

## President's Report to the Board of Trustees

**Victoria P. Morrow, Ph.D.**  
**May 14, 2008**

### **SKYLINE SHINES**

#### **PCN's *Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman* a huge success**

*Lovewrecked* was the fourth PCN (Pilipino Cultural Night) production, and it continued the track record of productions which are

informative, imaginative and fun. The students write, direct, produce and perform the event each year. It is always a probing look into Filipino and Filipino-American culture and this year was no exception. Skyline wishes to express its appreciation to Kababayan Program Counselors Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado for all of their work with the students to help bring this complex effort to the stage. In addition, Skyline wishes to thank two additional Kababayan Program counselors, Marisa Mariano and Melanie Espinueva, and the two Filipino



*Photo by Jeremy Lassen*

Dance instructors, Bonifacio Valera, Jr. and Victoria Hafalia. Thanks also to Rich Tidd for all of his help and hard work in the theater. Thanks to Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor for printing the programs. And of course, without Skyline's deans and their assistants, this would not have been possible: Connie Beringer and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Donna Bestock and Mary Anne Leary, and Joe Morello and Sandra Hatzistratis. But most of all, the biggest thanks need to go to the students in the English 104: Applied English Skills in Cultural Production class. Without their ideas, passion, energy, and dedication, this show never would have been possible.

#### **El Cinco de Mayo – its true origins are revealed**

May 5 was a beautiful and joyful day—sunny weather, and filled with mariachi music, and happy children working their way to the candy inside the piñata. Skyline learned from Instructor John Ulloa that Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day (which actually falls on September 16) but rather a celebration of victory for Mexico in the Battle of Puebla, over the French. According to a flyer

prepared by the students, “While Cinco de Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico, it is mainly observed in the state capital of Puebla. However, in the United States, it is becoming a popular holiday to celebrate Mexican culture. Kids and families can try delicious Mexican food, listen and dance to Mexican music, make and admire Mexican art.” Many people helped to coordinate this event: Luciana Castro, Lucia Lachmayr, Connie Beringer, Amory Cariadus, Jose Perez, Felix Perez, Marcy Escobar, Amory Cariadus, Shelly Hausman, Luis Escobar, Kamla Bucceri, ASSC and some of the students in the daytime Spanish classes (Jonathan Madison, Alva Aguilera, and Mauricio Flores) as well as the members of the LASO and Hermanos clubs. Helping out were Ingrid Alfaro-Perez, Roberto Anstirman, Jorge Hernandez, Bianca Pasillas, Michael Nguyen, Ruth Ordenana, Renato Pena, Ismael Rosales, Jenny Santiago, Madeline Stark, Alfredo Villagomez-Rivera, Jack Torres Noemi Perdomo and Maggie Gutierrez. Those students instrumental in planning the event were Roberto Anstirman, Jorge Hernandez, Michael Nguyen, Ruth Ordenana, Renato Pena, Ismael Rosales, Alfredo Villagomez-Rivera, Marcia Soares, Jack Torres and Maggie Gutierrez, Noemi Perdomo. The DJ from the Hermanos program was Tony Jara, supported by Saul Morales, Sthiv Valencia, Luis Osorio and Jose Zaragoza. Flyers and leaflets were drawn by Jorge Hernandez, copy was done by Renato Pena and Maggie Gutierrez and editing by Ismael Rosales.



*Photos by Shelly Hausman*

### **Basic Skills Plan is complete and now the implementation begins**

In the first part of May, Skyline submitted its Basic Skills Plan to the state. It is an excellent piece of work and something of which Skyline can be very proud. This plan is sophisticated in its conception and far-reaching in its impact. It is particularly satisfying that the college was able to proceed with all the recommendations from the many working groups. Rachel Bell has been a terrific leader for this complex effort, and the combination with Rick Hough and Jacquie Escobar has been unstoppable. There has been broad college wide engagement in it and Skyline’s plan reflects that. The whole college and its future will benefit from this important work. The Plan can be seen on Skyline’s BSI website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/bellr/BSIprogressSpring08.htm> - just scroll to the right at the top of the page. Skyline wishes to thank the following people for their intelligence, creativity and commitment to serving students:

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Rick Hough		Math Department, Faculty	
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**Pister Scholarship winner is named: Nicole LaRoche**

Skyline student Nicole LaRoche has won the University of California, Santa Cruz's 2008 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award. Nicole 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 her academic studies, between her junior and senior year. While at Skyline, Nicole has been active in MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement), Phi Theta Kappa and worked in the Photography Department. She previously earned an Associate of Arts degree in photography from the Academy of Art University. She will attend UCSC in the fall to study Marine Biology with the goal of becoming a marine life photographer. 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. Up to 13 scholarships are given by UCSC each year to candidates who are nominated by the presidents of the 13 community colleges in the region surrounding UCSC.



