

**SKYLINE COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2006**

**APPRECIATION**

**Automotive Ribbon Cutting**

Skyline’s Automotive Department faculty, staff and students have been on a truly wild ride during the renovation of their facilities – a ride that involved big changes in their instruction schedule and adapting to many challenges. They have won through to the other side of all that and are enjoying the beautiful upgraded classrooms and shops along with many invisible improvements such as seismic upgrading. Congratulations to Dean of Business Margery Meadows, Automotive Department Coordinator Rick Escalambre, and faculty and staff Tom Broxholm, Jerry Ciruolo, Perry Dair, Dan Ming, Alex Pfaeffle, Clydie Rizzo, Don Ross, Paul Spakowski and Kevin Sullivan, and to the adjunct faculty and the students of the program. Thanks to the staff from the district, Swinerton and John Plane Construction for their heroic efforts to bring it all together. On a sunny December 5, the program held its annual holiday automotive luncheon with delicious food provided by students, faculty and staff. Following the luncheon, the ribbon cutting ceremony took place.



*Automotive students pictured at the department’s annual holiday luncheon.*



*Board Vice President Karen Schwarz cuts the ribbon at the auto center. Pictured from left to right: Student trustee Michael Young, Karen Schwarz, President Vicki Morrow, Automotive Coordinator Rick Escalambre, Board Member Richard Holober, VP of Instruction Regina Stanback-Stroud, and Business Dean Margery Meadows.*

**“American Blackout: Take a Stand!”**

On October 27, Skyline hosted the showing and discussion of the film “American Blackout: Take a Stand!” The political documentary, directed by Guerrilla News Network’s Ian Inaba, won the 2006 Sundance Special Jury Prize and *LA Weekly* writes that it is “One of the most important political [documentaries] of the last several years.” The event was sponsored by the Adewole Project, Black Student Union and ASTEP and funded by the President’s Innovation Fund.



*“American Blackout” filmmaker Ian Inaba (center) is pictured with some of the Skyline faculty and students.*

### **Poet Ellery Akers appears at Skyline**

Bay Area Poet and WOW! 2007 presenter Ellery Akers spoke at Skyline on November 14. Her appearance was sponsored by Culture Comes Alive, ASSC, Honors Transfer Program, the Honors Club and the *WOW! 2007* conference. Ms. Akers read new poems and signed copies of her book, *Knocking on the Earth*. She has won six national writing awards and published poetry and essays in a wide range of books and journals. Skyline English Instructor Katharine Harer reported that more than 40 people attended the reading at the café in the theatre lobby. She said, “Many of my creative writing class students asked good questions that gave Ellery an opportunity to share ideas about writing — how to start, how to cultivate a writing habit, techniques and tips that were very useful to my students.”



*Poet Ellery Akers*

### **Viva la Accreditación!**

Thanks to Skyline’s Accreditation Chairs Ray Hernandez and Donna Bestock and all of the accreditation Steering Committee members and the writing teams for their efforts to complete a thorough and candid self study report. The committee celebrated the completion with a barbecue for faculty, staff and students on December 1. It marked an important milestone as the second draft is pulled together in preparation for sharing it with the college as a whole.



### **SKYLINE SHINES**

#### **Escobar named to state board**

Skyline wishes to congratulate EOPS Director Maria Escobar who has been named to the executive board of the 2007 California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association. She will serve as the EOPS liaison to the board.

#### **Skyline represented at Accounting Educators Roundtable**

The California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA) sponsored the *Accounting Educators Roundtable* on November 5, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. Representing Skyline College was part-time business faculty member, Hellen Zhang. The Accounting Educators Committee is committed to building and maintaining strong relationships with California Accounting faculty. Thirteen attendees focused on a variety of accounting issues

including licensure exam hours, CPA mobility issues, quality accounting education, and connecting practitioners to careers in academia.

### **Keep Skyline beautiful**

The Phi Theta Kappa International Service Project is Keep America Beautiful. To work toward that goal, members of Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Beta Theta Omicron, picked up cigarette butts on campus and sponsored a contest for students to guess the number of butts collected in one afternoon. Four contest winners received \$24 Borders gift cards. The chapter gave out pocket ashtrays the day of the contest. The correct answer was that over 2000 cigarette butts were picked up in that one afternoon.



