



**SKYLINE COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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**APPRECIATION**

**Pilipino Cultural Night:** Skyline College's Filipino Student Union presented the second annual Pilipino Cultural Night – an event that expresses the spirit of the Filipino American experience. It was a spectacular event with well over 50 students, faculty and staff members participating. Students were involved in a musical in a musical production which they wrote and performed, with the guidance of their professor, Liza Erpelo, counselors Nate Nevado and Jeff Acidera, and staff members



Romeo Garcia and Erwin Javellana. The production was entitled “Roundtrip: Balik Sambayanan” and explores the experiences of two young people—one Filipino-American eager to see the Phillipines and explore his roots there, and one Filipino eager to see the United States and escape her home country. Their stories intersect, and mirror each other in a rich and fascinating way. The evening concluded with recognition of 15 students who will be transferring in the fall.

**ESOL Super Saturday:** On Saturday, May 13, Skyline hosted an ESOL Super Saturday event. The event was hugely successful, with 85 participants present. Participants completed the college application and ESOL placement testing. In the typical Skyline fashion, the staff present were flexible and helped provide information in English, Spanish and Chinese. After a pizza lunch, ESOL faculty provided information about course offerings and Admissions staff helped students complete their registration. Participants arrived with uncertainty and apprehension, but left as happily enrolled Skyline students! The Super Saturday event is part of a President's Innovation Fund Award designed to encourage enrollment at Skyline of ESL students and to follow them through the successful completion of their courses.

**“Viva L’Opera! Viva L’Amore!”:** Skyline’s concert choir held two performances on May 6 and May 9, 2006. Conducted by music professor and choir director, Jude Navari, the performance featured accompanist Lindsey Hugg with guest soloists Sonia Gariaeff, mezzo-soprano, and John Dooley, baritone. The choir presented Henry Purcell’s “Dido and Aeneas” as well as opera and musical theatre favorites by Offenbach, Bizet, Verdi,

Gershwin and Bernstein. This Baroque opera was accompanied by harpsichord, along with a professional string ensemble, led by Virginia Smedberg.

**“Take Back Mothers Day” Event:** The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC), along with Culture Comes Alive, hosted this event on May 11. The program featured a reading of an original Civil War era proclamation by Julia Ward Howe that called for the end of war. Published and student poets also read and there was music and a presentation from the mother of an Iraqi War veteran.

**Spring Dance Concert is a great success:** Skyline held its 20<sup>th</sup> annual dance concert on May 4 and 5 and it was an amazing evening of student work in terms of both performance and choreography. The dance concert embraced an eclectic variety of dance forms including everything from Polynesian to tap, swing, Brazilian, ballet, hip-hop and modern. The pieces were quite varied, beautiful, funny and surprising. The concert

included participation by the South San Francisco High School and Holy Angels Grammar School.



Thanks to Skyline Dance Instructor and Artistic Director Diana Cushway for her leadership on this outstanding production, to the other faculty and staff who helped make it happen, and to all of the students for their hard work both on-stage and behind-the-scenes.

**Student Art Exhibit:** Skyline College’s annual student art exhibit was held during the month of April and was followed with a reception on April 26 honoring the students whose art was selected for the exhibit. Judging of the student art was held in early April by guest curator and painter, DeWitt Cheng, who is also a noted writer/critic for Art Week. He talked about his impressions and selection process of the art works submitted to the show. Skyline wishes to congratulate all of the students whose work was displayed and to thank art instructor Arthur Takayama for his efforts in coordinating the exhibit.



*Student Xiomara Quevedo and her sculpture, which was selected for the 2006 Student Art Exhibit.*

## PROGRAM NEWS

**Viva la acreditación:** Skyline faculty, staff, administrators and students have been hard at work on a first draft of the accreditation self-study. In typical Skyline fashion, a celebration was held on May 5 to recognize the completion of this key first phase of the

work. A special thanks to Biology instructor Nick Kapp for organizing the event, as well as Ray Hernandez, Perry Dair, Carla Campillo, Donna Bestock and Julene Rhoan for doing the cooking and preparation.

