

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud
February 22, 2012

Skyline College President's Breakfast



Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud
President, Skyline College

Cordially invites you to join the
Skyline College President's Council
for the

12th Annual President's Breakfast
Thursday, March 15, 2012

7:00 a.m. Networking Opportunity
7:30-8:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Boulevard • South San Francisco, California 94080

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***Please RSVP to (650) 738-4325 by March 5, 2012
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Heart Wrenchers Car Club Presents the Second Annual “A Heart Wrenching Affair” Fundraiser

Please join Skyline College in supporting the female Automotive Technology students! Fourteen women are currently enrolled in Skyline College’s Automotive Technology program and their club, “The Heart Wrenchers,” is busy creating community service projects, supporting each other as they go through the program, and

bringing more women to the automotive industry. They have done a great job in the last year and they have many new, innovative ideas to achieve their goals. *(Article provided by Julia Johnson)*

Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) Begins Second Cohort with Hunters Point Family



On January 23, 2012 the Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) held its second orientation for the eight week Entrepreneurship Training with Hunters Point Family, a community-based organization located in the Bayview-Hunters Point area of San Francisco.

The instructor is Skyline College Faculty member, Mike Neuendorff who brings a wealth of experience both as an entrepreneur and instructor.

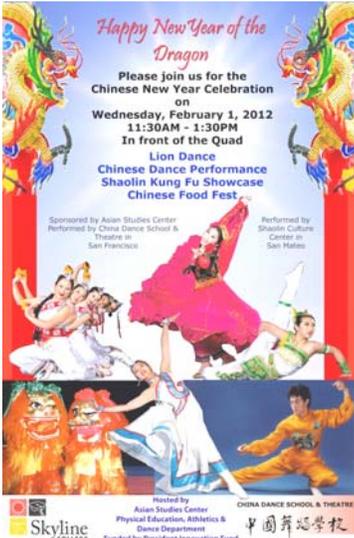
This cohort consists of 15 young adults interested in becoming entrepreneurs and/or interested in employment in an entrepreneurial environment and they see this as the first step towards achieving their goals.

This ongoing collaboration with Hunters Point Family will allow local residents to partake in the specially created eight week Entrepreneurship Training Program jointly developed between the Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), industry and community partners to focus on the primary stake-holders – the young adults. Not only is the objective to introduce entrepreneurship, but also to help remove economic barriers for young adults throughout the Bay Area.

Supported by several private-sector leaders, the eight week training program includes in-class sessions, guest speakers comprised of local Bay Area entrepreneurs, site visits to various small and medium-sized enterprises and a special trip to Skyline College.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Program is funded through grants from the offices of the Chancellor for California Community Colleges and locally hosted by Skyline College. *(Article provided by Pcyeta Jackson and Richard Soyombo, photo provided by Pcyeta Jackson.)*

Skyline College Celebrates the Year of the Dragon During Chinese New Year Festivities



Skyline College celebrated Chinese New Year on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in the theater with a variety of exciting performances by the China Dance School and Theatre in San Francisco and the Shaolin Culture Center in San Mateo, which included a traditional lion dance, Chinese folk dance performances and the Shaolin Kung Fu showcase. A Chinese Food Fest was also held outside the theater with egg rolls and barbeque pork buns available for purchase.



The event is sponsored by the Skyline College Asian Studies Center and is hosted by the Asian Studies Center along with the Skyline College Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance departments. Funding for the event is provided by the President's Innovation Fund and the International Student Office. *(Article provided by Hui Pate and Christianne Marra, photos provided by Christianne Marra.)*



“Sustainability of Skyline College” Presentation & Walking Tour

As part of the Sustainable Campus Initiative, three All-Campus Workshops were held throughout the school year to offer widespread communication and education on sustainability issues. These workshops focused on environmental, social, and economic topics. The second workshop titled “Sustainability of Skyline College,” featured a presentation by Richard Inokuchi, Skyline College Facilities Manager, followed by a walking tour of three different areas on campus to demonstrate how we save energy and water, and increase our efficiency in the built environment. Kanjana Srisupatpongsa, Project Coordinator II in the District Facilities Planning Department gave a tour of our LEED Gold Building 4 and showcase how we exceed building performance and efficiency in five key areas. Richard gave a tour of the landscaping elements on campus that reduce our potable water use and filter stormwater so it replenishes our groundwater supply.

