

SKYLINE COLLEGE
EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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SKYLINE SHINES

Student Recognition and Awards ceremony honors students

More than \$98,000 in scholarships was awarded during a beautiful and memorable ceremony last Monday. More than one hundred scholarship recipients, Deans' list, Phi Theta Kappa members, and Honors Transfer Program students were publicly recognized during the event. In attendance were their families, teachers, mentors, and friends. The Scholarship Committee carefully considered more than 90 applications and selected the most qualified candidates. The Scholarship Review and Selection Committee included Linda Allen, Shann Chu, Kevin Corsiglia, Jacqueline Escobar, Sherri Hancock, Katherine Harer, Jessica Meraux, Cindy Moss, Lori Slicton, and William Watson. The Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony Committee spent many hours planning and coordinating the event. The committee chairs were Dr. Maria Escobar and Amory Cariadus and committee members are Loretta Adrian, Maria Escobar, Golda Gacutan, Sherri Hancock, Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber, Jessica Meraux, and Phyllis Taylor. Jessica Meraux and members of the Financial Aid staff – Regina Morrison, Erika Torres, and Juanita Quintero – supported both committees in their work. Phyllis Taylor served as mistress of ceremonies.

Skyline celebrates el Cinco de Mayo



Skyline's Hilda Fernandez (at left) and her husband perform Ballet Folklorico and students, staff and faculty enjoy the Cinco de Mayo lunch in the Student and Community Center. (Photos by Shelly Hausman)

Skyline celebrated its first Cinco de Mayo in the new Student and Community Center this week, and, as usual with all the college's favorite events, it included both music and food. The delicious food was from La Tapatia Restaurant and the churros from Villa del Sol. Entertainment was provided by the Mariachi Nueva Generación, in addition to the wonderful Ballet Folklorico with Skyline's very own English Instructor Hilda Fernandez. Skyline wishes to thank the following who helped make the event happen: the Skyline ASSC for sponsoring the event; Amory Cariadus, Director of Student Activities, as well as the many

students who helped with the event; Spanish Professor Luciana Castro for organizing and planning the logistics of the event and the students in her classes who assisted her; and Reading Instructor Lucia Lachmayer for her help at the event and for providing the piñata that was enjoyed by the children in Skyline's Child Care Center.

Skyline's MESA program to receive awards at 8th Annual Student Transfer event

Skyline will be honoring 31 students in the MESA (Math Science Engineering Achievement) program who will be transferring to four-year colleges and universities at the 8th Annual MESA Student Transfer event on May 10. In addition, Skyline's program will be recognized as an MCCP (MESA California Community College Program) Center of Excellence and MESA Director Tiffany Riordan will be presented with the MESA CCCP Director of the Year award. The event will be held at 5:30 in Room 6202 in the Student and Community Center.

***Talisman* Magazine awards announced**

This year's *Talisman*, the annual magazine of student art and writing, will be published shortly. The award winners are:

26th Annual Victoria Alvarado Short Story Award

1st prize: Margarita Tapia

2nd prize: Scott Carey

3rd prize: Michael Risenhoover

25th Annual Dorothy Dutcher Literary Awards for Poetry

1st prize (tie): Richard Arnold & Barbara McNeill

2nd prize: Marilyn Weeks

3rd prize: Katie Ocampo

Honorable Mention: Christian Jarquin, Ron D'Aloisio, Katie Ocampo, Michael

Many talented students will have their work included in this edition and they are: Alberto Cuadros, Alina Ratti, Allen Manalo, Barbara McNeill, Brenda Guzman, Bri Yee, Christian Jarquin, Elizabeth Sinclair-Smith, Henry Carreno, Izaías Garcia, Jessica Farr, Jill Forshay, John Chavez, John Cruz, Katie Ocampo, Kris Marsh, Leo Rosales, Lisa Rowson, Marilyn Weeks, Maryam Khan, Meghan O'Nyon, Melanie Wilson, Michael Risenhoover, Peter Sandoval, R. Arnold, Ron D'Aloisio, Rose M. Hick, Scott Carey, Shanee Monique Sheard McLeod, Shannon Elliott, Shawn Chand, Virginia Rosales, and Vivian Twu.

Skyline comes through at annual Blood Drive

The Skyline Health Center invited the American Red Cross to conduct a Blood Drive at Skyline on May 2 and 136 students, faculty, staff and members of the community came to donate. In all, 81 units of blood were collected and 55 people were deferred – people who for various reasons, were unable to donate now but can donate in the future. To add even more excitement to this year's blood drive, the



Health Center Assistant Donna Elliott (center) assists donor while student Jonathon Vasquez, the Blood Drop, provides entertainment.

