President’s Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud

L-R: Wanda Johnson (mother of Oscar Grant), Gwen Carr (mother of Eric Garner), Dr. David “Davey D” Cook, and Samaria Rice (mother of Tamir Rice)
Black Lives, Gray Matter Symposium brings Community Activists to Campus

On August 30, 2017, the Division of Student Equity and Support Programs hosted the Black Lives, Gray Matter Symposium in collaboration with educator, filmmaker and activist, Kristina Williams. The program kicked off with a film screening of the documentary, “Black Lives, Gray Matter,” directed by Williams who created the Black Lives, Gray Matter forum, which is held in different campuses to reclaim voices of the Black community in discussing issues of police brutality and the #BlackLivesMatter movement.

The symposium continued with a panel discussion moderated by David “Davey D” Cook, Professor of Africana Studies at San Francisco State University. Special guests, Wanda Johnson (mother of Oscar Grant), Gwen Carr (mother of Eric Garner) and Samaria Rice (mother of Tamir Rice) were greeted with a standing ovation by an audience of over 550 as they walked onto the theater stage and took their seats. Each of them shared their personal stories of loss, trauma, injustice and the support they received from community activists that helped draw attention to the deaths of their sons nationally and globally.

From this conversation, the panelists implored students to become involved on campus and in their respective communities as a way to enact social change. The panelists also shared the ways they became more engaged with efforts to address police brutality and educate society so that “another mother does not have to lose her child.” In addition to speaking to schools, organizations, houses of faith and businesses all over the country, these women also oversee foundations and work on numerous community projects to increase awareness around these issues.

The second half of the symposium featured a panel consisting of Skyline College faculty members Tony Jackson and Steve Aurilio, Skyline College students Alfredo Olguin, Naomi Quizon and Olivia Yancey and moderated by educator and activist Farima Pour-Khorsid. The panelists shared insight from the perspective of the local Skyline College community and addressed a variety of topics including the need for culturally competent professional development for staff and faculty, the school-to-prison pipeline and the need for universal health care, higher education and affordable housing.

Given the recent events of white supremacist and alt-right protests taking place all across the nation, the denouncement of (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) DACA and local events that have targeted people of color, the symposium provided an opportunity for students, staff, faculty, administrators and community members to collectively think, listen and reflect on the actions that must be taken to create a more humane, equitable and just world.

Jennifer Merrill, Professor of Psychology at Skyline College, stated, “I teach the concept of self efficacy in Social Psychology. During the symposium, I thought a lot about self efficacy when Gwen Carr shared how she turned ‘her mourning into a movement.’ I was deeply moved by these words. To hear how these mothers experienced the tragedy of losing a child to injustice and still found the strength to turn the situation into something powerful and positive had a big impact on me.”

Article by Katrina Pantig
2017-2018 President’s Council Hits the Ground Running

The President’s Council convened on September 8, 2017 to celebrate the goals accomplished in the last year and commit to new bold goals for the year ahead. The Council welcomed four new members – Karen Ervin of Genentech, Michelle Jester of the SF Chronicle, Juslyn Manalo, the Vice Mayor of Daly City and Charles Schuler of SFO.

Chaired by retired banker, Ron Derenzi, the Council got right to work setting new goals for raising funds to support the Promise Scholars Program and the President’s Innovation Fund. This year, the Council is committed to raising at least $150,000.

Interim Director of the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, Tykia Warden, was there to ensure the foundation is poised to support the Council’s development goals. According to Ms. Warden, “The foundation is committed to successful fundraising that supports the priorities of the colleges in serving students.”

The Council received a list of all President Innovation Fund projects approved for 2017-2018 and noted that more than 50% of the great ideas seeded this year have been institutionalized. This means faculty and staff were able to “dream out loud” and make some very important programs and services available to students in an ongoing way. The projects funded this year stand to continue to support our culture of innovation while putting students first.

The Council received an update on the Skyline College Promise Scholars Program including information about the impact the Skyline College Promise has had on student success. At 86.3%, the persistence rate for Promise Scholars is 24% higher than that of the general college comparison group.

