

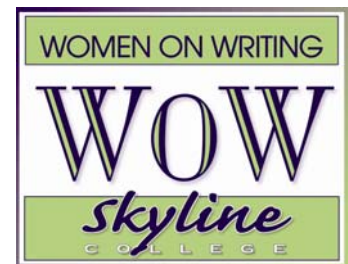


SKYLINE COLLEGE
EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 22, 2006

Death of a Skyline College student: It is with great sadness that Skyline announces that one of its students, Fredy Orellana, passed away on February 14, 2006. He was a student in Skyline's Automotive Technology program, in the A T-TEN classes and had successfully completed air-conditioning, brakes, chassis, engine repair, transmission, basic electrical, and advanced electrical. This was to be his last semester and he would have graduated in May 2006. He will be missed by the faculty, staff and students who knew him.

APPRECIATION

WOW! Women on Writing conference: This fourth *WOW!* conference was a great success and many Skyline faculty, staff and students contributed to the inspirational program and great turnout at this year's edition, which had more than 340 attendees. After three years of President's Innovation Fund support, *WOW!* is self-sustaining. Thanks to all of these *WOW!* creators, organizers and supporters:



- Associated Students of Skyline College.
- Language Arts Division, with the particular leadership of Marijane Datson, Anita Martinez, Katharine Harer, Kathleen de Azevedo Feinblum, Liza Erpelo, Dennis Eadus, Roxanne Morgan, Linda Vogel, Barbara Ustanko, Salumeh Eslamieh, Raquel Rojas, Lucia Lachmayr, Georgia Gero, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Connie Beringer and Kathy Fitzpatrick.
- Social Science and Creative Arts Division, in particular Donna Bestock.
- Skyline's Office of Development, Marketing and Public Information, including Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman, and Roxanne Brewer.
- *WOW!* Ambassadors, community volunteers who helped organize and promote the conference.
- Skyline librarians, Skyline Bookstore, and Skyline student volunteers, coordinated by Ilka Barcala including the Photography Club, Women in Transition Program and *Talisman* Magazine.
- Anyta Archer, Donna Elliott, Chuck Leach, Linda Hoy and Kathie Semenza.
- A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Lina Subilla of Lena's Flowers & Gifts, and other local merchants.
- The San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, and Board member Fran Eastman who financially supported *WOW!*

Hip Hop concert a huge success: In observance of Black History Month, the Black Student Union (BSU) sponsored a Hip Hop concert at the Main Theater on Friday, February 24 to benefit Katrina victims. The event drew more than 500 attendees,

including young people from the San Bruno/San Mateo area who were happy to be able to attend such an event in their community. The event provided a unique opportunity to attract a diverse group of students and non-students to Skyline. Frank McCoy, BSU, provided overall leadership in the planning and coordination of the event. He was supported by dedicated BSU advisors Dr. Tony Jackson, Professor Pat Deamer, Salah Webb, and Anyta Archer. In addition, the following Skyline faculty, staff, and students also assisted in the planning and were personally on hand to assist with the event: Guillermo Villanueva, Rich Tidd, Amory Cariadus, Kiiasha David, Jon Holloway, Steve King, Steve Cornejo, Shelly Hausman, Thommy Reyes, and officers from the San Bruno Police. Thanks as well to the Facilities staff who conducted the cleanup after the event.



Skyline leaders help high school students and their parents “plug into college”:

The first annual “Making the Connection: Plug into College” event for 9th through 12th grade high school students and their parents was held on Saturday, February 25. The event focused on academic and career resources for students who are considering college. With funding from the President’s Innovation Fund, this one-day event was hosted by the Minority Student Alliance along with MESA coordinator Tiffany Reardon, Financial Aid technicians Karen Chadwick and



Making the Connection provided information on academic and career resources for high school students who are considering college.

Erika Torres, and English instructor Liza Erpelo. Simultaneous workshops were held in English and Spanish and included *Writing a Personal Statement*, *Careers in Medicine*, *Women in Higher Education*, *Filipinos in Higher Education*, *Choosing a Career Path*, *Preparing for the SATs*, and *Overcoming Fears in Math*. Skyline counselor Pablo Gonzalez gave the keynote address, which featured excerpts from his recently published book, *The Caterpillar Factor*. Thanks to all of the students, faculty, and staff presenters who devoted their time and talents to this incredible event. In addition to the workshops, Stanford University’s Arbor Clinic provided free health screenings to all of the participants.

