2022-2023 President's Innovation Fund Awards

1. **Bridges & Beats: Cultivating Student Leadership**
   Within the Kababayan (est. 2003) and CIPHER (est. 2014) learning communities, over the years, we have had a robust legacy of emerging student leadership, but when the pandemic hit in 2020, this steady pipeline came to an abrupt halt. With the President's Innovation Fund, we would like to create a student leadership training and development program for students in our learning communities. We hope to not only rebuild our student leadership teams, but also create a framework that can be useful and applicable to all of the learning communities at Skyline College. By starting with our own learning communities and current student cohorts, this project would be able to provide opportunities for students of color who often do not traditionally see themselves as student leaders. We plan to start small in developing the project, focusing first on Kababayan and CIPHER students, but eventually scaling up to include the other learning communities as well.

2. **Critical Global Citizenship Education**
   Current global education prepares students to thrive in the market economy but does not interrogate colonialism and capitalism as root causes of global inequities. This project aims to address that gap while connecting with our college's mission, Citizenship Student Learning Outcomes, and the Civic Mindset portion of the People's College Initiative. We will implement programs that complement the curriculum, foster dialogue and engagement across disciplines, and bring the campus community together in a shared experience. Programs will include talks, film screenings, and art projects around topics such as belongingness, humanization of current historical events, social and ecological justice, and critical citizenship.

3. **Digital Textbook Loan Program**
   The high cost of textbooks is an equity issue and barrier to student enrollment and success. Although the Skyline College Library offers short loans of print textbooks and the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning is at the forefront of promoting Open Education Resources, barriers persist. Now, new software will help the Library lift those barriers by making digital copies or chapters of textbooks available to students. Called Alma-Digital, this software can integrate these digital assets into our catalog where they will be available for registered students to download for free regardless of location. This simple solution will reduce costs, increase enrollment, and contribute to academic success for our students.

4. **Social & Environmental Justice Curriculum Working Groups**
   The goal of this project is to continue to build and train a supported faculty network to promote the implementation of sustainability focused curriculum in alignment with the Comprehensive College Redesign goals. In order to connect with and build upon the redesign goals, these trainings will leverage existing campus wide interest in sustainability integration through the Sustainability Blitz and the thematic general education work group. Emphasizing professional development, these trainings will equip faculty and staff to lead in their fields, set new and innovative standards, and improve instructional efficacy. In alignment with Skyline College values, these trainings are committed to promoting environmental sustainability and justice through strengthening the way teachers integrate sustainability in their classes. These trainings will benefit the college, students, and community in several ways. First, this project benefits faculty by utilizing a train-the-trainer approach and supporting peer facilitated networks through trainings, incentives and enhanced communication strategies. Second, it allows Skyline College students a deeper exploration of career options and opportunities in order to make more informed choices and therefore clarify college and career goals. Third, these trainings will expand campus wide collaboration through further developing interdisciplinary faculty networks.

5. **Student Newspaper Digitization Project**
   The Skyline College Student Newspaper Digitization Project aims to preserve and provide comprehensive digital access to two of our student newspapers, The Skyline Press and The Skyline View. As a partner of UC Riverside's California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC), Skyline College's final digital product would be maintained by UCR at no future cost to our college. For more than 50 years, the student newspapers have represented the student voice(s) in our community. They promote civic engagement and provide a unique, historical record of the college, useful to all campus constituents. Now digitized, the newspaper is our newest tool for digital scholarship with relevance for a wide range of student projects. Funding free universal public access to our rich college history through digitization puts into action the values of equity and transparency so well embodied by the People's College Initiative.