### **PROGRAM NEWS**

#### **Hermanos program kickoff**

Skyline had an inspiring kickoff to the new Hermanos program on November 6. The program is a learning community for Latino males at South San Francisco High School, aimed at connecting them to their education and to their potential for college work. It was clear from presentations by members of the group themselves that this partnership between Skyline and the high school and community is off to a tremendous start. It is funded by the President's Innovation Fund as well as the Peninsula Community Foundation. Skyline leaders who dreamed it up and are making it happen include Pablo Gonzalez, Kenny Gonzalez, Jacquie Escobar, Félix Pérez, Adolfo Leiva and other members of the Latinos Unidos Task Force.

#### **Great American Smokeout**

The "Great American Smokeout" was presented on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, through the Respiratory Therapy Program and the Health Center at Skyline College with participation from Breathe California. The Health Center and Breathe California provided information on the negative effects of smoking and effective ways to quit. Students in



the Respiratory Therapy Program performed free lung screenings for many members of the College community. These screenings included measurement of heart rate, respiratory rate, and blood pressure. Blood oxygen levels were measured by pulse oximetry and participants were able to test how well they were able to force air out of their lungs by measuring their peak expiratory flow rates (PEFR). Respiratory Therapy students were able to competently apply skills learned in the program and educate smokers and non-smokers alike about how

smoking and other environmental exposures can affect their lungs. The “Great American Smokeout” is sponsored nationally by the American Cancer Society on the third Thursday of November each year.

### **First Year Experience update**

Following a successful launch in September 2006, the Foundations of Excellence in the First Year experience project (FYE) is now in full swing. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators who have volunteered to serve on various dimension committees have begun their work. Dimension committees have been having conversations focusing on philosophy, organization, learning, campus culture, transitions, all students, diversity, roles and purposes, and improvement. They describe these conversations as engaged, energetic, honest, reflective, instructive and, most of all, full of possibilities and ideas for developing a comprehensive and integrated plan for Skyline’s first year students. An introductory video, written and produced by Instructors Rachel Bell and Lucia Lachmayr in collaboration with their students, may be viewed at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skytlc/fye.htm>.

### **Book for diversity days’ program this spring**

The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEEED) Advisory Committee assists Skyline College in fulfilling its commitment to celebrate the intellectual, educational, and social benefits of diversity. To that end, SEEED is working on Diversity Days, a celebration of Skyline’s diversity on April 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The title of the event is “Who Are We – Fascinating Rhythms.” As part of the event, the college will have guest speakers and musical presentations. Other musical events will be held in February and March. The college is also asking the Skyline Community to tell who they are through a photo collage and writing assignment. With the assistance of the Academic Senate, the SEEED Committee has also chosen a book that emphasizes the college’s diversity. *The Color of Water* by James McBride is about a black man's tribute to his white Jewish mother. Instructors will adopt the book for their class and ask students to participate in a writing assignment, even if it is not a writing class, to earn extra credit.

### **New Phi Theta Kappa members**

Each semester Skyline College’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Beta Theta Omicron, hosts an induction ceremony for new members. This November, 43 Skyline students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. They were welcomed into Phi Theta Kappa by Chancellor Ron Galatolo.