The Council then focused on preparing for the 6th Success Summit taking place Friday, September 22 from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Skyline College. The Success Summit was an idea that came out of the President’s Council to highlight North San Mateo County issues and explore solutions. The outcome of the first Success Summit was the creation of the shuttle that provides free shuttle service to and from Skyline College to the Daly City BART station. The Skyline College Express has an average monthly ridership of over 6,000 with more than 64% of the riders using the shuttle four or more days per week.

The goal is to have 100% of all council members’ participation or support for the Success Summit. This year the Success Summit will have two sessions so all attendees can attend both.

The 2018 President’s Breakfast will be held Thursday, March 22, 2018. In addition, there will be a thank you/appreciation reception held either the end of January or February.

The Council participated in a group activity that asked each to name three words that define Skyline College for them and to introduce themselves and tell why they support the Breakfast. The members exchanged the information in a “speed dating” format and much discussion and laughter ensued. The Council then adjourned for the group photo. Overall, they are off to a great start.

Article by Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud | Photo by Mia Coo
Author, Educator Victor Rios talks about Transformative Education

On September 27, Skyline College hosted the Call to Consciousness College Lecture Series. This program was co-sponsored by the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) and the Division of Student Equity and Support Programs (SESP). The program opened with welcoming remarks from Dean Lasana Hotep and Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Eugene Whitlock. Dr. Whitlock said, “Skyline’s mission is to empower and transform a global community of learners…my hope is that by you participating in today’s lecture, you will have a greater consciousness around how to imitate these values.”

Kristen Ersando, ASSC’s Commissioner of Activities, introduced the guest speaker onto the stage. Dr. Rios opened his talk detailing his childhood as a migrant, high school dropout and gang member. In 1994, his life story was featured in a Frontline Documentary. He became an award-winning author, educator and professor of Sociology at UC Santa Barbara. Dr. Rios shared an account of the poverty and violence he experienced growing up in Oakland that led him to eventually drop out of high school and join a local gang. After going in and out of juvenile hall multiple times and witnessing his best friend get shot and die at 15-years-old, Rios decided to turn his life around. He visited a high school teacher that once told him, “When you’re ready, I’ll be here for you.” That educator played a significant role in putting him on a path of success. Dr. Rios finished high school on time, attended college and graduated from CSU East Bay. He continued his education and earned an MA and Ph.D. in Comparative Ethnic Studies from UC Berkeley. Dr. Rios has used his personal and academic journey to motivate, teach, conduct research and publish books about juvenile justice, the youth control complex, restorative justice and educational equity to students, school districts and organizations throughout the country. He stated, “You in the audience are the next generation of our political leaders. You are the next generation that’s gonna lead the world and this country in the right direction.”

To illustrate education’s ability to empower people to take action against injustice, Dr. Rios shared his experience with racial profiling by police, and what he did to address it. On a campus tour of UC Santa Barbara led by Dr. Rios, a group of high school students were racially profiled by a campus police officer, manifesting in a 45-minute stop and search. Dr. Rios reported the disturbing incident to the college president, which resulted in the offending police officer’s termination. Dr. Rios was then asked to be on the committee to hire a new Chief of Police the following year. “You want to change things- go get power. You want power- get yourself an education,” he said.

The lecture was followed by a question and answer segment and a book signing of Dr. Rios’ books: *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys*, *Human Targets: Schools, Police and the Criminalization of Latino Youth* and his autobiography, *Street Life: Poverty, Gangs, and a Ph.D.*

Article by Katrina Pantig
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE BUILDING
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The groundbreaking ceremony at the campus Vista Point for Skyline College’s Environmental Science building on October 3, 2017 marked the beginning of construction for the brand new facility overlooking the Pacific.

Skyline College President Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud welcomed the 150 people in attendance, noting that the momentous occasion was years in the making and a milestone for both Skyline College and the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD). She recognized that the college’s capital improvement projects were ambitious, stating that they aimed to “create physical spaces that inspire communication, drive innovation and provide the space for students to be empowered at every point in their educational journey.”

