



# President's Report to the Board of Trustees

**Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud**  
**January 25, 2012**

## **Congratulations Fall 2011 Grove Scholars!**

The Grove Scholars Program is a need-based scholarship program designed to assist students studying Career and Technical Education programs at Skyline College. This program is funded by the Grove Foundation, which is the family foundation of Andy Grove, co-founder of Intel Corporation. Including new scholarships awarded for Spring 2012, *sixty-eight* scholarships worth up to \$2000 each have been awarded to Skyline College students. The SparkPoint Center would like to recognize and congratulate the following Fall 2011 Grove Scholars for successfully completing the program this semester:



Tanashati Anderson  
Antoinette Becerra  
Robert Crespo  
Dennise Del Bando  
Alicia Grant  
Phu Ha  
Ming Zhu Liu  
Diana Monge  
Emmanuel Nava

Michelle Perez  
Lauren Presotto  
Karmann Robbins  
Luis Rubalcaba  
Jean Salazar  
Edwina Stevens  
Zena Tarasena  
Samantha Velez

The Grove Scholars participated in a series of financial education workshops, attended individual financial coaching sessions, completed a resume and cover letter, established an Individual Development Account and maintained good academic standing while in the program. Their strong effort and focus has led them to this great achievement. Once again, congratulations to the Fall 2011 Grove Scholars on a job well-done!

For additional information regarding the Grove Scholars Program go to the Skyline College SparkPoint website:  
<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint/programs/GroveScholarsProgram.php>

*Article provided by Patricia Kwok and the photo provided by Adolfo Leiva.*

## Skyline College Welcomes Jefferson Adult School



On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Skyline College welcomed thirty-one students from [Jefferson Adult Education](#) (JAE) to tour Skyline College. The tour included recent high school graduates, recent GED graduates, and [TOOLS for Success](#) students. Students completed the Skyline College application and participated in a workshop on Financial Aid Basics led by Jocelyn Vila where students learned about how to apply for FAFSA and the different types of financial aid available. The day's activities continued with José

Milan, Campus Ambassador, providing the students with a tour of the campus and concluded with a tour of SparkPoint at Skyline College where students learned about the many resources available to both students and the community. The event was part two of a two-part outreach to Jefferson Adult Education. Part One consisted of a tour of SparkPoint conducted earlier this fall for all JAE staff to prepare them to promote this event among their students. Thanks to JAE Director of Adult Education, Diana Rumney, and GED Staff member, Sylvia Strange, for coordinating JAE's participation; to Tom Hewitt, Skyline College Director of Library Services for providing the meeting space; to Jocelyn Vila, Skyline College Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator for leading the Financial Aid Informational Workshop; and Skyline College Campus Ambassador, José Milan, for leading the campus tour. The visit was coordinated by Adolfo Leiva, Program Services Coordinator, SparkPoint at Skyline College. For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College please visit the new SparkPoint website at [www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint). The tour was funded in part by the Chancellor's Office, California Community College through a Community Collaborative grant managed by Skyline College.

*Article and photo submitted by William Watson.*

## Skyline College CITD Fosters Relationship at Diaspora Trade Symposium on African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA)

*Pictured above (L-R): African Union Ambassador to the U.S., Her Excellency Ambassador Amina Salum Ali, CITD Executive Director, Richard Soyombo, and Ms. Soheyla Mahmoudi, Senior Operations Officer at the World Bank.*

*Photo submitted by Richard Soyombo*



In recognition of Skyline College's Trade Development efforts in Africa, the Skyline College Center for International Trade Development (Bay Area CITD) was invited to be on a panel at the recent Diaspora Trade Symposium on AGOA. The event, organized by the African Union and supported by the World Bank, was held at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. this past December. Attendees included African Ambassadors, representatives of the World Bank, the U.S. Trade Representative's Office for Africa, Trade Organizations and US entrepreneurs with business interests in Africa. At the symposium, Skyline

College CITD Executive Director Richard Soyombo gave presentations on the importance of building momentum for trade between the U.S. and Sub-Saharan Africa. The title of his presentation was: **Supporting Direct U.S. Investment in Sub-Sahara Africa: An Integrated Approach.** His presentation focused on two key aspects: The State of California's strategies and approach to Trade Development in Africa through Skyline College's CITD's efforts; and the need for a seamless approach to a free flow of trade between the U.S. and African entrepreneurs.