**Skyline captures individual title and places second at State Badminton Championships**

The CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association) State Badminton Championships were conducted at Skyline College on May 8 -10. Maggie Ho of Skyline won the individual state championship in Badminton becoming the first state champion for Skyline in the sport of Badminton. Ho and her partner Keisha Yusman finished second in the doubles competition. Bonnie Chan of Skyline finished third in the individual competition, and Chan and her partner Khin Hwte finished third in doubles competition. The Skyline team finished second in the state losing to San Diego City College 14-7 in the finals. Coach Jan Fosberg did a great job managing the event and received many compliments about the appearance of the campus and the quality of the facilities.

**Chambers of Commerce Mixer and Student Art Exhibit**

On April 30, Skyline held its annual Chambers of Commerce Mixer and Student Art Exhibit in the Gallery Theater. The Board of Trustees arranged for their meeting that night to be held at Skyline, so that they could readily attend this event beforehand. The show was juried by Bridget Fischer. Here are two student artists with their work: Adrian Delgado and B. J. Lasponas.



*Photos by Rakefet Avramovitz*



## **Community college mental health professionals gather at Skyline**

Skyline hosted the California Community College Mental Health and Wellness Association (CCCMHWA) meeting on May 7. There were 27 mental health professionals representing 18 community colleges from the Bay Area to Fresno in attendance. The CCCMHWA mission is to advance student mental health services on community college campuses. The event was coordinated by Beverly Muse, Psychological Services at Skyline, and Lori Adrian, VP of Students. Dean of Counseling Rick Wallace welcomed the group. The board unveiled the new website [www.cccmhwa.org](http://www.cccmhwa.org), completed the membership application and discussed future projects for the 2008-09 academic year.

## **Skyline shines in the nation**

Skyline's Beta Theta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received several prestigious awards at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention. Chapter members worked hard during 2007 to develop, implement, and evaluate service and scholarship programs. There are about 1,600 Phi Theta Kappa chapters, and Beta Theta Omicron's programs were judged outstanding. The chapter received the following awards for 2008:

- Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award (Distinguished Chapter for three consecutive years),
- The Scholarship Hallmark, and
- The Service Hallmark



*Note all the Lucite trophies in the photo! From left: Ashley Good, Chris Case, Kahee Jo, and Denise Owen.*

Additionally, the Chapter won the USA Today Case Study Challenge for a case study on The Global Struggle for Water, developed during the fall semester by Elizabeth Parr and Mike Hofler. Their case study is online at <http://www.usatoday.com/educate/college/student-home.htm>. Beta Theta Omicron has won the Case Study Challenge five of the six years it has been offered! Individual members received awards for:

- International Distinguished Chapter President, Richard Chiang
- International Distinguished Chapter Officer, Anna Dneprov

## **PROGRAM AND SERVICES NEWS**

### **Program Reviews tell the story of success, challenges and creativity in nine Skyline programs**

On April 30, program reviews were presented by faculty and staff from nine Skyline programs:

- International Trade
- Biological Sciences
- Foreign Languages
- Psychology
- Journalism
- Economics
- Philosophy
- Art
- Computer Applications and Office Technologies

Program review is Skyline’s most thoughtful and systematic way of looking into the heart of its programs to assess the currency of its curriculum; consider student success in all of its forms—retention in the courses, persistence from one term to the next, and ultimately, achievement of student learning outcomes; identify the strengths of the programs; identify the needs being experienced by the faculty and staff and students associated with those programs; and meet accreditation standards. Program review is critical to college decisions in a number of areas that are vital to program health—the reviews are used widely and the college takes them very seriously, in budget allocation, full-time faculty hiring, support staffing, and facilities remodeling and new construction. In the end, the quality of Skyline’s program reviews is a matter of the college’s academic integrity. Skyline is appreciative of the quality of the work that goes into the programs and into the reviews, and by the vitality and creativity of the Skyline people who prepare them.

### **California Automotive Teachers meet at Skyline**

On the weekend of April 26, the spring California Automotive Teachers (CAT) Conference was held at Skyline. One hundred and fifty members attended the conference. On Friday, Dave Amlin, Wayne Brumett, and Marty Gunn from BAR Standards and Training conducted workshops designed to update certified clean air car course instructors regarding the latest changes to the smog check program. They also discussed tentative plans for the 2009 Smog Check Update course that will rollout this September. Approximately 90 instructors attended the two workshops. The Skyline Auto Tech Club hosted a barbeque lunch and then members went on tours to Roy Brizio’s Hot Rod Shop and The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation. Jack Rosebro from Perfect Sky hosted an afternoon Toyota Prius workshop for 35 instructors. Tom Broxholm from Skyline College hosted a Friday evening hands-on PowerPoint workshop for 30 instructors. CAT members and their families had time to socialize while they enjoyed Mexican food. Saturday included a variety of workshops spread out over five hours. There were 28 exhibitors in attendance to display their latest tools, materials, software, and equipment and there were 180 attendees in the business luncheon/business meeting in the student union building.



