smoke Free San Mateo County*. She is recruiting student advocates to help with all aspects of this project that will work to implement smoke-free policies on college campuses and at an event at the Cow Palace & Expo Center. This project provides an opportunity for students to develop lifelong leadership skills as they conduct various outreach, education, and advocacy activities.

**Skyline moves toward designated smoking areas:** Effective January 17, 2006, Skyline will have a new policy relative to smoking on campus. Smoking will be confined to four designated smoking areas and all ashtrays will be moved to those locations. Appropriate and clear signage will be developed as well as other communication materials for faculty, staff, and students. This change in policy will be accompanied by a college-wide forum slated for mid-February which will be hosted by the Academic Senate and Classified Council. The forum is designed to assess how the smoking policy is working in terms of smokers and non-smokers living together at Skyline. An educational campaign is also planned.

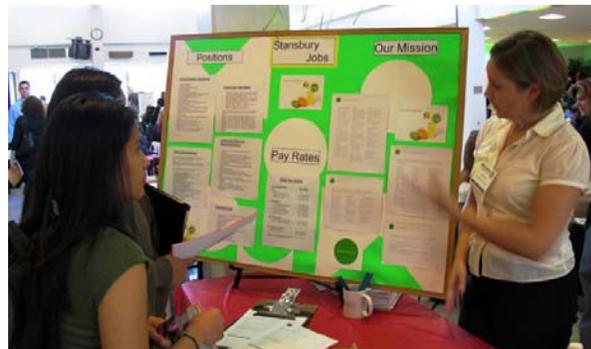
**Matriculation conference held at Skyline:** On Tuesday, November 15, Skyline hosted the State Chancellor's Office Matriculation Advisory Committee. Approximately 25

members of this state board met to discuss various statewide issues regarding matriculation, with particular emphasis on plans for reinstating matriculation site visits. The group concluded their visit with a tour of Skyline's One Stop Student Services Center. The following day, Wednesday, November 16, Skyline played host for the California Community College Matriculation Professionals Association (CCCPA). More than 70 individuals throughout the state were gathered to discuss key issues in matriculation. The agenda included topics on non-credit matriculation, MIS data elements, enrollment management and an update by Arnold Bojorquez and Sally Montemayor-Lenz from the State Chancellor's Office. The event was held in the Main Theater with lunch provided by Fresh & Natural. Election of officers took place for 2006-07. Skyline wishes to congratulate Jennifer Hughes, Dean of Counseling at Skyline, who was appointed President of the organization.



*Arnold Bojorquez from the State Chancellor's Office was a featured presenter at the matriculation conference hosted at Skyline College.*

**Skyline's Career Holiday Job Fair is a big success:** 80 industry representatives from 40 Bay Area companies participated in Skyline's job fair on November 16. Students learned about part-time, full-time, and seasonal employment and job training opportunities. The Career Center assisted students in preparing their resumes prior to the event. Following the job fair, Virginia Padron said that many students reported that they had received offers of employment.



*Students, faculty and staff networked with industry and corporate representatives at the Career Holiday Job Fair.*

## SKYLINE SHINES

**Skyline College CITD Director appointed to prestigious District Export Council:** The Director of Skyline College Center for International Trade Development, Richard Soyombo, was appointed to the Northern California District Export Council (NCDEC) at its board meeting on December 1. The DEC is the body that advises the US Secretary of Commerce on various international trade trends, opportunities and issues. The NCDEC is responsible for all of Northern California. To be considered for appointment to the NCDEC, each appointee must be an accomplished international trade expert fit to individually and/or collectively advise the US Secretary of Trade on international trade issues.

**Go Trojans!:** Skyline College's varsity sports have had an exciting season. Some of the highlights this fall include:

- Danny Link, head men's soccer coach, received the Coast Conference Coach of the Year award. It is the second time in his five-year tenure at the helm that Coach Link has received this prestigious award.
- Jose Ruiz, a freshman from El Camino High School, was voted by the Coast Conference Coaches as Player of the Year. He has also been nominated to the California Community College All-American Team.
- The Trojan men finished their season ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in Northern California and just fell short of qualifying for the playoffs.
- The Trojan women's soccer team finished another successful year ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in Northern California and missed the post-season by a fraction of a power-point ranking. Their final 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Coast Conference was not quite enough to garner a playoff spot.
- Nancy Chicas, a freshman from Washington High School, was voted by the Coast Conference Coaches as Offensive Player of the Year.
- Wrestlers Alexis Lara and Jeff Lima competed in the Community College State Championships in Fresno. Alexis Lara finished second in the state and Jeff Lima finished seventh in the state.
- The Trojan men's basketball team is having a season posting a 7-5 record. The team just finished second in the Skyline College Classic Tournament losing in the finals to the third ranked team in the state, West Valley, by a score of 87-74. Paul Phangureh and Marques Benjamin were voted to the All-Tournament Team. Come out and cheer for the Trojans who are playing all of their home games at the CSM gym due to construction in the Skyline Gym. For a schedule of home games, visit <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skylineathletics/basketball/basketball.html>.



**Skyline on national radio:** In the 1840's, two physicians who insisted that doctors could prevent the transmission of disease by washing their hands were ridiculed by their colleagues. The *MicrobeWorld* radio program staff interviewed Chris Case, and based on that interview, wrote and produced a feature called *Unsung Heroes* that aired nationally on September 20 on over 90 radio stations across the U.S. The piece is now archived

at <http://www.flpradio.com/microbeworld/2005-SEPT-16-30.htm>. The audio file can be accessed by opening this link and then clicking on September 20.

**Former *Skyline View* editor recognized:** Giselle Velazquez, a former *Skyline View* editor-in-chief, has just been picked to be a Chips Quinn Scholar for spring 2006. After leaving Skyline, she graduated from San Francisco State University and went on to intern with KQED, the Bay Guardian and Business 2.0. The nationwide Chips Quinn program strives to increase diversity in the newsroom, while “giving opportunity, training and voice to young journalists of color.” Ms. Velazquez will be placed at the *Binghamton Press* and *Sun-Bulletin* in New York.

**Skyline faculty member’s film hits the “big screen”:** His relationship with his own brother, Bernard, inspired Skyline College Speech Communication Professor Fermin Irigoyen to explore the bonds between male siblings. The product of that exploration, a 52-minute documentary entitled *Brothers* had a big-screen showing at Palo Alto’s Aquarius Theatre on December 8. In his film, Irigoyen captures the relationships of three sets of brothers, ages 20-50, by showing their perceptions of each other, how they communicate and the childhood stories that shaped their relationships.



*Brotherly relationships are explored in the documentary film by Skyline speech instructor Fermin Irigoyen.*

## EVENTS

**Film and Forum addressing racial stereotyping and conflict, January 25 and February 1, 2006:** The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) and the Black Student Union (BSU) will show *Crash*, a thought-provoking film that looks at several interpersonal encounters across racial lines, on January 25, in Room 2306 at 2:00 p.m. One week later, on February 1, the group will hold an open symposium and panel discussion entitled, “Speak Out on Racism,” in Skyline’s Gallery Theatre at 1:00 p.m. The ASSC and BSU are sponsoring both events in coordination with Speech Instructor Phyllis Taylor, Multimedia Specialist Salah Webb, CTL Instructional Aid Anyta Archer, and ASSC President Taylor Angel.