District Vice President-Clerk Richard Holober, District Chancellor Ron Galatolo, District Vice Chancellor José D. Nuñez, Skyline College Academic Senate President Kathryn Browne and Skyline College Classified Senate President Michele Haggar also delivered remarks in celebration of the groundbreaking and in recognition of their working relationship with DES Architects and XL Construction.

“This new building is about looking to the future. So it’s fitting that it’s situated here at Vista Point, overlooking the ocean,” said Dr. Stanback Stroud. “It encourages us to look to the horizon and the world beyond this campus. And it encourages us to think big and dream bigger.”

The Environmental Science building is a state-of-the-art educational facility made possible by taxpayers through the passage of Measure H in 2014. It is 21,000 square feet with two 56-seat classrooms, two 119-seat tiered lecture halls, academic offices, an outdoor learning space, a gallery with sweeping views, and will be built using sustainably grown, harvested and processed wood and equipped with water-efficient fixtures. The Design Team is aiming for LEED Gold certification and Zero Net Energy. The projected completion date is in December 2018.

Special thanks to the taxpayers of San Mateo County for supporting bonds that provide world-class facilities that enable quality teaching and learning for students, and to XL Construction for providing catering and refreshments.

Article by Kevin Perez | Photo by Gino de Grandis

SPARKPOINT AT SKYLINE COLLEGE AND SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK WORK TO END HUNGER

On September 25, 2017, Alexandra Kennedy visited the Career Center to facilitate a design charrette of the Moon Shot Project, a series of focus groups where community members come together to create solutions that will end hunger.
Kennedy is a former SparkPoint at Skyline College client and student assistant who specialized in public benefits. SparkPoint at Skyline College has led to her professional development, educational persistence and career interests. Kennedy successfully graduated from Skyline College, transferred to the University of San Francisco and is currently an employee of the Second Harvest Food Bank as a Community Liaison on the Moonshot Team, an innovative effort to make food accessible to all.

Kennedy is passionate about advocating for people of all walks of life who have barriers to accessing public benefits. Through SparkPoint, she has been able to put her passion to action and change lives.

When Kennedy worked in the Public Benefits office at SparkPoint, she advocated for many students and community members who were struggling to make ends meet. She shared how one client, a woman who was recently divorced and left to raise two children on her own, entered the SparkPoint Public Benefits office in a crisis. Her status drastically changed from a married affluent San Francisco home-owner to the head of household living below the poverty line with two boys to feed and raise. Since she had been a stay-at-home mom for almost a decade and was not used to living in poverty, she was unaware of resources that could help lift the burden of feeding children without an income. Kennedy advocated for and connected this family to an improved living situation.

Despite public benefits, 700,000 people go hungry or are at risk of going hungry in the San Mateo and Santa Clara County. The Second Harvest Food Bank envisions a community where no one goes hungry.

To address the question, “How might our community ensure that every one of us is well-fed from now on?” staff, faculty and students gathered in groups at the Career Center to develop and share innovative ideas on such themes as food access, community empowerment, education and technology.

- Offer food to the homeless, using leftovers at food drives, farmer’s markets, food banks and community gardens.
- Use technology or social media to educate and connect folks.
- Empower youth to get involved, such as the H.E.L.P. club in Palo Alto, a group of high school students who garden, grow and give food and provide college credits for service hours.
- Young people could prepare and deliver meals to the elderly.
- Start up a grocery delivery system developed to make nutritious food accessible to low-income families; tax unhealthy foods to subsidize healthy meals.
- Create an application that connects the community around food access and insecurity. People in the community could request food and local neighbors could help one another by donating prepared meals and groceries.
- Collaborate across programs; host community events that build community and reduce stigma.
- Use social media to connect folks, spread awareness and share information.
- Meet people where they are at; provide fresh fruits and vegetables to homes, and public spaces including parks, libraries, fast food restaurants, parking lots and bus stops.
- Get involved! Vote and organize community to elect the right leaders.