Student art murals go up: The construction fencing around the new Building 6 Student Support and Community Services Center has been enhanced by a series of twelve panels painted by students in Skyline’s art department.



Skyline wishes to thank the following people who made this project possible:

- Doug Henry, formerly Skyline’s Swinerton construction manager, for the idea;
- Donna Bestock, Dean of Social Sciences/Creative Arts, and the Art faculty and students for making it happen, for the art work, and for the weatherproofing;
- Richard Inokuchi, Diego Zarco and Sheikh Hussain of the Facilities staff for the installation.

Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science (EYH): Skyline College presented the 26th annual Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science, a conference for 6th through 12th grade young women, on Saturday, March 18. More than 800 girls participated this year. The conference teaches girls about career opportunities in math and science. Each girl attended workshops during the all-day conference, as well as met women who use science and math in their careers as well as women in non-traditional careers. Workshops were held in biotechnology, medicine and allied health, life sciences, physical sciences and computer science, and concurrent programs are available for parents.



Biology workshops were one of several programs available to EYH students.

The keynote speaker was Samantha Mohr, Chief Meteorologist with CBS 5. The Genentech Foundation provided funding to help support this event and make it possible. A special thanks to the tremendous volunteer efforts of Skyline’s faculty and staff who worked hard to serve our current and future students: EYH Co-chairs Christine Case and Shari Bookstaff, and planning committee members Daisy Araica, A. J. Bates, Don Biederman, Pat Carter, Ana Castro, Mousa Ghanma, Sandy Irber, Anne Jayne, Nick Kapp, Sue Lorenzo, Judy McKeever, Julie Mooney, Tiffany Reardon, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Omer Thompson, Kim Touneh, Mike Williamson and Ed Wodehouse.

Skyline's Gay-Straight Alliance presentation of *Brother Outsider*:

An award-winning film that explores the life of civil rights leader Bayard Rustin, an important civil rights leader in the mid-20th century, was presented at Skyline on March 20. Bayard Rustin was a friend, supporter, and advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was also openly gay. He was an organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, D.C. one of the largest non-violent protests ever held in the United States. *Brother Outsider* is a feature-length documentary portrait that focuses on Rustin's activism for peace, racial equality, economic justice and human rights. Students, faculty and staff attended the presentation which was made possible by the Skyline Student Activities Office. Skyline wishes to thank Amory Cariadus, Student Activities Coordinator, for purchasing the film and the GSA, along with chemistry instructor A. J. Bates, for organizing the event.



Bayard Rustin pictured with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PROGRAM NEWS

New International Studies major approved by State Chancellor's Office: Skyline has received approval from the State Chancellor's office to offer a major in International Studies starting this fall. This new major was put together by a large, enthusiastic, multi-disciplinary committee of faculty from the Social Science/Creative Arts and Language Arts division. It has core requirements that provide the students a common background in such areas as world history, literature, international relations and foreign languages. Students then choose one of four areas for concentration: Asia, Europe, Latin America or the Philippines. There are plans to add concentrations in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. Congratulations to all involved in this project.

Have you noticed those bright red class schedule dispensers around campus?

After the success of the bright red signs used during registration, Student Services decided to go a step further by purchasing bright red dispensers to make the Skyline class schedule more available to students, especially during times when the college is closed. Skyline has found that many times students and their families visit the college after hours and are interested in some general college information. Keeping with the college's "students-first philosophy", students no longer need to walk away empty-handed, but can leave the college with a class schedule in hand. The bright red dispensers have been placed in 10 strategic locations throughout the campus: main entrance to the Gallery Theatre, main entrance to Building 1, main entrance to the Main Theatre, main entrance to Building 2, main entrance to CTL, Bus Stop area, both entrances to Building 7, main entrance to the Library, and at the entrance to Pacific Heights facing Lot 5. Thanks to the Student Services Leadership Team for the idea (Lori Adrian, Amory Cariadus, Sherri Hancock, Linda Van Sciver, Maria Escobar, Doria Bernard and Jennifer Hughes), Dennis Tordesillas who coordinated purchase of the dispensers, and Manny Tablan for help with placing the dispensers around campus.