### **Skyline's English Department partners with Notre Dame de Namur and their graduate students**

For several semesters, Skyline's English Department has had a formal arrangement with Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU), Belmont, to mentor their graduate students working toward a degree in the Master of Arts, English (MAE) program. Several Skyline English faculty have served as mentor teachers to these graduate students interested in pursuing a career in teaching. The mentoring program has already yielded benefits to the English Department by providing Supplemental Instruction leaders for its fall pilot project to link up some basic skills English courses with Supplemental Instruction. The Skyline College/NDNU connection will continue into the 2008-09 school year. The Skyline faculty who have been involved are Jim Bowsher, Katharine Harer, Nina Floro, and Jeff Westfall, and the graduate student who will be continuing with Jeff as his SI leader in the fall, Jarrod Feiner.

### **Cosmetology Open House includes student competition**

The Cosmetology program held an open house on May 5. Cinthia Saenz was the instructor in charge for the student mannequin competition. The theme was HOLLYWOOD. They were to be inspired by their idea of Hollywood and bring it to life on a mannequin. They had to demonstrate their map or plan of attack with their completed work. All of the entries were on display in the Cosmo swing space at Pacific Heights. In the photos below, the students are explaining their projects, which were judged as part of the open house event. The first two students are Cara Korvi and Elisa Palazzo. Alfredo Vasquez, in the last photo, won the competition. Here is what Ms. Saenz had to say about it: "We had three students who were voted the winners but I feel the whole department won!"



*Photos by Shelly Hausman*

### **Skyline Baseball eliminated from State Championships**

The Skyline baseball Trojans were eliminated in the first round of the CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association) Baseball Championships losing a three-game series to Sierra College two games to one. Sierra won the first game on May 9 by a score of 8-3. On May 10, the Trojans rallied for four runs in the ninth inning of the first game to tie the score at 6-6 and won in the tenth inning by a final of 7-6. In the second game, Sierra College broke a scoreless duel in the sixth inning by scoring four runs. The Trojans rallied again but fell short losing by a final score of 4-2. Dino Nomicos, his staff and team had a great season finishing 28-16 overall.

### **Skyline Blood Drive takes the cake!**

The May 7<sup>th</sup> Skyline Blood Drive was a great success!! One hundred fourteen units of blood were collected, which was the largest number of units ever collected at one drive since Skyline started the blood drives in 1978. This brings the grand total of units donated by Skyline College to 2,505 in 31 years! The Red Cross has informed Skyline College that it holds the number one position for college blood drives for 2008 so far, and the number two drive overall in the Northern California Region.

Skyline's Automotive and Cosmetology staff competed to see which department could donate the most units of blood. Automotive won with 27 units to Cosmetology's 16 units.

### **Women in Transition (WIT) luncheon highlights successful students**

Skyline held its third annual spring luncheon for the WIT program and about 50 faculty, staff and students were in attendance. Lori Slicton gave some feedback to the group about the WIT survey that was conducted among female Skyline students last fall with Cathy Hasson's assistant, Jennifer Yen. Lori also announced the newly reinvigorated WIT Club. Former student Akillah Wali wrote a letter to address the WIT luncheon describing her pathway through Skyline and the WIT program to her current success; she graduates from Columbia University May 21 with a BA in Sociology. Here are photos of WIT students Brenda Smith, Connie Spearing and Priscilla Schwartz speaking at the luncheon about their experiences in the program. Jane O'Classen also spoke.



*Photos by Shelly Hausman*

### **Sports medicine camp to be held this summer**

High school and community college students as well as youth sports coach will have the opportunity to participate in Skyline's sports medicine camp this summer. The camp will be July 21 – 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Skyline College Sports Medicine Facility. The camp will be led by Jo Silken, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer for Skyline College, and in collaboration Golden State Warriors Professional Basketball team.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Parents and students visit Skyline for Concurrent Enrollment Information Night**

Nearly 200 parents and students came to Skyline College's Main Theatre on May 7 to learn more about the college's Concurrent Enrollment Program. The interactive one-hour information session was attended by 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents from the Jefferson Union High School District and South San Francisco Unified School District. The presentation was led by Skyline College Counselors Kenny Gonzalez and Nate Nevado, and Regina Biagini, Counselor from Terra Nova High School. The session provided parents and students the opportunity to ask a wide of array of questions about Skyline's Concurrent Enrollment Program. Thanks to Kenny and Nate for their leadership in planning this event.