Cosmetology Program challenged the Automotive Program to see which program could donate more blood. Who won the challenge? Cosmetology won, with 27 donors, versus Automotive with 19 donors. The real winners are the 243 people whose lives will benefit from blood donations. All donors received a hat from the American Red Cross. A raffle was held and Skyline wishes to thank the following groups that donated: The Skyline Bookstore which donated an iPod; Phil Jolley of El Capitan Espresso who donated a \$20 coffee card; Baskin Robbins which donated five pints of ice cream; See's Candy which donated two one-pound boxes of candy; and the American Red Cross for its donation of five DVDs. Skyline wishes to thank Nurse Jan Gersonde and Health Center Assistant Donna Elliott for their work in coordinating the blood drive, as well as Shelly Hausman for helping to publicize and promote the blood drive on campus and in the community. A special thank you goes to student Jonathon Vasquez who served as The Blood Drop. Skyline students, staff, faculty and community members have contributed a total of 2,310 units of blood since the annual blood drive began in 1978!

Classified Council Retreat a success

"Who Am I? Who Are You?" was the theme for the Skyline Classified Staff Retreat held on April 20th. In an effort to continue the enrichment of the classified family, the Classified Council used the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator as a means for the staff to learn more about one another. A special thank you to Career Counselors Virginia Padron and Jacqueline Escobar, who facilitated a fun-filled, informative and interactive presentation to help staff develop a better understanding of their individual personality type and work style preference.



Counselors Jacque Escobar and Virginia Padron presented the Meyer- Briggs to staff at the Annual Classified Council Retreat.

Skyline Stars: Transfer Hall of Fame and Transfer Students Celebrated

Skyline will celebrate the achievements of both its former students who transferred to four-year colleges and universities and went on to achieve exceptional educational or career successes, as well current transfer students at a reception on May 14, from 5:30-7:30 in Room 6202 in the Student and Community Center. Transfer Hall of Fame inductees are: Gilda Guerrero, B.A.; Alexander Khalfin, B.A.; Leticia Silva, M.S.; Hishashi Imura, B.A., B.S.; Dr. Lisa Law, M.D.; Ramona Mitchell, M.S.; and Dolores Victor, J.D. Light refreshments will be served. The event is funded by the President's Innovation Fund.

Jackson delivers keynote to Hayward students

Skyline Psychology Professor and ASTEP Coordinator Tony Jackson delivered the keynote address at the Hayward Unified School District's Adewole Intervention Program student recognition ceremony (for grades 4-12) on April 20. Professor Jackson's talk was entitled "The Talented Tenth."

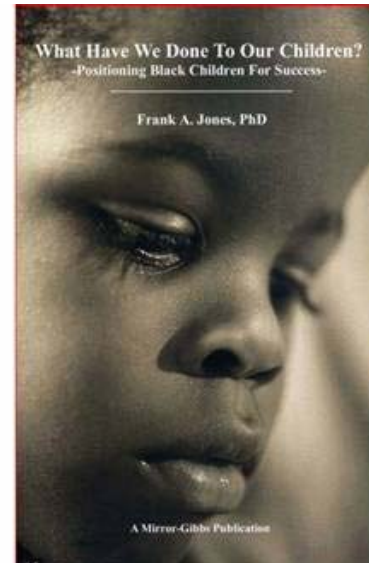
Skyline's video wins statewide award

Skyline's 2006 President's Breakfast video won a statewide third place 2007 Public Relations Organization Award at the Community Colleges Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) Conference last week. Congratulations to Sandy Irber, Director of College Development, Marketing and PR and to Bryan Kingston of KM2 Communications for their collaboration in creating the video. This is the third CCPRO award for a President's Breakfast video.

PROGRAM NEWS

Adewole events at Skyline

The Adewole Project presented a talk by Sylvia Jones on May 2, entitled, "The Magic of New Orleans." Ms. Jones is one of the co-founders of LALA, Louisiana to Los Angeles Organizing Committee, established in 1993 to keep alive the culture, traditions, music, dance and foods for those who moved to Los Angeles County from New Orleans. She shared folklore, voodoo, customs and the extensive history of New Orleans. Adewole also presented a book talk on May 3 by Author Frank A. Jones, Ph.D., who is an expert in educating young people to success. He is the Editor of *Gibbs Magazine, News, Opinions, and Ideas of African Americans -- A Weekly Afrocentric Intellectual Alternative*. He is the author of *What Have We Done to Our Children? Positioning Black Children for Success*. The Adewole Projects are funded by the Skyline President's Innovation Fund.



Third Annual Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN) packs the Main Theater

The third annual PCN, held on April 28, was a huge success. Kababayan Program Coordinator and Language Arts Instructor Liza Erpelo and her crew of dedicated, hard-working Kababayan students, workers, and general devotees did an outstanding job of celebrating the Filipino heritage and making Skyline College proud at the same time. People from all over the Bay Area attended this moving performance and it was a standing room only crowd in the Main Theatre. The performers showed their obvious love for their heritage and their excitement at sharing it with those present. There were screams of joy as much for the traditional dances and presentations as there were for the modern and beautifully executed



Students in the Kababayan program performed "Parting Ways" at the Third Annual PCN

hip-hop routines from the beautiful young people in the audience. Their collective spirit was electrifying. Thanks to Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado, counselor and Kababayan co-coordinator, for their work with the students, and Rich Tidd for his technical support for the performance.