The third station is our campus boiler room and co-generation unit, where Roger Anchartechahar, Project Manager in the District Facilities Planning and Operations Department, and Patrick Yost of Chevron showed how we heat our campus buildings and explain the Nitrous Oxide retrofits. For more information on the Sustainable Campus Initiative, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu or 650-738-4445. (Article provided by Lindsey Virdeh.)

Join us on a walking tour...
 ...to learn about Skyline's impact on the environment
Sustainability of Skyline College
 Tuesday, February 7, 2012
 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
 Meet in Building 4, Room 4148 for an initial presentation
 Followed by a tour of the Skyline College Campus

Energy Efficiency: Boiler Room
 Join District Facilities Planning and Operations and Chevron project managers for a tour of the campus boiler room and co-generation unit to learn how we save energy and heat our buildings.

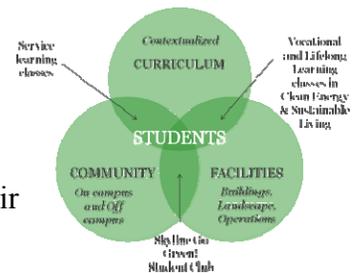
Low Water Use: Landscaping
 Richard Inokuchi, Facilities Manager, will give a tour of campus landscaping elements that reduce our potable water consumption.

For more information or to find out more about the Sustainable Campus Initiative, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or virdehl@smccd.edu.

\$1,000 Available: All Faculty Welcome to Apply for the Innovative Sustainability Education Award

Funded by the President’s Innovation Fund (PIF), the Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) is an all-campus program engaging students, faculty, staff and the community to create a culture of sustainability on the Skyline College campus. There are three elements to this initiative: a Faculty Learning Community to explore and enrich the sustainable education experience of our students; an Environmental Science Service Learning Course, ENVS 680SD, where student projects will interface with campus facilities, local communities, and organizations to further sustainable goals; and All-Campus Sustainability Workshops to offer widespread communication and education on sustainability issues.

The goal of the Faculty Learning Community is to integrate concepts of sustainability into curriculum and lesson plans through the exchange of ideas and collaboration between faculty. Sustainability concepts address a broad range of topics including the economy, the environment, and society; and how economic activity affects people who in turn are constrained by their environment.



To encourage movement in this direction, a portion of the PIF funding provides awards for faculty who integrate concepts of sustainability into their curriculum in an innovative and effective way, connecting these concepts with student learning outcomes of the course. This award is intended to encourage and reward faculty who introduce a new way of teaching sustainability in their learning environments. All faculty are encouraged to apply! For an application and more information on this awards program, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu or 650-738-4445. (Article provided by Lindsey Virdeh. Diagram created by Anjana Richards.)

Skyline College Celebrates African American Heritage History Month With a Performance by Alvon Johnson

Faculty, staff and students gathered at the Main Quad on Thursday, February 9 under sunny skies to celebrate Black History Month featuring a musical performance Alvon Johnson. The performance was presented by Skyline College's Center for Student Life and Leadership Development. Skyline College's very own music professor Kymberly Jackson joined Johnson on stage. *(Article provided by Christianne Marra and photos provided by Keisha Ford.)*



Reception Held to Welcome Minnijean Brown-Trickey

Members of the Skyline College community met Minnijean Brown-Trickey personally at a reception for her in the Multicultural Center on Monday, February 6. Minnijean was welcomed by President Regina Stanback Stroud who noted that Minnijean and the other courageous students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas made it possible for many of us to be where we are today. President Stroud expressed the gratitude of all of us. Minnijean said that she was thoroughly enjoying the college and its students and was very pleased to have the opportunity. *(Article provided by Donna Bestock and photos provided by Keisha Ford.)*



Several of the students at the reception had gone on the Sojourn to the Past and were renewing their acquaintance. Others said they would like to go.



The Skyline Jazz combo, Andrew Fenn, saxophone, Vincent Iannone, piano, Norm Medina, trombone, Alex Rosales, bass, Ben Villa, trumpet, and Nathaniel Welch, drums, played for the reception.

Celebrating African American Heritage

Saturday, February 11, 2012 Skyline College hosted the Northern California Council on Black American Affairs and Peralta Association of African American Affairs “Community College Career Institute for African American Faculty and Staff”. The event was held from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in building 6. A variety of workshops were offered from Community College Selection Processes to Application Process and Packaging and Mock Interviews. The event was a success with approximately 60 participants.

