



President's Innovation Fund Awards for 2009 - 2010

President Victoria P. Morrow recently announced the eighth round of President's Innovation Fund grants awarding almost \$70,000 to a wide variety of projects. Skyline College's annual President's Breakfast, as well as the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, raises the financial support for the President's Innovation Fund, which encourages the college's faculty and staff to "dream out loud."

Rock The School Bells: Multicultural Hip-Hop Conference

The Multicultural Hip-Hop Conference is a student-led and organized event. The weeklong conference in November 2009 is a blend of workshops that enhance a student's critical thinking about current issues, reading and writing about their life experiences, presenting oral and written communication through readings, spoken word, and poetry. A culminating event will showcase artists, musicians, and students in a night of hip-hop, short films, spoken word and poetry.

Performing Arts Showcase

The Performing Arts Showcase will provide annual, auditioned performance opportunities for Skyline students in performing arts classes, including dance, theater and music. The inaugural event in the Spring semester will be part of the celebration of the college's 40th anniversary. The Showcase will increase the profile of Skyline College as a community cultural center for the performing arts.

EOPS & Skyline College: 40 years & Still Fabulous

A weeklong celebration in October 2009 is planned to feature the talents and contributions of EOPS students. (EOPS students are economically and educationally disadvantaged.) An art exhibit along with student performances and an EOPS Alumni reunion is planned.

Kababayan Dance Troupe

In celebration of Filipino American History Month in October 2009, The Kababayan Dance Troupe (KDT) will present an evening Filipino Folk Dance Concert. In its second year, KDT's mission is to provide students of Filipino descent an opportunity to learn and experience their cultural heritage through the art of Philippine folk dancing. KDT promotes intercultural awareness and respect for diversity amongst students, faculty, staff and the community-at-large.

A 24/7 Learning Center

The 24/7 Learning Center will consist of an online Podcast Library; increasing access to key resources such as workshop presentations, tutor training, and special topics presentations (identified by Writing, ESL and Math Lab Coordinators.) A digital welcome center will make learning more accessible and memorable through multi-intelligent study centers that enable students to use their most preferred intelligence systems to master difficult materials.

Is the Nintendo Wii Effective in Improving Physical Skills?

Create a one-unit honors biology colloquium, Biology 675, on the topic of brain disorders. Working with Adaptive Physical Education classes, biology students will use scientific methods to determine the efficacy of the Nintendo Wii for rehabilitation for physically challenged people.

Automotive Department Women's Recruitment and Retention Initiative

Develop an Recruitment Program for Women so that women enroll in and succeed in the Automotive Technology Program. Using the CalWomenTech Project as a model, a pilot program will be developed to recruit and retain women in the Automotive Technology Program. Once successfully implemented, the program will be integrated into the department's ongoing recruiting efforts. Employers throughout the Bay Area are eager to hire women in their shops.

Online Professional Development Program for Counselors

Develop and implement the Online Professional Development Program for Counselors. Skyline's growing and very diverse student population requires that counselors be informed, properly trained, and current in core counseling competencies. Community college counseling programs struggle with the competing demands of keeping experienced counselors current while at the same time providing training to new and adjunct counselors that help provide counseling services to a constantly changing student population.

Hermanas – Building an educational bridge into higher education for young Latina students

Hermanas, which means "sisters" in Spanish, is modeled after the successful Hermanos Program at Skyline College. As a transitional learning community, the Hermanas Program provides transitional services to high school students with the goal of helping them enter and succeed in college. Students will be integrated into academic programs, support services, and student activities that will support their success both in high school and college.

Skyline Reads: *The Mistress of Spices*

Skyline College will participate in the October 2009 Peninsula Library System (PLS) initiative **One Book One Community: San Mateo County Reads**. PLS has selected Chitra Divakaruni's first novel, *The Mistress of Spices*. Skyline College Library will sponsor 3 events to complement PLS interview event with Chitra Divakaruni. There will be a Book discussion group of *The Mistress of Spices* for the campus and the public, along with the presentation of the film adaptation of *The Mistress of Spices*. The third event will be a faculty speaker who will explore principal themes of the novel, including the notion of what immigrants choose to keep or leave behind from their cultures as they assimilate.