



## SKYLINE COLLEGE EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES JULY 27, 2005

### APPRECIATION

**Facilities staff hard at work on summer improvement projects:** Facilities staff have been busy during the break between the spring and summer terms on a variety of special projects including supporting the Building 8 swing to various locations, the Building 1 summer facelift work, deep cleaning of floors, carpets, bathrooms, and windows through the campus, landscape maintenance and beautification, installation of benches around the main quad, placement of steel plates and pothole repairs on the loop road and more. Skyline wishes to thank all custodial, grounds keeping, engineering, and other facilities staff for their efforts.

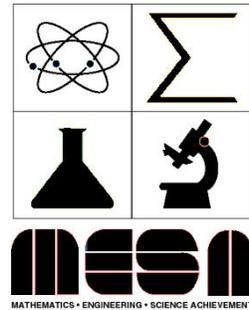


*Chief Engineer Tony Gulli and his crew work on rooftop HVAC units at Building 5.*

### PROGRAM NEWS

**Skyline MESA students participate in Advanced Star Summer Program:** Through a partnership with San Francisco State University's MESA Engineering Program, Skyline developed the "Advanced Star (A Star) Summer Stock Program in Computer Science/Engineering." The five-week program provides students with technical experience, professional development, and academic enrichment. Students are divided into groups to use programming language and algorithms to design a computer program that will predict stock performances.

Although this program uses the stock market as a scenario, it does not focus on finance but highlights computational and programmatic functions that can be applied to make predictions. During the final week of the program, industry representatives from Oracle, Pixar, and SBC will serve as judges to give students feedback about their projects. This project has provided two full-time and one part-time summer positions for three Skyline MESA students. Skyline would like to acknowledge computer instructor Ravi Luthra, who developed the curriculum and model for the program, MESA student and A Start teaching assistant, Uthman Apatira, and Nick Langhoff, resident advisor for the A Star Program. A special thanks to Dean Mike Williamson who was instrumental in securing the industry contacts. The A Star students will present their research projects at a science symposium at Cal State University Chico in November.



**Adult learners visit Skyline College:** Skyline’s EOPS department hosted three separate groups of adult learners from the Jefferson School District in May. The students, who were all part of the ESL program, wanted to learn about the community college system, and in particular, Skyline College. The 140 students expressed their appreciation for the valuable information they received and the time and attention that was provided by Skyline faculty and staff. Thanks to Skyline’s campus ambassadors who assisted in welcoming the groups and conducted campus tours. In addition, Skyline wishes to thank Financial Aid staff who presented information and ESL Professor Sandra Verhoogen who presented an overview of Skyline’s ESL program and what it takes to be a successful ESL college student.

## SKYLINE SHINES

**Christine Case receives Mosal Award from national Phi Theta Kappa:** The prestigious Mosal Award was created to promote scholarship, leadership, and service among Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisors and is one of the ways the organization recognizes and rewards excellence. The Mosal Awards annually recognize outstanding professional achievement, and encourage and support individual development through a professional growth project. The award includes a \$5,000 stipend to support the project, which should potentially benefit the winner’s community college or faculty colleagues. Dr. Case is recognized for the award in the inaugural edition of *Visionary*, a new publication of Phi Theta Kappa. She will use her Mosal Award to complete a project entitled “Problem-based Learning in Biology: The Case Study Approach.” The purpose of the project is to develop case studies to aid in the teaching of disease transmission and disease control.