NCCBAA and PAAAA
Northern California Council on Black American Affairs and Peralta Association of African American Affairs

Community College Career Institute for African American Faculty and Staff

Participating Colleges:
 Peralta Community College District: Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Merritt College, Laney College
 City College of San Francisco: Skyline College, Solano Community College, Modesto Junior College
 Contra Costa Community College District

Event Details:
 Saturday, February 11, 2012
 8am - 2:30pm
 Skyline College
 3300 College Drive
 San Bruno, CA

Workshops:

- Community College Selection Processes
- Application Processes and Packaging
- Effective Resume Preparation
- Effective Interviewing
- Career Ladder Advancement Strategies and Opportunities
- Networking with other Bay Area Community College Professionals

Registration:
 Career Institute fee: \$25.00*
 Continental breakfast and lunch provided
 Advanced registration by February 9, 2012 required
 Register at: <http://nccbaa.eventbrite.com>

Contact:
 For additional information email:
 Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud: stroud@camccd.edu or
 Carol Belle-Thomas Moss: cbellethomas@gmail.com
 *Scholarships available

Coaches vs. Cancer Fundraiser

Skyline College is participating in the Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser sponsored by the Men’s and Women’s California Community College Basketball Association. This season, all proceeds from the following Skyline College home basketball games will be given to the American Cancer Society. In lieu of charging admission, spectators are being asked to make a donation, either by cash or check, which will be forwarded to the American Cancer Society. Checks should be made payable to the “American Cancer Society.”



The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. (Article provided by Christianne Marra.)

Skyline College Student Art Show Featured at Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica



Sasipin Heinmiller
Leaving of the Soul



Thomas Agasid
Untitled



Linda Fahey
Wind and Waves

The East Gallery at the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica is featuring *Memorandum to Light from Shadows*, a group show by Skyline College art students. The exhibit was originally held at the Skyline College Art Gallery in November. Curated by Skyline College professor Arthur Takayama, the exhibit features works in ceramics, sculpture and photography. (Article provided by Arthur Takayama.)

Art Exhibition *Opposites Attract* Opens on February 6 in the Skyline College Art Gallery

A new exhibition, *Opposites Attract: Meditations on a Natural World and Reflections on a Broken System*, will open in the Skyline College Art Gallery (Building 1) and will be featuring works by Daniel Galvez and Jos Sances.



Daniel Galvez has been executing public artwork for over thirty years. Galvez has created site-specific work for museums, colleges, federal buildings and many other public facilities. He enjoys painting large-scale murals for interior and exterior locations. His work often focuses on the spirit and dignity of individuals and the strength of the community. The *Wildcat Canyon Series* of paintings featured in the exhibition are Galvez's first studio pieces in many years and the only paintings in his repertoire in which the human element is present only in the invisible hand of the artist and the imagination of the viewer. Galvez was born in Calexico, California in 1953 and grew up in Sacramento. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from California College of the Arts and Crafts in 1975 and a Master of Arts in Painting from San Francisco State University in 1979.

Jos Sances is a Bay Area-based artist, and makes a living as a Designer/Printmaker/Muralist. Sances is the founder and art director of Alliance Graphics, a union screen print and design shop. Over the years Sances has designed and printed thousands of posters and t-shirts for hundreds of progressive causes, while simultaneously maintaining a steady output of art which addresses issues and ideas that concern him. In 2012, the Library of Congress acquired 487 prints from Sances which represented a broad overview of his thirty years in printmaking. Prior to founding Alliance Graphics, Sances co-founded Mission Grafica at the Mission Cultural Center in 1980 and worked there until 1988. The exhibition will include screen prints and ceramic sculptures created by Sances.



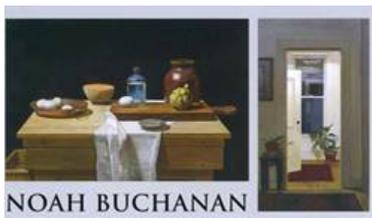
The collaborative relief sculpture, *Splicing Forms of Nature and Science*, located on the west side of Building 4 was created by Daniel Galvez and Jos Sances.



(Photos provided by Victor Valbuena Bareng. Article provided by Paul Bridenbaugh.)

Skyline College Art Instructor Noah Buchanan Featured in Solo Art Exhibition

The exhibition features recent paintings and drawings by Skyline College Art Instructor Noah Buchanan. The exhibition runs through March 10, 2012 at the John Pence Gallery located at 750 Post Street in San Francisco. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. (Article provided by Donna Bestock.)