*Article submitted by Richard Soyombo and Pcyeta Jackson.*

## **Skyline College's First Hybrid Automotive Classes Graduate**



Skyline College's first group of Advanced Hybrid students completed their certificates in December. The California Green Innovation Challenge Grant funded the creation of AUTO 510, Basic Hybrid Powertrains and AUTO 511, Principles of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles. The courses were developed and taught by Jack Rosebro of Perfect Sky, a leading expert in hybrid technology, and Richie Young, a technician at Pat's Garage, a

hybrid vehicle repair shop in San Francisco. Consumer demand is rapidly increasing for fuel efficient vehicles and Skyline College is taking the lead in training technicians for this advanced technology work. Skyline College is currently recruiting for the Spring AUTO 510 courses – all fees are waived for qualified applicants. Anjana Richards at [richardsa@smccd.edu](mailto:richardsa@smccd.edu) or Kathleen Gamba [kgamba@smchsa.org](mailto:kgamba@smchsa.org) is available to provide applications to interested students.

*Article and photo submitted by Anjana Richards.*

## **Skyline College Fall Sports Wrap 2011**

Skyline College teams and students enjoyed a successful fall sports season with 104 students participating during the fall semester in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. Women's Soccer enjoyed another successful season finishing 12-6-4, good for third place in the Coast Conference and qualifying for the state playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. Men's Soccer completed the season with a record of 4-14-2, finishing in fourth place in the Coast Conference North Division. Volleyball finished the season with a record of 8-18 and a fifth place finish in the Coast Conference North Division. Wrestling finished the season rated 8<sup>th</sup> in Northern California and 18<sup>th</sup> in the state.

Sixteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-Region, All-State and/or All-American selections: Adriana Cortes - Women's Soccer (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference); Alexis Cuellar – Women's Soccer (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Adrianna Picazo – Women's Soccer (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference); Janice Garcia – Women's Soccer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference); Katie Jaques – Women's Soccer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference); Jazmin Cazares – Women's Soccer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference); Shadi Fara – Men's Soccer (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference); Josh Guidry – Men's Soccer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference); Diego Sanchez – Men's Soccer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference); April Sherfy - Volleyball (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference); John Claitor – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Marcus Gebhardt – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Monet Goldman – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Derrick Hoo – Wrestling

(All-Northern California); Tommy Howard – Wrestling (All-Northern California); and Coleman Maher (All-Northern California).

Academically, the Skyline College teams had a cumulative GPA of 2.94. Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball and Women's Soccer all had team GPA's above a 3.0. Four student-athletes had a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The completion rate for all courses attempted by student-athletes was over 90% and 49 students (47%) achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher while completing 12 or more units during the fall semester.

*Article provided by Joe Morello.*

## **Report on Financial Education Workshops - Fall 2011**

[SparkPoint at Skyline College](#) and the Skyline College [Financial Aid Office](#) have collaborated for a second semester to offer Financial Education workshops throughout Fall 2011 at Skyline College. Serving students and residents of San Mateo County, the workshops covered topics ranging from Banking, Building Savings, Money Management and Budgeting, and Credit and Identity Theft. Attendees participated in activities such as setting financial goals, creating budgets,



discussing attitudes towards money and savings, and exploring how to identify predatory financial services. The workshops provided basic financial education in an effort to promote and increase positive financial behaviors. Attendees are also entered into a monthly prize drawing to win a grand prize of \$125 awarded by SparkPoint partner, [Community Financial Resources](#).

The Fall 2011 workshops were well attended by both Skyline College students and San Mateo County community members. TRiO students and students enrolled in Opportunity Fund's Individual Development Account matched saving program attended the workshops to fulfill Financial Literacy program requirements. All students received certificates of completion for attending.

Offered twice per month the workshops were facilitated jointly by SparkPoint Counselor, Melanie Espinueva, Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator, Jocelyn Vila, and San Mateo Credit Union Financial Education Specialist, Richard Villareal. This series of workshops will be offered again in Spring 2012. For more information, please visit the SparkPoint at Skyline College website:

[www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint) or contact Melanie Espinueva at [espinuevam@smccd.edu](mailto:espinuevam@smccd.edu).

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