Orientation for new TRIO students: Skyline's Learning Center held an orientation attended by 50 new TRIO students and staff on February 22, 2006. The event organized by TRIO and Kababayan mentor Romeo Garcia and Skyline's TRIO peer mentors Sarah Figueroa and Michelle Bautista introduced the students to the range of academic support and counseling services available to project participants through a federal Student Support Services grant. The grant, refunded last year until 2009-10, provides 110 new students each year with academic support to help them reach their goal of transfer and/or graduation.



New TRIO students received information on Skyline's support services, transfer, graduation, and scholarships at the February orientation.

Skyline's holds forum on campus smoking policy: Thanks to the Academic Senate, the Classified Senate and the Associated Students of Skyline College for their work on the campus smoking forum held on March 15. It was well-attended—the Gallery Theater had standing room only. The program was well designed to provide the background on the issues and allow for open dialogue and our issues and options. The College Council will discuss the ideas which came up at its meeting next week, and will report back on the next steps. Skyline wishes to thank the College Council and Health and Safety Committee for developing the concept of the forum; Lori Adrian, Vice President of Student Services, for her leadership; panelists Tommie Phillips, Security Chief, Sherri Hancock, Dean of Enrollment Services, and Laravic Flores and Karen Licavoli-Farnkopf of the American Lung Association; Fermin Irigoyen, Speech instructor, for serving as moderator; and Carla Campillo, Ray Hernandez, Donna Elliott and ASSC rep Charles Lee for coordinating the forum.

Disability rights explored at Skyline seminar: Students, staff, and faculty participated in a one-day seminar called *Know Your Rights!* on March 16. Disability rights at both work and school were discussed. The seminar was presented by the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center of San Francisco in conjunction with the Workability III program at Skyline.

Educational and Facilities Master Planning project: Skyline is undertaking two important projects this spring, both related to the passage of the facilities bond measure last fall. One is an educational master planning process and the other focuses on the facilities themselves. A college-wide task force, called the Educational and Facilities Master Planning Task Force (EFMP), is working on these two projects together. The task force is comprised of members from the following Skyline groups: College Council, Institutional Planning Committee, Academic Senate Governing Council, Classified Senate Governing Council, Associated Students Governing Council, Management Council, and a DSPS specialist. In addition, there will be a

variety of other methods for providing input to these processes, including open college-wide forums. Cathy Hasson, Director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, has sent out an environmental scan, which consists of an analysis of national, state, county, and service area trends (i.e., demographic, economic, technology and high school grad projections), as well as planning assumptions which are drawn from the environmental scan data to all Skyline employees in order to obtain the broadest possible input. Employees are encouraged to provide suggestions on trends that are not mentioned in the environmental scan and/or trends that need pieces of information, as well as other planning assumptions that should be included in order to help define concrete strategies.

SKYLINE SHINES

Gandhi quotation is up on Building 6: Just a year ago, Skyline went through a college-wide process to select an inspirational quotation to appear on the face of the new Building 6 Student Support and Community Services Center and selected the following quotation from Mahatma Gandhi: *You must be the change you wish to see in the world.* It is now installed and may be viewed from the north side of the building. Skyline owes thanks to the district and Swinerton staff that helped the college to make this important improvement to the building, including Jose Nuñez, Linda Da Silva, Karen Powell, and Doug Henry.



Pacifica Sports Hall of Fame: Skyline Dean of Athletics Andreas Wolf served as Master of Ceremonies at the annual Pacifica Sports Hall of Fame Dinner held on February 25, 2006 at the Grosvenor Hotel in South San Francisco. Two former community college athletes, one from Skyline (Doug Hupke) and the other from CSM (Doreen Gutierrez) were inducted, along with two other former Pacifica athletes.