NOAH BUCHANAN
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FEBRUARY 10 through MARCH 10, 2012
Opening Reception – Friday February 10, 2012
6 to 8 p.m.

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Early Childhood Education Is On The Move!

Just because we work with little people doesn't mean that we stand still! Note the four giant steps we are taking. The Child Development Center has moved into its new building, formerly Loma Chica. The new center will be formally introduced as the "Skyline College Early Learning & Child Development Center" at the Grand Opening on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 29, 2012. The ECE 360 Advocacy classes completed its Fall session with presentations from Supervisor Jerry Hill.



ECE 360 Advocacy in Early Childhood Education, taught by ECE Faculty Elaine Francisco who hosted Supervisor Jerry Hill.

The Department & CDC collaborated for a three day workshop on topics that included Special Ed legislation, identification and referral processes, and community resources for adapting and modifying programs.



Kate Williams Browne, Skyline College ECE Program Coordinator, giving lecture at Tianhua College of Shanghai Normal University.

The ECE Faculty of Skyline and Cañada Colleges met together to look at Kate Williams Browne's presentation of "Early Education in Shanghai" and to hear Julia Crockett Mannheimer's discussion of "The 'A' in SLOAC." (Article and photo's provided by Kathryn Browne.)

Students Booming in the Learning Center

As spring semester gets underway, the Learning Center (TLC) is in full swing with its efforts to promote its mission of empowering Skyline College students in becoming active learners. In just two weeks of the spring semester over 55 TLC tours and classroom presentations have been facilitated! This is more than all of the TLC requests combined from last semester. In fall 2011, Skyline College students spent over 30,000 contact hours in the TLC receiving tutoring and attending workshops. This is a number that would not have been possible without the collaboration of faculty and staff to promote the Center's services. (Article and photo's provided by Katie Ha.)



Orientation to Early Childhood Education Careers Held on Saturday February 4, 2012



Eighty students and several faculty attended the annual “Orientation to Early Childhood Education Careers” event on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Skyline College. While they enjoyed fruit and Omega-3 packed goodies, they listened to a panel of Program Directors, Administrators and Early Education Mentor Teachers illustrating what employers look for when they hire for their very diverse centers. Some of our guests included: Karen Haas-Foletta of Footsteps Childcare and School-Age; Jeanne Lindberg of UMC Co-Op Preschool; Margarita Mazaracki of Bright Horizons; Sonia Bon and Gloria Gil from Early Learning Center at Notre Dame de Namur University; Daniele Koenig of Peninsula Temple Shalom Preschool; and Venecia Allen (East Palo Alto) and Tobi Garelick (South San Francisco) of Head Start.

As the participants came to realize, there are a variety of programs with varied needs and locations throughout our county. Moreover, many of the hiring tips offered were not only for the Early Care and Education fields. Participants expanded their knowledge about the Skyline College Career Center as Virginia Padron told them about different services available to them as they explore various options within the ECE world. Special thanks to Annie Trinh and Ira Lau for help with technology and facilities for the event. Evaluations collected after the morning included comments such as: “Very interesting and inspiring,” “Extremely helpful,” and “I am glad I came!” *(Article and photos provided by Kathryn Williams Browne and Cece Rebelé.)*

College Success Initiative (CSI) Hosts Basic Skills Acceleration Conference

Skyline College’s College Success Initiative (CSI) Committee has been working on ways to best serve our basic skills students. In an effort to continue our conversations of innovation in basic skills, Skyline College hosted an Acceleration conference this past Friday, February 3, 2012 in Building 6. This conference was in partnership with the California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN) and the California Acceleration Project (CAP).



The event was well attended having over fifty faculty and administrators from throughout the region present. In addition to a facilitated demonstration of the Basic Skills Tracking tool developed by 3CSN and the RP Group, attendees participated in conversations revolving around math and English. Topics included:



- the design and pedagogical principles of accelerated curriculum being practiced at community colleges throughout the state
- the coaching, professional learning and course development opportunities within 3CSN/CAP-supported communities of practice in accelerated curricula and pedagogy

At the end of the day, CAP and 3CSN coordinators Myra Snell and Katie Hern held a question and answer session that included the application process to the next cohort of the Community of Practice, other curricula, pedagogy, and policy questions.

