



Skyline Shines

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Welcome to the spring semester!

Welcome back to those of you who have been away, and Happy New Year to everyone! We will be greeting both new and returning students starting on Tuesday, so please wear your "Ask Me!" buttons for the first week or two to assist people in finding their way. Several buildings will be coming into service—remodeled Building 8 (Business and Language Arts) and two new buildings: Building 6 (Student Center) and Building 7A (Science labs). There will be some bumps in the road as we shake down, so please be patient. If you hit a snag, let your supervisor know about it.

Faculty Door Cards

As usual, faculty members are taking seriously the value of getting current door cards available online, so that students will have ready access to them when class starts next week. As of today, 35 percent of them are already out there. Thanks to everyone who has already done it, and to those who will be doing it over the next few days. It would be great for the college to hit 100 percent again for the third term in a row—it sends a clear "students first" message.

Open Forum on plans for the new buildings, entryways and parking: January 31, 2:10 pm, Room 2306

There will be a college wide open forum on January 31 from 2:10-4:10. Kwan Henmi Architects will present their work on the "bridging documents" for future construction at the college. This work will provide the foundation for requests for proposals for Design/Build teams (architects plus builders) to carry out the actual design and construction of the new buildings, entrances and parking for the college. The people who are part of the "building user groups" have been involved in meetings with Kwan Henmi this fall and now they and other members of the college will have a chance to see the whole package and comment on it.

Loop Road Opening

With the construction of our new Bldg 6 and 7A coming to completion, there is no longer any need to keep the Loop Road closed with the swing gates. I want to thank everyone for their patience with putting up with this temporary inconvenience and ask that everyone be extra careful when driving through that area of the Loop Road that was closed off with swing gates for the past two years. We still have a lot of pedestrian traffic making their way back and forth to Pacific Heights. Stop signs have been placed in that area to slow vehicles and all the pedestrian crosswalks and the speed bump have been repainted in an effort to promote safety. This will be a temporary opening of the Loop Road, as we will once again have to close the Loop Road as we near further construction in that area starting about a year from now.

Congratulations to Jennifer Hughes

Please join me in congratulating Jennifer Hughes, who has been appointed as the Vice President for Student Services at the College of San Mateo. She will be leaving Skyline to assume those duties effective February 5. Jennifer has served as the Dean of Counseling at Skyline for 6 years. She has been a tremendously valuable member of the college, and she will be greatly missed. We are planning to engage an interim dean right away, and then to post the vacant position as soon as possible. Members of the division will be involved in those processes.

Donor's "Sneak Preview Reception"

Skyline's President's Council is hosting a "Sneak Preview Reception" for our donors to visit the new Student and Community Center on February 7th from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to 'officially' open the building will be held on February 14th at 1 pm. The campus community is cordially invited to this public celebration. Everyone will receive an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting. If you would like to receive an invitation to the "Sneak Preview Reception" please call Roxanne Brewer at 4325 or brewerr@smccd.edu.



Scheduling meeting rooms in the new Student and Community Center

We will begin to enjoy our beautiful new Student and Community Center with the beginning of the spring semester. The ribbon cutting will be held on February 14, and you will get an invitation to that event. The Center, Building 6, includes the cafeteria—Sky Café—as well as Student Activities, Associated Students, Bookstore, and Security. In addition there are a Cyber Lounge, a Student Lounge and a Study Lounge. Finally there are six meeting rooms on the second floor, three of which can be combined for a large meeting space. I want to give everyone an idea of how we will handle the scheduling and use of them. Because this is our Student Center, the students will have first access to scheduling of the meeting rooms for ASSC and student clubs. That priority will last for the first few weeks of the term, until February 2. After that, available space will be open to scheduling for other committees and college activities. To reserve space, email Julene Rhoan at rhoan@smccd.edu with the following information: title of meeting/event, date, start time and ending time, and the anticipated size of the group.

Skyline Shines Awards—Call for Nominations

I sent out the Call for Nominations for this year's Skyline Shines awards by email on Monday. In recognition of individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality, the college gives an award called *Skyline Shines*. Two awards are made annually: one to a member or group of the Skyline employees and one to a member or group from the community. The Call for Nominations for the Skyline Shines Awards has been sent out to all Skyline employees and is being disseminated to the community through

both the president's council and via a press release. The Call for Nominations letter includes the criteria for the awards. The awardees would be those who most help the college live up to the college's values, which are: campus climate, open access, academic excellence, community connection and shared governance. The deadline for nominations is April 13, 2007. The Call for Nominations is posted on Skyline's website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skynotes/>.

Building 7 health concerns update

The final report has been submitted in response to concerns expressed by faculty regarding the incidence of brain tumors in Building 7. I appreciate your patience as we investigated this matter, but it was important to perform a thorough investigation. The summary report was prepared by Michael Fischman, M.D., M.P.H. and Industrial Hygienist Dan Cox, Ph.D, C.I.H. In addition to the summary report, there are appendices containing:

- Curriculum vitae of the authors
- Northern California Cancer Center report
- Summary report of Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) and IAQ standards and guidelines
- Detailed air sampling reports from Building 7

The health and safety of our employees and students is very important and with the release of these findings it appears that there is no connection between the brain tumors reported and working in Building 7. The full report with detailed appendices is being provided to Building 7 faculty and staff. If you are interested in those details, please contact the Division Office for Science, Math and Technology at 738-4221. There is also a copy of the full report in each division office. If you have questions about the reports please direct them to Harry Joel, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and Employee Relations.

Skyline shines on civic engagement

Skyline is committed to educate and engage students for a lifetime of active citizenship. One of the institutional Student Learning Outcomes focuses on Global Citizenship. Thomas Ehrlich said a civically responsible individual is someone who "recognizes himself or herself as a member of a larger social fabric, and therefore considers social problems to be at least partly his or her own." The plight of people in underdeveloped countries, religious persecution, and the war in Iraq are some of the issues that affect us all as a global society. The annual Honors Study topic is developed by the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the National Collegiate Honors Council (represented at Skyline by the Honors Transfer Program). The 2006-08 Honors Study topic is "Gold, Gods, & Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power." The three Gs are taken from 15th century historical references but they are just as relevant to understanding the dynamics of power today. Three seminars will be held this month on topics of global significance. If you can, engage your classes in discussions about these issues and encourage them to attend the seminars. The seminars will be 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Bldg 6 conference rooms:

February 8: What it is like to be a Muslim today.

Ameena Jandali

Co-founder and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Islamic Networks Group

February 15: The world waits while Darfur dies

San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition

February 22: Bridge 2 Peace: The children of Sri Lanka

Amali Tower

Co-founder

Go to <http://skylinecollege.edu/boo/ggg> for more details on each seminar.

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

The report on Skyline which I presented to the Board of Trustees December 18 is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

Coming Up

Wednesday, January 10

- Men's Basketball vs. Las Positas College, at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball, vs. City College, at Skyline, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12

- Men's Basketball, at Cañada College, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 15

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- College Bookstore reopens in Bldg. 6 location

Tuesday, January 16

- Day and Evening Classes Begin

Wednesday, January 17

- Men's Basketball, vs. Chabot College, at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball, at CSM, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 20

- Men's Basketball, vs. Ohlone College, at Skyline, 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball, vs. Las Positas College, at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.

For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at

www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.