**Educational and Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) Project:** On May 11, Steinberg Architects met with the college in an Open Forum to present and discuss the two Facilities Master Plan approaches they have drafted for Skyline College. Steinberg Architects have been meeting with people at the college, studying campus facilities and examining the Draft Education Master Plan, and their presentation reflects that research. Discussion was lively and productive and provided the architects with a great deal of valuable information to help shape their ultimate recommendation of a single approach. Steinberg Architects' presentation may be viewed at this link on the Skyline website:  
<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skynotes>

**Intramural tennis tournament:**

Skyline held a successful intramural tennis tournament on May 10. Twenty-nine Skyline students participated. The winners of three different divisions were: Women's Division: Rayna Tam; Advanced Division: Eddie Estares; and Beginning Division: Jose Paredes. A representative from the United States Tennis Association, Dave Hong, presented the awards to the students who participated, and was impressed with the event. Skyline wishes to thank P.E. instructor and tennis coach Mike Fitzgerald for his leadership for this event.



*Skyline P.E. instructor and coach Kevin Corsiglia (top row, far left) and P.E. instructor and tennis coach Mike Fitzgerald (top row, center) pictured with tennis players who competed in the intramural tennis tournament.*

**New Classified Council board:** Donna Elliott, outgoing President of the Classified Council, has announced the members of the new Classified Council Board for 2006 – 2008. Assuming their duties on June 1, the new members are: Linda Allen, President; Linda Herda, Vice President; Barbara Lamson, Secretary; Theresa Tentes, Treasurer; and Pablo Gonzalez, Parliamentarian. Skyline wishes to congratulate all of these people.

**Honors Transfer Program leadership:** Skyline English Professor Katherine Harer will be the new Honors Transfer Program coordinator, effective this summer. Katherine brings a wealth of skill, experience, and enthusiasm to her new duties. The Honors Transfer Program was initiated in 2000. The program currently serves 338 academically talented students of diverse backgrounds. Connie Beringer is stepping down as coordinator after six years of fabulous service to the program. Skyline would like to thank Connie for a job well done and congratulate Katherine on her selection.

**Logo redesign process:** Skyline is getting ready for the second annual spring online poll on an important symbol for the college. Last spring the campus selected the inscription

for the new Student Center. This spring a similar process will be used to select the college's new logo. Focus Groups reviewed two sample logos and found that there was discomfort with the process used to narrow down to those two logos. To accommodate that concern, and to broaden participation in the selection process, Skyline is rolling the process back to the point in time at which there were more than 30 potential logos. On May 8, the Fresh Look Advisory Group and the College Council met together to participate in culling them down. In addition, Mission Minded, the consultant which has been assisting Skyline with this redesign, created additional logo options based on the current logo to include in the discussion by the same group on May 15. There is now a short list of four logos ready for an online poll such as was used in selecting the inscription for Building 6. That online poll will probably take place during the week of May 15 and will be accompanied by a display of sample class schedules in the Cafeteria so that people can see the logos in context. The college hopes to end up with a great logo and as well as achieve excellent participation in its selection as well. Staff and faculty will also encourage student participation as their input will be critical.

## SKYLINE SHINES

### **Skyline College receives \$450,000 to strengthen biotechnology education links between high schools, regional occupation programs, and community colleges:**

Skyline College learned that it will be awarded a \$450,000 grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office. The funding supports improved linkages between the career and technical curricula of the public schools and community colleges. Skyline College will lead a consortium called BIOMAPS, (Biotechnology Instruction Organizations Map Articulated Pathways for Success). The BIOMAPS consortium includes: Gene Connection, Capuchino High School, Career Ladders Project, San Mateo High School, Carlmont High School, San Mateo County Regional Occupation Program (ROP), BayBIO Institute, Northern California Biotechnology Center, Bio-Link, Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Laney College, and Skyline College.