The Second Harvest Food Bank envisions a hunger-free community. SparkPoint at Skyline College is on board. Together, we will make a significant impact in the quest to end hunger. No child should go hungry. When we match creative solutions with resources, we can transform our society. The Moon Shot Project is a prime example of innovative community building and research by the community and for the community.

Article by Valerie Higgins | Photo by Valerie Higgins and Chad Thompson
Automotive Program Nationally Recognized

Skyline College earned Strong Workforce Stars recognition in the Advanced Transportation and Renewables sector for its Automotive Technology program; 71% of students who participate in this program attain the regional living wage and 100% of students who participate report securing a job in their field of study.

Skyline College attributes the success of its Automotive Technology program to effective relationships with local high schools, community centers, local businesses and its strong advisory board. Over the years, the program has benefited from strong support from the Chancellor’s Office, the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Supervisors, Skyline College’s own administration and the division dean. This support translates into a financial budget that allows it to be what program leaders describe as one of the best-equipped automotive programs — both technically and mechanically.

The college maintains three buildings dedicated to the Automotive Technology program (alongside one additional shared building), affording the program six classrooms, one computer lab, two bench overhaul labs and 20 service stalls. Over the years, the program has also partnered with several automotive manufacturers and currently enjoys a collaboration with Subaru of America and Audi of America. Through these partnership and private donations, Skyline College’s Automotive Technology program has procured a fleet of 90 vehicles ranging in age from the mid-1980’s to 2017, providing students with a wide variety of vehicle technology on which to learn.

Additionally, program leaders note the impact of their curricular and pedagogical approach on students’ preparation. Through involvement, North American Council of Automotive Teachers (NACAT), California Automotive Teachers (CAT), National Automotive Technicians Educational Foundation (NATEF), Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and Mobile Air Conditioning Society (MACS), Skyline College is known nationwide and worldwide as having a premier automotive training program, and is able to keep its training aligned with industry expectations. Specifically, the program conducts long classes so students can have extensive hands-on training that infuses innovative teaching techniques and advanced critical-thinking activities.

Every semester, the program’s students are immersed into a full educational load (15 credit units) focused on one automotive subject matter. This approach translates into 179 hours of direct experience, combined with 179 hours of theory and critical thinking preparation.

In turn, over the course of the program’s three years, each student receives 2,148 hours of combined learning encompassing key industry requirements including specific ASE automotive areas and California Smog certification.

Lastly, the entire program staff biannually attend professional development training in automotive technology and in dynamic teaching pedagogy techniques.

Article by the Automotive Technology Department
**Fall 2017 Transfer Conference**

The 6th annual Transfer Conference was held on Saturday, September 30. Over 150 students registered for the event and over 115 students were in attendance.

The Transfer Center offers this conference annually to provide students with access to critical resources and support services that support their transfer. It is the Transfer Center’s goal to ensure all students have the necessary information about the transfer process. Students learned how to explore career and major options and they also learned about resources and tools that are available to plan and achieve a successful transfer to a university.

Students started their day with a nice breakfast. The morning session included breakout sessions with former Skyline College students who completed their transfer journey from Skyline College to a 4-year university. A total of six Skyline College alums shared transfer tips and tricks with students. This included information about making connections with resources on campus to help make their transfer journey less complicated and stressful!

Students who participated in the event said it was “…good for students confused about process,” and that they “…loved the student panel.”

Additionally, students found the Financial Aid workshop very beneficial to them. They also learned about scholarships, grants, and financial aid tips to manage their financial aid as they transfer. Many students expressed that the conference was “extremely informative and helpful.”

Students who entered into our giveaway were able to walk away with college gear that our Skyline College Bookstore Manager, Kevin Chak, generously donated for the event! One student even won an Amazon Kindle donated by Ernesto Hernandez, the Transfer Center Program Services Coordinator. Thanks to all our donors!