## **PLANNING & RESEARCH**

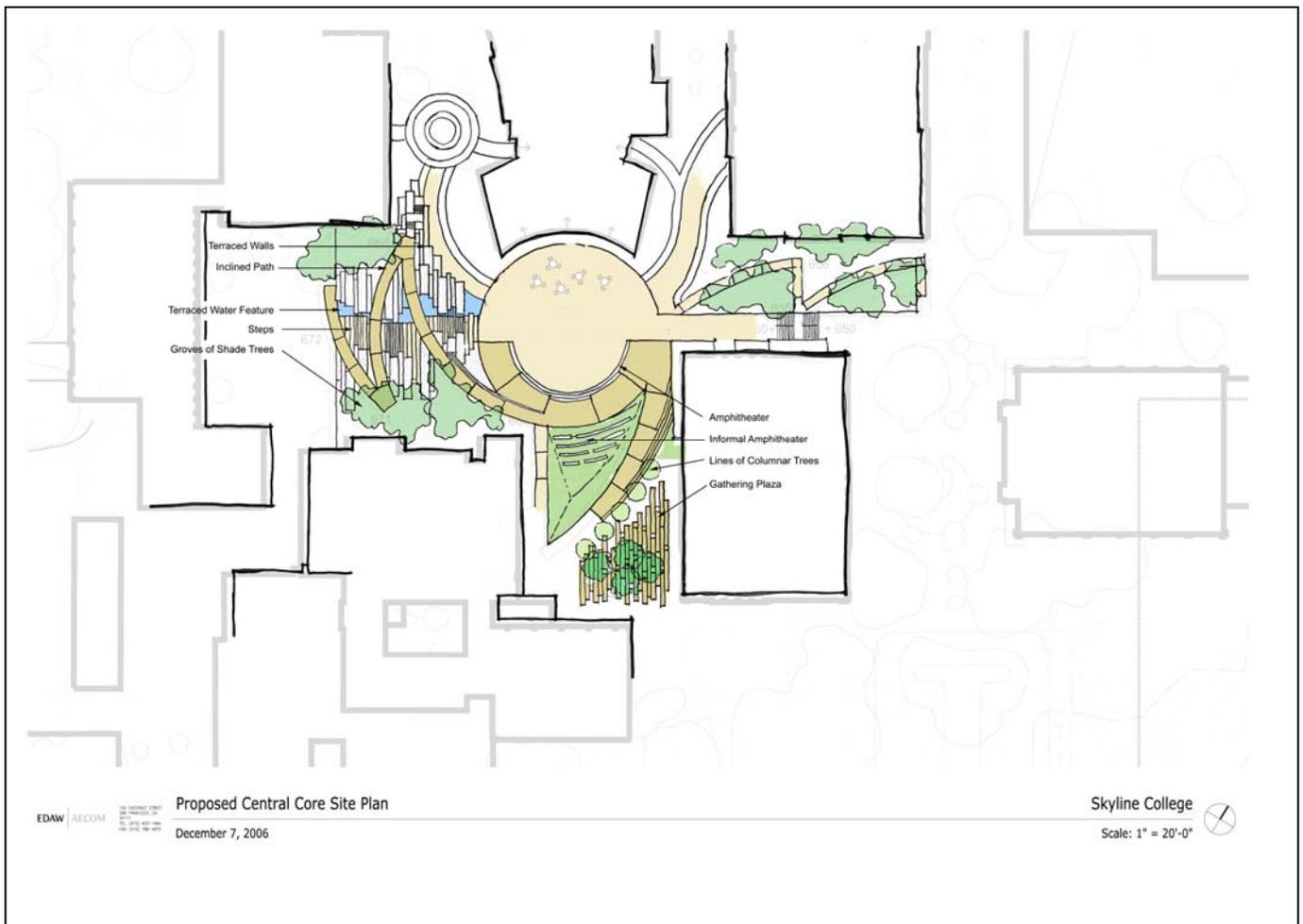
### **Update on openings of new and remodeled buildings**

The three buildings that are slated for opening in January are all on schedule to be in service on January 16, the first day of class. That includes Building 6 (Student Support and Community Center), Building 7A (Science Annex) and Building 8 (Business and Language Arts). Faculty and staff were able to get a preview of the new Buildings 6 and 7A at a hard hat tour led by Skyline’s Swinerton Project Manager Zak Conway on December 12. The people and offices that are moving into those buildings will be packing up and moving prior

to and during Winter Break. In order to successfully complete the move to Building 6 during Winter Break, Bookstore Operations Director Tom Bauer said that the Skyline Bookstore will be closed from December 16-January 15. Students may, however, purchase their spring 2007 books with the Skyline Bookstore link in WebSMART or from the Bookstore's website directly at <http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu>.

### **What's coming for renovation of the center of the Skyline campus**

The central areas of campus between Buildings 1, 2 and 6, and the stairway leading up to Buildings 7 and 8 will be renovated starting in mid-spring semester, with completion planned for early August 2007, in advance of the fall semester. Skyline's Educational and Facilities Master Planning Task Force and the Art on Campus Task Force have seen earlier versions of this plan, and they will get a detailed briefing in January. The schematic drawing shows the planned renovation project.



### **Open forum held on plans for new buildings, gateways and parking**

The architects from the firm of Kwan Henmi, who are working with Skyline College and the “building user groups,” described their work to date at an all-college forum on November 14. The architects brought preliminary conceptual drawings for the new buildings listed below and attendees heard about the planning for the college’s new entrances, roadways and parking. New buildings that were discussed were:

#### **Multicultural Center (to contain):**

- Learning Communities
- International Students Program
- International Studies Program (Center for Asian Studies)
- Center for International Trade Development
- Center for Workforce Development
- Distance Learning
- Educational Services Center
- Administration

#### **Cosmetology/Wellness Center**

- Cosmetology
- Health
- Physical Education/Dance

#### **Automotive Transmission**