



SKYLINE COLLEGE EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

APPRECIATION

At the front door of Skyline: During the first couple of weeks of the term, there are a number of people at Skyline whose service to students rises to a particularly high level of importance. At this time, many students are new to the college and friendly, helpful contact is very meaningful. Skyline wishes to thank the staff, faculty and administrators of Admissions and Records, the Cashier's Office, Assessment, Financial Aid, Counseling, EOPS, DSPS, the One-Stop Information Center, the Library, the Educational Services Office and the Division Offices for their critical role in welcoming students and helping them find their way.

ASSC Welcomes Back Students: The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) held its Fifth Annual Welcome Week Celebration on August 18-24, 2005.

Welcome Week events for new and returning students included a Club Fair, Ice Cream Social, and information tables throughout the week. In addition, more than 500 students enjoyed a barbecue lunch and the ever-popular Pancake Breakfast served more than 700 students. Members of the Associated Student Council, along with volunteer faculty and staff, distributed information regarding student government and free copies of the Student Handbook/Academic Planner were distributed to 2,500 students.

Foundation awards \$25,000 to President's Innovation Fund: At its annual donor reception on September 15, the San Mateo County Community College Foundation presented Skyline President Vicki Morrow with a contribution of \$25,000 to support the President's Innovation Fund and student scholarships. Skyline wishes to thank the foundation for this vital contribution to the college and its students.



Kenny Gonzalez, Coordinator of the One Stop Information Center, assists a student during Opening Week.



Reference librarian Amy Titus with Skyline student Zulaikha Diaz.



ASSC members (from left to right) Ben Gonzalez, Charles Lee, and Hamish Kumaran distributed student handbooks during Opening Week.

Skyline has new Gallery Theatre banner: New signage has been placed throughout the Skyline campus this fall and that includes a new banner to direct people coming to the Gallery Theatre. Thanks to Kenny Gonzalez, Coordinator of the One Stop Information Center, for making the arrangements and to Richard Inokuchi, Facilities Operations Manager, and the facilities staff for hanging it.



PROGRAM NEWS

Center for Workforce Development holds biotechnology seminar: The Center for Workforce Development hosted a seminar for Bay Area community colleges called "Developing the Biotechnology Workforce: Sharing Strategies and Developing Partnerships" on Friday, September 16, 2005 at the Westin San Francisco Airport. Designed for faculty, administrators, and economic and workforce development specialists from the Bay Area's community colleges, the seminar featured biotechnology industry representatives and education specialists who addressed how community colleges are meeting the biotechnology workforce challenge and what is needed.

Associated Students of Skyline College elect new Student Body President: Second-year student Taylor Angel was elected 2005-06 Skyline College Student Body President in a two-day runoff election held on September 6-7. Angel previously served as a senator and commissioner of public records.



*New ASSC President Taylor Angel.
(Photo courtesy of Carina Woudenberg,
Skyline View.)*

Student Learning Outcomes Steering Committee hosts workshop: Skyline instructional and student services staff attended a hands-on workshop at the San Mateo Marriott on September 23 where they gained an understanding of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), gained confidence in writing SLOs, and explored ways to assess SLOs at the course level. The workshop was led by three Bakersfield Community College faculty – two instructional faculty and one counselor – who are experienced with SLOs and have led SLOs workshops at many California community colleges. A special thanks to Karen Wong, Skyline Professor of English and SLOAC chair for organizing the workshop.

Los Angeles entertainer presents workshops at Skyline: Jazz vocalist and actress Ellen Johnson presented two workshops to Diana Cushway's dance students and Jude Navari's voice students on September 15-16. Workshops focused on building a career in the performing arts and improving singing and interpretive skills. Johnson holds a master's degree in vocal performance. She is the founder and president of the Jazz Vocal Coalition and jazz editor of *Singer & Musician* magazine.