**Skyline student wins Pister scholarship:** Skyline College student Daniel Tostado has recently won the University of California, Santa Cruz's 2006 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award. Tostado, who resides in South San Francisco, earned the prestigious award that consists of a \$10,000 annual scholarship, awardable over two years, as well as a paid or volunteer summer work experience complementing his academic studies, between junior and senior year. Daniel will graduate from Skyline this spring with an Associate's Degree. While at Skyline, he was a Campus Ambassador, President of the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), and participated in the Puente program. He also tutors third-, fourth- and fifth-graders and is active on a gang prevention committee for the City of South San Francisco. He will attend UCSC in the fall to study literature. The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award recognizes students who have made a demonstrated commitment to assisting and improving the lives of others and fosters the transfer of accomplished students from community colleges in the UCSC region. The candidates are nominated by the presidents of each of 13 regional community colleges.



**Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa students shine:** Our Phi Theta Kappans just returned from the International Convention. There are 1,600 Phi Theta Kappa chapters at community colleges in several countries. Most of the chapters are in the United States. During the academic year, chapters develop and implement programs in Leadership, Scholarship, and Service.

Skyline's chapter, Beta Theta Omicron, was received the Leadership and Scholarship Hallmark Awards for 2006 and was recognized as a distinguished Chapter. Only 25 chapters can receive these awards. Please congratulate chapter members and officers: (Pictured from left to right)



Lacey Slattery, President (Pacifica); Angela Rayfield, Vice President Scholarship (South San Francisco); Nasim Naderseresht, President-elect (San Francisco); Emi Matsuura, Vice President Operations (South San Francisco); and Winny Pratiwi, Vice President Communications (Daly City).

**Two Skyline faculty have art exhibitions:** Skyline math instructor and photographer Tadashi Tsuchida and art instructor and painter Laura Siegel currently have art exhibitions underway. The exhibits are open to the public and the dates and locations are:

- Tadashi Tsuchida, "Spirit of Asia", April 26-June 15 in conjunction with Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. EBMUD Oakland Administration Building, Second Floor Lobby, 375 11<sup>th</sup> Street (between Webster and Franklin). The exhibit hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. For information call 510-287-0138.



*Tadashi Tsuchida's "H'mong Woman Planting Rice."*

- Laura Siegel, "Paintings and Drawings", May 11-August 31 at the Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Avenue, Berkeley (near the intersection of Claremont and Ashby). The exhibit hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 11 am-6 pm.



*Laura Siegel's "Jacaranda Trees, Mexico."*

**Skyline wins federal grant for Asian Studies project:** Thanks to the efforts of Hui Pate, professor of Business, Skyline has received notification from the federal Department of Education that the college's grant proposal entitled "Building Bridges for Asian Studies: Language, Commerce and Cultures Program" has been selected for funding for the Title VIA Grant Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign language (UISFL) program.

**Student mural in the Theatre lobby:**

Take a look at the drawing mural in the Main Theatre Lobby café. It is the work of students in Paul

Bridenbaugh's beginning drawing class. The mural is based on a Mayan vase from about 750 C.E. and depicts the God L and 6 minor deities on the first day of creation. The students who produced the mural were learning how to enlarge from small source materials to large scale. By putting it together in

this way, they produced a work that is both traditional and contemporary. The class learned about similar techniques used by artists in Egypt, India, renaissance Europe, and Mexico as well as learning about Mayan culture.



**COMING EVENTS**

- May 18 Talisman Awards, Gallery Theatre, 12:30 pm
- May 18 Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony, Main Theatre, 4:00 pm
- May 19 Classified Staff Service Awards Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 11:30-1:30 pm
- May 20 Automotive Awards Banquet, Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, 6:00-10:00 pm
- May 23 End of Year Celebration and Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 12 noon-2:00 pm
- May 26 Commencement, South San Francisco Conference Center, 8:00 pm