## RESEARCH AND PLANNING

### Design Build Open Forum

On May 8, Skyline held an Open Forum which included the Educational and Facilities Master Plan Task Force and other interested people. Mitch Fine from WRNS Architects reviewed the schematic design for the new Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classroom and Administration Building (Building 4N), discussed the status of the work on the new Automotive Building (Building 11N), and described the current rough plans for the sitework which includes roadways, parking, and landscaping which are part of the project. The attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about the project. Depicted below are rough schematic drawings of Bldg. 4N from various directions, provided by WRNS Architects. An updated version of the “Design Build Project Briefing” is on the website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skynotes/index.html>.



*View of Building 4N from College Drive toward the southwest*



*View of Building 4N from the center of campus*



*View from the turnaround on the north side, facing southeast*

### Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) is now complete

Skyline has completed another successful student survey! Nearly 1,100 students from 59 day and evening classes took the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) during the month of April. Educational research on student learning has shown that “Student learning and student retention are correlated strongly with student engagement. The more actively engaged students are — with college faculty and staff, with other students, with the subject matter being learned — the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels. This connection has been emphasized in a number of major studies and reports on the undergraduate experience.” (CCSSE, 2007) Skyline College is currently involved in the following initiatives that are focused on improving student learning: the Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Cycle (SLOAC), the Basic Skills Initiative, and the First Year Experience Program. All of these initiatives will benefit from research that focuses on uncovering patterns of student learning behavior and student engagement in the learning process. The purpose of this survey study will be to measure students’ behavior in their learning process. The survey

will provide faculty, staff and administrators with information that will help to evaluate the degree to which students are engaged in good educational practices. This information may be used to help inform program and services planning decisions at the college. In addition, the survey results may be used to contribute to the research and assessment of institutional SLOs, the First Year Experience students and Basic Skills students.

## EVENTS

### **Skyline hosts a panel for Small Business Appreciation Month on May 15**

In honor of May being Small Business Appreciation Month, Skyline College, in partnership with Wells Fargo, will present a Young Entrepreneurs Panel Discussion on Thursday, May 15, from 12-1:30 p.m., in Room 6202. The panel features Michael E. Parker, Stellar Enterprises, creator of Value-Centered Management Philosophy and Business System and author of *Who Said So*; Leila Perreras, Circle Communications; and Janice Weeks, Web Coast Graphics. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Community Band and Jazz Spring Concert, May 16**

Skyline's annual Spring Concert featuring the community band and jazz band will be held in the Main Theatre on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to a reception in the band room following the concert.

### **Hermanos Program End of Year celebration, May 20**

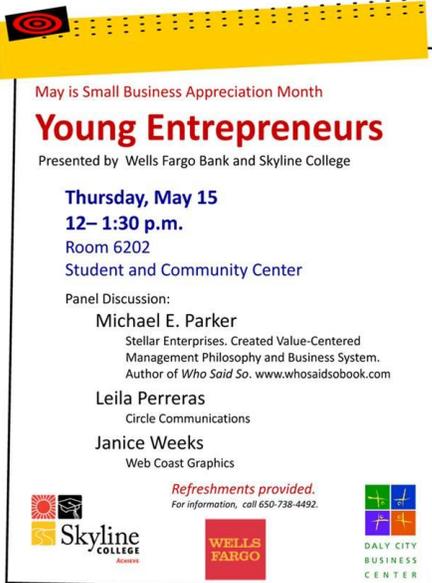
This has been a tremendous year for the Hermanos Program. To celebrate the students and their achievements, Hermanos is hosting an End of Year Celebration on May 20 in Building 6, Room 6202 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### **Honors students present their research, May 20**

Skyline College will have the opportunity to hear the same presentations that several honors students made at last month's Stanford Research Symposium. Presentations will be made on May 20 in Room 6202 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Student presenters are Luis Bill, Ashley Good, Max Kalinin, Michael Lam, Connie Spearing and Leo Szeto. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Skyline College Commencement, May 30**

Skyline College will hold its commencement ceremony beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Building 3 Gymnasium. Following the ceremony, the graduates, families, faculty and staff are invited to enjoy cake in the Building 6 Student and Community Ceremony.



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**Young Entrepreneurs**  
Presented by Wells Fargo Bank and Skyline College

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Refreshments provided.  
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**Tuesday May 20th**  
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