**Skyline partnership receives national honor from U.S. Department of Labor:** In ceremonies on July 12, 2005, at the Workforce Innovations Conference in Philadelphia, the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration awarded Skyline College with a Recognition of Excellence for its regional biotech partnership, “The Bay Area Biotech Consortium Pathway Project.” The consortium includes Skyline College, Ohlone College, Alameda Workforce Investment Board, Gruber and Pereira Associate, San Mateo County Workforce Investment



*Bay Area Biotech Consortium Career Pathway Project partners from left to right: Pam Leung, Genentech; Dennis Petrie, CA Employment Development Dept.; David Gruber and Caz Pereira, Gruber Pereira Associates; Eduardo Kiryczun, San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board; Monica Poindexter, Genentech; Regina Stanback-Stroud, Skyline College; Linda Collins, Career Ladders Project; Rob Gamble, Alameda County Workforce Investment Board; William Watson, Skyline College; and Paige Lloyd, Genentech.*

Board, Career Ladders Project, and Genentech, Inc. This partnership grew out of the model partnership established by Skyline, Genentech, and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board in 2002 to prepare skilled bio-manufacturing workers for the Bay Area's life sciences industry. Skyline wishes to thank Regina Stanback-Stroud for her role in initiating the project and for her ongoing oversight of it and to William Watson and Adolfo Leiva who currently staff it under Skyline's Center for Workforce Development. The partnership was recognized earlier this year by the California Community College Association for Occupational Education for Excellence in Partnership.

**Skyline faculty member earns doctorate:** In February 2005, Genie Dvorak, counselor, was awarded her doctoral degree in psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco. Her research examined how children are affected by traumatic experiences and the way in which these impact developmental processes through adolescence and adulthood. Dr. Dvorak maintains a private practice in San Francisco and she trained at St. Mary's Medical Center-McAuley Institute where she was Chief Psychology Intern.

**Former Skyline student athlete inducted into San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame:** Congratulations to John Moreno of Pacifica, a former student of Skyline, who was inducted in late June into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. Previously he was a member of the Skyline College and San Francisco State University Sports Halls of Fame, as well as the Pacifica Sports Hall of Fame. He was one of the top 10 Northern California male runners of the 1980s, the nation's 10<sup>th</sup> fastest marathon runner in 1985, and the California Distance Runner of the Year.

**Two Skyline students win national awards:** Lee Ann Butler-Owens and Valerie Higgins, both students and scholarship winners at Skyline College, have been selected as Two-Year College Coca-Cola Scholars. They will receive \$1000 awards from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundations. Each two-year college in the United States may nominate two students to compete for no more than 400 scholarships. The uniqueness of these awards and the prestige associated with them is that the principal criterion is the quality of a minimum of 100 hours of community service that applicants must have, in addition to academic achievement.

## EVENTS

**Jump Start Class of 2005 completion ceremony, July 28, 2005:** Skyline College is hosting its annual banquet to honor the 25 students who have successfully completed Jump Start 2005. The celebration, featuring videos that the students have written and directed, will be held in the Skyline Learning Center on July 28, 2005 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The Jump Start program, in its ninth year at



*2004 Jump Start student Edwin Pugh will attend Skyline College this fall.*

Skyline, offers instruction in English, Mathematics, Digital Video Production, Learning Skills, and Career Preparation to at-risk students from high schools in Northern San Mateo County. The credits that these students earn help them to make up incomplete or failing grades they have earned in their high schools, while the motivation and basic skills they gain in Jump Start help them to achieve continued success, graduate with their classes, and go on to college. Some of the students who completed Jump Start in 2004 later became students at Skyline College, and the college looks forward to welcoming the students of Jump Start 2005 as Skyline students next year.

**Skyline to host San Mateo County Biotech Workforce kick-off breakfast:** Local biotechnology employers, key educators, and community workforce partners will join Skyline College and the San Mateo County Biotech Workforce Project at a conference-style breakfast meeting on September 16, 2005 at the Westin San Francisco Airport. The San Mateo County Biotech Workforce Project represents San Mateo County's ongoing effort to retain and grow the biotechnology industry through the strategic use of the workforce system. The Project has an immediate objective to expand the base of trained entry-level research support and manufacturing workers for the industry through a network of community college-centered programs, career ladders and involvement of the K-12 schools. The breakfast program will focus on surveying local industry workforce needs and bring attention to the partnership's workforce efforts. Guest speakers will include Assemblymember Gene Mullin and a representative from Genentech, Inc. For more information, please contact William Watson at Skyline College at (650) 738-7035.