The National Economic Development and Law Center's National Network of Sector Partners Brings "Skills Academy" to Skyline College: The Sector Skills Academy was created by three well-known organizations in the sectoral workforce development field: The Aspen Institute Workforce Strategies Initiative, the National Network of Sector Partners (NNSP), and Public/Private Ventures. The Academy provides emerging leaders throughout the United States with an opportunity for experiential learning with practical application for present and future work in the sector field. The Academy consists of four workshops between June 2005 and July 2006, designed for participants to acquire new skills, engage in peer exchange and benefit from relationships with mentors. The Bio-manufacturing Certificate Program partnership at Skyline College was selected by NNSP to host one of the workshops on September 20, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presenters included Regina Stanback-Stroud, Vice President of Instruction, Skyline College; Linda Collins, Director, CCC Board of Governor's Career Ladders Project; Paige Lloyd, Senior College Programs Consultant, Genentech, Inc.; Emma Gonzalez, San Mateo County Workforce Development; William Watson, Director, Center for Workforce Development, Skyline College; and Michael Williamson, Dean, Science, Math, Technology, Skyline College.

SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline professor displays photography at Peace Corps exhibit: The spirit of Asia is captured in the photography of Skyline Math Professor Tadashi Tsuchida, now on display at the San Francisco Peace Corps office. The photographs were taken by Tsuchida during his journeys through Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos this summer. Tsuchida's work may be viewed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peace Corps office located at 333 Market Street, Suite 600, San Francisco now through November 30, 2005.



*Four novices at Wat Saen
- Tadashi Tsuchida*

Automotive Technology students win scholarships: Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association awarded SEMA memorial scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each to Krista Kelly, who recently graduated from Skyline with her AS degree, and auto tech student Julia Johnson. In addition, Johnson won the Car Care Council Women's Board scholarship in the amount of \$500. Both women are currently working in the automotive field.

Emergency preparedness training and drill: Members of Skyline's staff will be undergoing an emergency response training and drill on October 19 and 20. This training has been planned since last spring and has now become even more relevant and pressing since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A classroom training session will be held on October 19 and a "tabletop" exercise involving the handling of a simulated earthquake and other related emergencies will be held on October 20. Students from

the Emergency Medical Technician program will participate as simulated victims. Staff will practice responding to the mock disaster using Skyline's Nextel emergency phone/radio system. The college will be collaborating with the San Bruno Police and Fire Departments. The college hopes to hone its skills and identify areas in which it needs to improve its emergency preparedness. Later this term, Skyline will hold its regular annual training for Building Captains and Floor Monitors.

Former Skyline art student honored: Frank Massa, a Skyline art student of Ellen Lowenstein, received an Honorable Mention at the San Mateo County Fair in August 2005 for his submission of a stone sculpture that he made while in Lowenstein's class. He was inspired by Lowenstein to travel to Italy to learn stone carving. Last spring, he acquired his own studio and left Skyline, a successful art student out on his own. Since that time he has had his work exhibited at a gallery in Palo Alto and also exhibited at a local fair in San Bruno.

Skyline to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina victims: A group of students, faculty and staff led by ASCC Vice President Peter Monrroy, is meeting weekly to plan relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims. The planning group includes people involved in a number of related efforts, including a blood drive and other fundraising approaches. Many clubs are involved. Plans for a New Orleans style barbecue and concert are being finalized. The event will include both midday and evening components so that day and evening students, faculty, and staff can participate. Skyline is also seeking to assist with accommodating dislocated students. Students from the Skyline service area who have been at college in the area affected by the hurricane are returning home and may want to continue their studies at Skyline until their college is operational. Skyline plans to accommodate them if possible, and where appropriate, in current or late start classes.

Geology professor is featured speaker at coastal events:

Mel Zucker was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Pacifica on August 16 where he presented information on the fault zones of Pacifica, the 1906 earthquake on the San Andreas Fault, and the upcoming events commemorating the 1906 earthquake, which are being held at Skyline College in October 2005. Zucker also led a docent enrichment lecture on sea level changes for the Friends of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, which was held at the Greenhouse in Montara on August 27.



Mel Zucker, Skyline Geology Professor and earthquake expert.