This event was made possible by the support of Skyline College's administration, including President Regina Stanback Stroud, Interim Vice President of Instruction, Mike Williamson, Dean of Language Arts, Connie Beringer, Interim Dean of Math/Science/Technology, Ray Hernandez and all faculty that participated. Also, a special thank you goes to Cleavon Smith from 3CSN that helped organize this event at the college. Thank you to all for helping make this conference such a wonderful success. *(Article and photos provided by Nohel Corral.)*

Faculty and Staff Professional Development Opportunity SFSU Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership

San Francisco State University's doctoral program in educational leadership is now accepting applications for the Fall 2012 student cohort.

The SFSU program enables working professionals from the schools and community colleges to complete an Ed.D in three years. Classes are held every other weekend and in the summer, and taught by a distinguished interdisciplinary faculty.

The program's curriculum focuses on five major categories:

- Leadership and Systemic Reform
- Learning, Curriculum, and Assessment
- Equity, Diversity, and Structural Inequality
- Educational Program Administration
- Research activities

Information sessions are scheduled for applicants through April 2012.

TRiO Kicks-Off Another Great Semester

On Thursday, February 2, 2012 approximately sixty TRiO students came together to celebrate the beginning of another great semester. During the event, new and continuing TRiO students had the opportunity to interact with members of the staff and meet the newly elected TRiO Club Officers. In addition, students were informed of upcoming TRiO workshops and events as well as important deadlines for the Spring Semester.



In the spirit of Valentine's Day, students and staff also participated in a fun and interactive activity that brought forth their love for TRiO and the rich variety of services the program provides to 330 students each year. As students reflected on the activity, many of them expressed gratitude and shared with those present the positive impact that TRiO has had in their educational journeys at Skyline College. Moreover, TRiO students expressed their feelings of being surrounded by family within the TRiO community

and shared personal instances when they experienced unconditional support from the program, staff and fellow students.

The event was motivational and truly inspiring. Special thanks to Connie Beringer, Dean of Language Arts, for her continued support, Jessica Lopez, TRiO Counselor, for her help planning and facilitating the event, and to all TRiO staff for the great work they do to help TRiO students reach their educational objectives. *(Article and photos provided by Nohel Corral.)*



Regional National TRiO Day Conference to be held at Skyline College on Saturday, February 25, 2012

The Skyline College TRiO program, in partnership with TRiO programs from Cañada College, City College of San Francisco, Berkeley City College, ACE Educational Services (Talent Search), and SparkPoint Center at Skyline College will be hosting a regional National TRiO Day conference. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Building 6.

This free event is designed to help celebrate and empower our first-generation college students in TRiO. The day will consist of a welcome by President Regina Stanback Stroud followed by workshops on financial aid, financial literacy, panels composed of alumni and current students, and a final keynote speech from Pablo Gonzalez. In addition to the great workshops, four-year universities and community partners will be tabling during lunch time in the cafeteria.

For questions or more information, please contact Judy Cheung at 738-4144. RSVP's will be accepted until Tuesday, February 21, 2012. (Article provided by Nohel Corral.)

Free Tax Preparation at Skyline College

The Earn It! Keep It! Save It! program at Skyline College is providing free tax preparation to households that earned less than \$50,000 in 2011. Taxes will be prepared every Saturday, beginning February 4 through March 24, 2012 (except February 18, 2012) from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 8, Room 8209. Please call (650) 738-7035 to make an appointment. (Article provided by Raymond Jones.)



Free Tax Preparation

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Location and Dates

SparkPoint at Skyline College
Accounting Lab, Bldg 8, Room 8209
3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066
650-738-7035

Saturdays: Feb 4 – Mar 24 (except Feb 18)
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Call today for an appointment

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Trained tax preparers are helping thousands of local residents.

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- Photo ID for each person on your tax return
- Social Security card for each person on your tax return
- W-2 forms for all jobs held in 2011
- All 1099s, 1098's and any other tax forms
- Voided check or bank account and routing for direct deposit
- Last year's tax returns
- Childcare provider information
- Landlord's name, address and phone number for CA renter's credit

Your 2010 income must be less than \$50,000 to qualify.



Transfer Center – Spring 2012 Highlights

Calendar of Events – Transfer Workshops and Events

This semester, we are excited to be providing students with a broad variety of workshops and activities.