This event was ultimately a great success thanks to all the supportive volunteers, faculty and staff who helped set up and participate in the event. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who participated this past weekend.

**Article by Lucy Jovel & Ernesto Hernandez**

**Meta-Majors Campus Forum**

After a year of inquiry and work, the Design Team, in collaboration with the Meta-majors work team, presented four proposed Meta-majors at a campus-wide forum on Monday, September 25, 2017.

As one of the signature components of the Skyline College Promise, a Meta-major is…

- A student-facing piece that presents information about majors, degrees and certificates with related coursework, in an easily accessible format for students.
- Designed with a student’s end goal in mind and his/
her interests as a starting point.

- An integration of Student Services and instruction into a coherent, intentional and informed student experience.

When asked about the proposal of the Meta-majors work team, Design Team Co-Lead Carla Grandy stated, “It is exciting to see this part of Skyline College’s commitment to helping students ‘Get in, Get through and Graduate on time’ be revealed and receive positive feedback from the campus.”

If you were unable to make it to the forum, we still want to hear from you!

Visit the Meta-majors website: http://skylinecollege.edu/metamajors/index.php, view the four proposed Meta-majors and provide feedback by taking the short survey.

Together, we will help the college fulfill its promise to empower students to find success at every point in their educational journey.

Have additional questions? Please reach out to the Meta-majors & Guided Pathways co-leads: Lorraine DeMello, Luis Escobar, Carla Grandy, Mary Gutierrez, Jessica Hurless, Mustafa Popal and Jesse Raskin.

**Article by Jessica Hurless | Photo by Mia Coo**

**FUNNELBACK: NEW SEARCH ENGINE FOR SKYLINE COLLEGE WEBSITE**

As a part of our overall Promise redesign, the Skyline College website launched a brand new search engine called FunnelBack, which provides students, faculty and staff a vastly improved search experience. With this search engine, the campus community will now be able to quickly and efficiently find and sort any information within our site.

The advanced search function allows students to filter by professor, degrees, pdf, class schedule, course number, phone number, etc. The best way to see everything the new search has to offer is to visit skylinecollege.edu and start using it. The more that people use the tool, the more data it will provide, which we can use to analyze trends and statistics on our website to customize the results, and ultimately provide a better, more cohesive experience to students.

Part two of our FunnelBack search launch is the new Skyline College homepage design. A more responsive homepage featuring FunnelBack went live on September 22, 2017.

The new homepage was designed to give students a better look into what the college has to offer by bringing the elements of the dropdown menu into the page, providing a more interactive experience with different communities within the college. We hope the brief descriptions will help increase the understanding of these programs, while the new placement will increase their visibility.

Lastly, we improved our mobile experience to meet the demands of a changing web landscape. Every year mobile devices account for an increasing amount of internet traffic. We want our website to reflect this change. We ultimately want our site to be as easy to use on a phone, as it is on a desktop computer. We still have a long way to go, and we appreciate any feedback you have on the new design as we continue on our journey to provide the best college experience for students. Please send any feedback to Brian Collins, Web Programmer Analyst.

With the FunnelBack implementation and new design, we are driving forward in our mission to enable students to find the materials and the resources they need to graduate on time and succeed in their educational pursuits.

**Article by MCPR Team**
“Lowride Worldwide” Reception at the Skyline College Art Gallery

Over 200 gallery visitors, which included students, staff, faculty and members of the local community, enjoyed viewing “Lowride Worldwide” at the opening reception on Thursday, September 14, at the Skyline College Art Gallery.

“Lowride Worldwide” provided a fascinating view of the spread of lowrider culture to Japan and beyond. The exhibition features two exquisitely painted 1954 Chevrolet lowrider cars, photographs, drawings, prints, historical artifacts and plenty of other documentation of the lowrider communities in Japan, inviting the viewer to deeply investigate complex themes of multi-cultural appropriation and influence. This show generated a buzz on campus, and visitors to the gallery wanted to know how two fully dressed lowriders were brought into the art gallery!