Skyline College wins San Mateo County Human Services Agency (SMCHSA)

award: In ceremonies held on September 21 in Foster City, the SMCHSA announced that Skyline has been selected to receive the 2005 Success Award in the Community Partner Category. Citing excellence in commitment to helping San Mateo County residents achieve economic self-sufficiency, the award acknowledges the Skyline College Bio-manufacturing Certificate Program and Gateway Program partnership with the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board and Genentech,

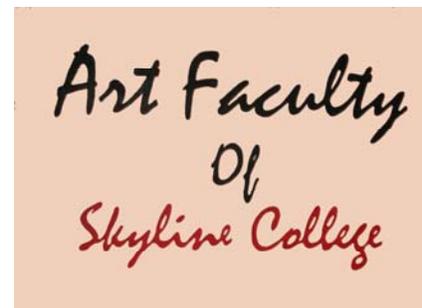
Inc. The award includes: commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, recognition from the California Legislature including Assembly Members Gene Mullin, Ira Ruskin, and Leland Y. Yee, recognition from Senators Jackie Speier and S. Joseph Simitian, and a certificate of appreciation from Tom Lantos, member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Skyline Art Instructor exhibiting works in Mexico City: Paul Bridenbaugh is one of several artists from California, Mexico, and New York who will be displaying their paintings at the Exhibition, “boys meet girls” at Salon Centro in Mexico City. The series of works are being featured as a “Salon” group show. The exhibit opened on September 21 and will run through October 26.

Former Skyline bookstore manager honored: Maria Murtagh was Skyline’s first bookstore manager and is currently director of the student store at University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. She was honored by the National Association of College Stores (NACS) with its first NACS Aspen Award, which recognizes a professional in the collegiate retailing industry who has made continuous, notable contributions to the education and professional development efforts of the association and advanced the industry through learning activities. Murtagh has served as director of the UOP School of Dentistry’s student store for nearly 20 years. Prior to her career at UOP, she served as Skyline College’s first bookstore manager when the college opened in 1969 until 1986.

EVENTS

Faculty Art Show, September 12-October 14, 2005: Skyline College is blessed with an art faculty which represents a range of approaches and tremendous talent. The Fall 2005 Faculty Art show opened on September 12 and a reception for the artists was held on September 14. The exhibit will run through October 13. For gallery hours, please visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skygallery



Screening of *Brothers*, September 28, 2005: A 52-minute documentary exploring the interpersonal dynamics of brothers and their societal influence will be shown on September 28, 2005 from 1-2 p.m. in the Main Theater. First-time director Fermin Irigoyen, Speech faculty member at Skyline, uses his relationship with his brother and that of his nephews as a base for studying brotherly relationships by using sets of featured brothers ranging from ages 20-50. Irigoyen addresses topics such as how each of the brothers perceive each other and what leads to those perceptions, verbal/ nonverbal communication between

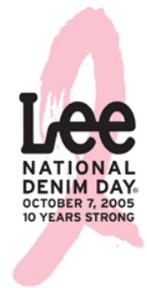


Brotherly relationships are explored in a new documentary film by Speech instructor Fermin Irigoyen.

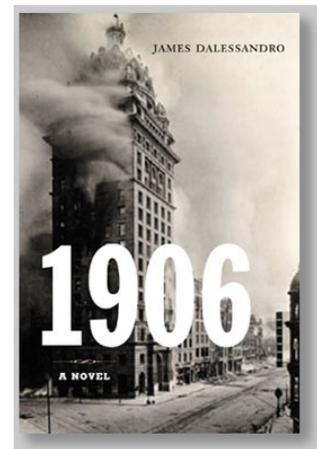
brothers, conflict resolution and numerous appealing childhood stories that shaped these guys to the men they are today. Irigoyen believes that *Brothers* provides an opportunity for reflection upon relationships among siblings and understanding of individual interpersonal dynamics. A one-hour discussion will be held following the viewing of the film. The project was funded by the President's Innovation Fund in 2004-05.