Spring 2012 Transfer-related workshops:

- New Student Transfer Orientations
- Preparing for transfer to a CSU or UC
- Understanding the new Associate for Transfer Degrees
- I've been accepted to SFSU, now what?
- I've been accepted to UC Davis, now what?
- Exploring private colleges as a transfer option
- Exploring private colleges – Panel Presentation
- Preparing for Medical School - Presented by Stanford University
- Preparing for transfer as a nursing major

SAVE THE DATE - Transfer Fair

March 14, 2012 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Our annual transfer fair will provide students with the opportunity to learn about programs at different private colleges and universities. While our Fall semester focus is on preparing students to transfer to the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) systems, our Spring semester focus is on introducing students to the opportunities offered by private colleges and universities. Please consider bringing your class to this event and encourage your students to participate.

Discover UC Davis College Tour – Friday, March 16, 2012

UC Davis is one of our biggest feeder campuses within the UC system. This year, as we do every year, we will be taking a group of students to the Discover UC Davis College Tour on Friday, March 16th. Students participate in major specific workshops, hear from faculty and student speakers, attend a college tour, and have an opportunity to attend a student services fair. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Our bus will be leaving the campus at 7:00 am sharp and will be returning around 5:30 p.m. Interested students can register on the Transfer Center website beginning February 9, 2012.

Transfer Articulation Bridge (TAB) Program

TAB is a joint program between Skyline College and San Francisco State University designed to prepare first-generation, low income, and underrepresented students to transfer to SFSU. The TAB program provides students with the opportunity to concurrently enroll at SFSU while still taking courses at Skyline College, allowing them to earn units towards their bachelor degree. Students enroll in and take the ISED 201 Introduction to SFSU 3 unit course at the SFSU campus. The topics covered in class include: strategies for transferring Skyline College to SFSU, application and enrollment strategies, impacted majors, academic and support services at SFFSU, paying for college, and more! TAB orientations will be held on Friday, March 2 and Friday, March 30 from 12:10 pm – 1:10pm. Rooms TBD. For further information about the TAB program can be found at the Transfer Center website at skylinecollege.edu/transfer.

Transfer Center Class Tours

The Transfer Center is available to do tours to share with your students the services and resources that are available to them. Class tours can take as little as 10 -15 minutes or a full class session. Consider taking a tour of the Transfer Center and having a student write a research or reflection paper on what they learned. *(Article provided by Jacquie Escobar.)*



Welcome Sherrie Prasad

Sherrie Prasad has joined Skyline College in the Office of the President as the Office Assistant. Sherrie comes to Skyline College with a wealth of experience and talent in administrative and project management. She has previously served as a business associate at Western Journal of Medicine. She has also enjoyed a successful tenure as a Members Services Associate with the Women's Funding Network.

Sherrie will be the welcoming face and service provider as you visit the Building 4, third floor administrative suite which houses the Office of the President, Vice Presidents, Administrative Services, Public Information and Research and Planning.

Sherrie is a Skyline College transfer student success story. She attended Skyline College to complete her general education requirements and transferred to San Francisco State University where she earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration. Sherrie is very excited to be back at Skyline College and is looking forward to reacquainting herself with the college and our community.

SparkPoint Welcomes AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer



SparkPoint at Skyline College is pleased to announce that Heather Drusilla Smith, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Volunteer, has joined the Skyline College community. Heather began her one year assignment in November 2011 to assist SparkPoint with capacity building activities including: the development of informational and marketing tools; support for service integration with SparkPoint's Efforts to Outcomes database; partnership development and support; the creation of conceptual models of the organization's structure and process flow; and the design of a financial coaching participant workbook.

Heather earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences with a focus in Cross-Cultural Studies, and minors in International Relations and French. She was a Delegate Representative for Costa Rica at the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston, Massachusetts in 2007. Heather received the Delegate Award of General Excellence for her outstanding participation in the conference from the California Polytechnic State University Political Science Department. She has worked with the United Nations Environment Program in several capacities in Kenya, Germany and South Korea. Heather was a Peace Corps Master's International student at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, earning a Master of Public Administration in International Management degree while serving as a Youth Development Peace Corps Volunteer in Belize City, Belize. She recently conducted research on cognitive and emotional challenges Belizean children face that impede integration into their schools and communities. Heather is proficient in French, Creole and English, and has basic Spanish skills. She serves as a member of Meridian Health Foundation's Board of Directors, an organization for which she was a consultant for several years. Heather is located in the SparkPoint Center, Building One, room 1219. Please feel free to drop by and welcome Heather to Skyline College. *(Article provided by William Watson.)*