“Lowride Worldwide” was on view in the Art Gallery from September 11 - October 13, 2017.

Article by Paul Bridenbaugh

District Employee Housing Development Progressing at Skyline College

Last year, the district initiated a process to sell a portion of land on the edge of Skyline College’s campus referred to as “Parcel B.”

As part of this project, the District will be building a third employee housing development and the remainder of the site will be developed by SummerHill Homes, the firm that purchased the parcel.

On “Parcel B”, the District will be constructing two buildings that will contain 30 total employee housing units (1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments) similar to those at College of San Mateo and Cañada College. SummerHill Homes will be constructing 40 single family homes on their adjoining property.

The District and SummerHill Homes have been working through the permitting process with the City of San Bruno and project applications are under review by various city commissions and groups. This review process will continue over the coming months before the project is presented to the San Bruno City Council for final approval. The District is very optimistic about the project’s sign-off by city officials.

If all holds true, the following general timeline describes the project sequence:

- Fall 2017/Winter 2017 – Required approvals received from City of San Bruno (permits, maps, etc.)
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- Spring 2018 – RFP for employee housing development released and awarded
- Summer 2018/Fall 2018 – Groundbreaking on employee housing development at Skyline College
- Spring 2020 – Employee housing development at Skyline College completed and opened

Article by Mitchell Bailey

SKYLINE COLLEGE PILOTS ITS FIRST HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER ENGINEERING CAMP!

This past summer, Skyline College opened the doors of its Base 11 Innovation Center and Fabrication Laboratory to high school students for a Summer Engineering Camp!

On July 10, 2017 students 13-17 years old came from high schools across the local Bay Area and went through a 5-week camp where they learned how to engineer prototype designs using 3D printing, laser cutting, electronics and CAD tools while learning skills for entrepreneurship with product marketing lesson modules provided by Base-11.

Inspired by the Base-11 STEM Entrepreneur Accelerators curriculum, the camp was geared towards youth to pursue a STEM field with the basis of having an entrepreneurial mind set – and to develop products that will better serve the community.

The camp also included a tour of San Francisco State University’s Engineering Program and a visit to Autodesk gallery– a company whose software has been used as a tool of innovation globally for creative advancements in construction, urban planning, entertainment and technology.

The camp was led by adjunct Engineering Faculty Maryam Khan, Fabrication Laboratory Lab Technician Marco Wehrfritz, BAEC faculty member Terri Wade and Student Support Specialist Jenny Le, who all contributed immense efforts to pilot this program and engage the students for success!

Special thanks to Skyline College’s partnership with Base-11, contributions from the Vice President’s office, and support from Skyline College’s Science Math and Technology Division. The students left with newer skills and sparked interest in engineering, technology and rapid prototyping. The Engineering Program at Skyline College plans to run the camp again and continue efforts to influence bright and young minds to pursue a future as creative makers and entrepreneurs.

Article by Maryam Khan
Upcoming Events

Small Business Innovation
Research Phase 1-Part 1
Saturday, October 21, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
College of San Mateo
1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.
College Center Bldg. #10, Room 192
San Mateo CA 94402

Free Co-Working Day at BAEC
Wednesday, October 25, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Bay Area Entrepreneur Center
458 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno, CA

ESL Registration Day
Saturday, October 28, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Skyline College
Building 5, Learning Center

Culture Spotlight: Nepal
Festival of Lights
Monday, October 30, 2017
11:30am – 1:00pm
Skyline College
Building 4, Multicultural Center

Disability Awareness Month:
Going Beyond Inspirational
Thursday, November 9, 2017
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Skyline College
Building 6, Room 6-204

International Food Festival
Monday, November 13, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Skyline College, Building 6, Fireside Dining Hall

Study Abroad Fair
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Skyline College
Building 6, Fireside Dining Hall

Empty Bowls
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Skyline College
Building 6, Fireside Dining Hall

BAEC Action Summit 4
Monday, December 4, 2017
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Bay Area Entrepreneur Center
458 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno, CA