Automotive and Business Tech Prep Field Trip, September 29, 2005: Students enrolled in Tech Prep courses at local high schools and the San Mateo Regional Occupational Program will have an opportunity to explore Skyline's automotive and business programs at a one-day field trip on September 29. Participating students are from Jefferson Union High School District, South San Francisco Unified School District, Regional Occupational Program, and San Mateo Union High School District. Following the field trip, the Automotive Department will host a barbecue.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2005: Skyline College's Health Center will be posting information throughout the month of October on breast cancer awareness and will lead fundraising efforts by encouraging Skyline students and staff to participate in the Lee National Denim Day on October 7. The Health Center is seeking donations of \$5.00 per person. Contributors will be given a pink ribbon to wear on October 7 when they wear their denims to work. All funds raised will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Fund.

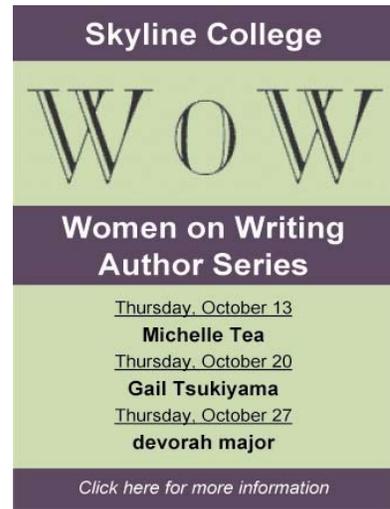


1906 Earthquake centennial commemoration lecture, October 4, 2005: Skyline College will present novelist and Hollywood screenwriter James Dalessandro, in the Main Theatre at Skyline College in San Bruno on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Dalessandro will discuss his book, 1906: A Novel and present a 19-minute documentary on the 1906 earthquake, *The Damnedest, Finest Ruins*, in which Lucas Film has animated still photographs of the disaster into a riveting presentation. Funded by the Skyline College President's Innovation Fund, this program brings a part of the Bay Area's 1906 earthquake centennial commemoration to the Skyline College community. Light refreshments will be served and the presentation is free and open to the public. Copies of 1906: A Novel will be available for purchase in the Main Theatre lobby and a book signing will follow the presentations. Dalessandro's presentation will be videotaped for an episode of "*Down to Earth*," which is produced by the Skyline College Geosciences Professors Mel Zucker and Richard Lambert. The shows are presented on Pacifica Community Television, Peninsula TV, and Mid-Coast TV.



2005 Bay Area Early Childhood Conference, October 8, 2005: The San Mateo Association for the Education of Young Children will hold its annual conference at Cañada College on Saturday, October 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Skyline College's new full-time ECE faculty member, Kate Williams-Browne will give the keynote address. The theme of the conference is School Readiness – Respecting and Nurturing the Whole Child: Teachers, Parents and Communities.

Skyline Women on Writing (WOW!) Author Series, October 2005: Three local authors will present their works in conjunction with the Literature 166, Women on Writing Course at Skyline College. On October 13, Michelle Tea, author of four memoirs, including Rent Girl and Valencia, about being a poor, working-class queer female in America, will discuss her works. On October 20, Gail Tsukiyama, the author of five novels, including Women of the Silk, The Samurai's Garden, and Dreaming Water, will present. 2002 Poet Laureate of San Francisco devorah major presents her anthology, the other side of the postcard, which features poems she gathered as Poet Laureate. The WOW! Author Series is made possible by a donation from the Skyline College President's Innovation Fund. All sessions will be held in Building 7, Room 7-106, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please call 650-738-4324 for more information.



The poster features a purple header with the text "Skyline College" in white. Below this is a light green section with the letters "W O W" in a large, stylized, black serif font. Underneath is a purple section with the text "Women on Writing Author Series" in white. The bottom half of the poster is light green and lists the following information: "Thursday, October 13" followed by "Michelle Tea", "Thursday, October 20" followed by "Gail Tsukiyama", and "Thursday, October 27" followed by "devorah major". At the very bottom, a purple bar contains the text "Click here for more information" in white.