Puente/MESA trip to UC Davis

On April 27, Counselor Jacquie Escobar and English Professor Karen Wong, co-coordinators of Skyline's Puente program, took a group of 21 students on a bus trip to UC Davis. The students were from the Puente program and MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) and they got a chance to taste life at this four-year university. The trip included a welcome by the Chancellor, a



Puente and MESA students at UC Davis

student panel outlining the next steps after the Admissions process, and a student services fair. A lunch was provided, followed by a tour of the campus. UC Davis' Coleman Billingslea was a great host, and a former Skyline student of Jacquie's who transferred to UC Davis spent the day with the group and shared his experiences as a transfer student. In addition to Jacquie and Karen, Skyline wishes to thank MESA's Tiffany Reardon, and counselor in training Esther Halwani. It was a very informative day and the students were very pleased with the program.

Respiratory Therapy program hosts regional job fair

Yearly, the Respiratory Therapy (RT) Program at Skyline College hosts a job fair for all RT Programs in the Bay area. On Wednesday, April 25th, 100+ soon to be graduates from Foothill, Napa, Ohlone, and Skyline College attended the job fair, which was held in Skyline's Student and Community Center. Thirty-two healthcare employers from all over the Bay Area were there eager to recruit the newly trained respiratory therapists.



The event was an overwhelming success! Skyline will be graduating 26 students from its 2-year program in June 2007.

SEED's "Who are We?" photo exhibit on display

As part of the SEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity) Diversity Days program, a photo collage has been displayed in Building 1 in the main showcase display on the quad-level floor. The answer to "Who Are We?" can be seen in the photos. Students,

staff and faculty have found their most precious family photos and have shared why a particular photo means so much to them. Skyline will continue this photo collage in the fall. Thanks to Rosie Bell, this year's SEED coordinator, and to the SEED student assistant, Priscilla Schwartz for their work in producing the display.

WIT holds end of the year event

On April 24, the Women in Transition (WIT) students gathered to hear the inspiring WIT graduates talk about their new careers. The group also honored History Professor Rosemary Bell for her work in the WIT program from 1989-2006. Lori Slicton has succeeded her as the WIT coordinator this year.



Former WIT students Frances Bright (far left) and Alyssa Adams (far right) are pictured with WIT Coordinator Lori Slicton, WIT former coordinator and honoree Rosemary Bell (center) and student assistant Priscilla Schwartz.

OUTREACH

High School Counselor Breakfast

On April 27, Skyline held its Spring High School Counselor Breakfast and 46 counselors from San Mateo County and San Francisco high schools and adult centers attended. The agenda included an overview of Skyline College's instructional and student services program, and important updates related to registration, financial aid, the summer schedule, and other topics. The Outreach Committee provided leadership in the planning and coordination of the event. Thanks to Kenny Gonzales, Sherri Hancock, Maria Escobar, Sue Lorenzo, Mandy Liang, Pablo Gonzalez, Angelica Gorostiza, Dennis Tordesillas, and the Skyline Student Ambassadors for their work in organizing and hosting this very important event. Special thanks to Kenny Gonzales and the Student Ambassadors for their excellent outreach work with the high schools.

Skyline's Cosmetology students participate in Kinder Cañada

On April 27, Cañada College hosted Kinder Cañada where 1,200 5-year-olds visited the college to open their eyes to the future. Twenty-seven Skyline College Cosmetology students and three instructors painted faces, and gave wacky hairdos and wrist tattoos to at least 600 children. They even 'wacky-haired' four staff members and a Cañada dean. The Cosmetology instructors and students had a wonderful time and it is certain that the five-year-olds did too.



Students receive the royal treatment from Cosmetology Students at Kinder Cañada.

Thanks to Skyline Cosmetology Professor Laurie Biagi who organizes the event each year, as well as Instructors Regina Pelayo and Cinthia Saenz and Cosmetology Coordinator Josie Glenn for their assistance and participation in this outreach event.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Accreditation Open Forum

Skyline's Accreditation Steering Committee presented an overview of the Self Study Report 3.0 on May 2 and faculty and staff provided feedback. The document was posted on Skyline's website on May 4.

SLOAC Committee presents draft of degree level student learning outcomes

On May 3, the SLOAC (Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Cycle) Steering Committee invited faculty and staff to give input on the degree level outcomes draft. The input was taken into consideration and the committee revised the draft, which eventually will be formally adopted by the campus for the purposes of assessment.

EVENTS

- May 10 Early Childhood Education Students Reception, Cañada College, 5-7 p.m.
- May 10 Skyline Concert Choir performance of "We the People...Music of our Land and Its People," Skyline Main Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- May 11 Skyline Jazz Band Concert, Skyline Main Theatre, 7 p.m.
- May 12 Skyline Concert Choir performance of "We the People...Music of our Land and Its People," Sanchez Art Center, 1220A Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica, 7:30 p.m.
- May 14 Skyline Stars Transfer Hall of Fame Induction and Transfer Student Recognition, Room 6202, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 18 Classified Staff Service Awards Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 11:30-1:00 p.m.
- May 19 Automotive Awards Banquet, SSF Basque Cultural Center, 6-10 p.m.
- May 22 End of Year Celebration and Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 12 noon
- May 25 Skyline College Commencement, Building 3 - Gymnasium, 5-6:30 p.m.