Skyline student wins San Mateo County Legal Secretaries Association

Scholarship: Congratulations to Skyline student Sangita D. Dutt, who won a \$500 scholarship from the San Mateo County Legal Secretaries Association (SMCLSA), a local nonprofit mutual benefit corporation consisting of legal secretaries and law office support staff in the state of California with a variety of programs and services. SMCLSA has approximately 2,500 members and 48 local associations throughout the state of California. Each year the SMCLSA offers scholarships to individuals in San Mateo County who would like to pursue a career in the legal field such as legal secretary (including receptionist), legal assistant (including paralegal), court reporter, and law office administrator.

Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recognized: There are 80 Phi Theta Kappa chapters in the Nevada/California Region; 75 chapters in California. The 2005

Nevada/California Regional Awards were given out this past weekend. Skyline's Beta theta Omicron chapter President, Lacey Slattery, received the Regional Outstanding Scholar Award for 2005. During 2005, chapter officers and members developed, implemented, and evaluated comprehensive Leadership and Scholarship programs. And, in December, officers wrote 1250-word essays describing these programs and their outcomes. Beta Theta Omicron won the Leadership Hallmark and was in the top three for the Scholarship Hallmark. Additionally, the Chapter won the website award and Chapter member William Taira won the International Honors Topic Essay Award. Please congratulate our Phi Theta Kappans and join me in thanking Christine Case for her leadership for this work.

Two Skyline students make Phi Theta Kappa's All-California Academic 3rd Team: The All-California Academic Team is a national competition sponsored by USA Today and the American Association of Community College Presidents (AACCP). Two Skyline students will be honored next month at the Community College League for being selected for the All-California Academic Team. Lee Ann Marie Butler-Owens, 47, from San Bruno, has earned a 3.73 GPA as an Early Education major at Skyline College. She is founder of Lullalee Productions & Services (LPS) a non-profit organization that provides magical events that promote story telling and reading. Lacey H. Slattery, 22, from Pacifica, has earned a 4.0 GPA as a History major at Skyline College. She is President of Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Theta Omicron chapter, and is a member of the Honors Transfer Club.



Lee Ann Marie Butler-Owens



Lacey H. Slattery

COMING EVENTS

Sixth Annual President's Breakfast, March 23, 2006: Skyline President Vicki Morrow and the President's Council are hosting this year's President's Breakfast, which will take place on March 23. It is a vital activity in terms of building understanding of the mission and values of the college and generating support for the President's Innovation Fund. The complimentary breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center at 255 South Airport Blvd. Please contact Roxanne Brewer at brewer@smccd.edu or 650-738-4325 for additional information.

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Please RSVP by March 17
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Skyline Stars: Transfer Student Hall of Fame, March 27, 2006: The entire campus community, including Skyline students are invited to the second annual event honoring several outstanding former Skyline College transfer students who have gone on to achieve outstanding educational and career success. Refreshments will be served. This year the honorees are Mark Simon, Dolores Victor, Gracie Hough, Helen

Zhang, Andy Davis, Violeta Borjas and Vu Tran. The celebration will be held in the Gallery Theatre from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

National Library Week Festivities, April 3-7, 2006: Festivities are planned throughout the week in celebration of National Library Week and will culminate in a special presentation on April 7 at 11:00 a.m. by Kevin Starr, Professor of History at the University of Southern California, and former California State Librarian. This will be Dr. Starr's second visit to Skyline College. Nearly ten years ago, on September 25, 1996, he was the keynote speaker at the dedication ceremony for Building 5, which houses the library. Dr. Starr's appearance is funded by the President's Innovation Fund.

Student Art Exhibit, beginning April 19, 2006: Skyline students are invited to submit their works to the annual art exhibition, which begins April 19. This is a juried exhibition, which means that a guest curator will select the works to be shown in the exhibition. The guest curator will be DeWitt Cheng, a noted writer/critic for *Art Week* and other art publications, and a painter of Surrealist style works. The call for works will be April 3-5 and judging will take place on April 6 or 7. A reception for the artists will be held on Wednesday, April 26th, to coincide with the President's Chambers of Commerce mixer from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Mr. Cheng will talk about his impressions and selection process of the art works submitted to the show.