



## **Skyline Shines**

Victoria P. Morrow, President

April 27, 2007

### **President's Report to the Board of Trustees**

You can see the report I made on Skyline to the Board of Trustees this week at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

### **Accreditation Open Forum**

Please join the Accreditation Steering Committee for a presentation of an overview of the almost final Self Study Report on

**Wednesday, May 2**

1:30-3:00

Room 1111

Come and provide your feedback. The document will be posted on our website Monday and Ray Hernandez will send out an email alerting everyone that it is available. Key materials will be provided at the meeting as well.

### **Tea Time with the SLOAC Committee: degree level student learning outcomes**

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### **Classified Council Retreat a success**

"Who Am I? Who Are You?" was the theme for the Skyline Classified Staff Retreat held on April 20th. In an effort to continue the enrichment of the classified family the Classified Council used the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator as a means for the staff to learn more about one another. Virginia Padron and Jacqueline Escobar, Career Counselors, facilitated a fun filled, informative and interactive presentation to help staff develop a better understanding of their individual personality type and work style preference.



*(Photo by Shelly Hausman)*

#### **4 Skyline people honored at 25 Year Celebration**

Please join me in congratulating and recognizing 4 Skyline people who were honored for their service to our district and our students at yesterday's district-wide 25 Year Celebration.

Ellen Lee  
Ellen Lowenstein  
Sylvia Martinez  
Persis Morrice

#### **WIT holds end of the year event**

Last Wednesday, the Women in Transition (WIT) students gathered to hear the inspiring WIT graduates talk about their new careers. The group also honored Rosemary Bell for her work in the WIT program from 1989-2006. Lori Slicton has succeeded her as the WIT coordinator this year.



*(Photos by Virginia Medrano Rosales)*

#### **Respiratory Therapy program hosts regional job fair**

Yearly, the Respiratory Therapy Program at Skyline College hosts a job fair for all RT Programs in the Bay area. On Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 100+ soon to be graduates from Foothill, Napa,

Ohlone, and Skyline College attended in our Student and Community Center. 32 healthcare employers from all over the Bay area were there eager to recruit the newly trained respiratory therapists. The event was an overwhelming success! Skyline will be graduating 26 students from its 2 year program in June 2007. Here are this year's grads.



#### **Adewole book talk**

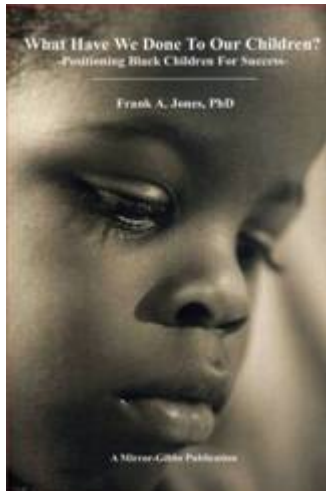
Next week the Adewole Project is presenting "Conversation with Author Frank A. Jones, Ph.D."

**Thursday, May 3**

1:30-2:30 PM

Building 2, Room 2306

Frank A. Jones is an expert in educating young people to success. He is the Editor of *Gibbs Magazine, News, Opinions, and Ideas of African Americans -- A Weekly Afrocentric Intellectual Alternative*. He is the author of *What Have We Done to Our Children? Positioning Black Children for Success*.



#### **Polynesian Student Union's Aloha Bash**

Skyline's Polynesian Student Union (PSU) presents their First Annual Aloha Bash on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Enjoy an evening of Polynesian music, dance, and food. There will be performances by local artists/groups. Tickets include dinner and the show. They are on sale now for \$10.00 Pre-sale/\$12.00 at the door.

### **Talisman**

This year's *Talisman* will be published shortly. Here are the award winners:

#### **26th Annual Victoria Alvarado Short Story Award**

1st prize: Margarita Tapia

2nd prize: Scott Carey

3rd prize: Michael Risenhoover

#### **25th Annual Dorothy Dutcher Literary Awards for Poetry**

1st prize (tie): Richard Arnold & Barbara McNeill

2nd prize: Marilyn Weeks

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Katie Ocampo

Honorable Mentions: Christian Jarquin, Ron D'Aloisio, Katie Ocampo, Michael

Many talented students will have their work included in this edition and I would like to highlight all of them here: Alberto Cuadros, Alina Ratti, Allen Manalo, Barbara McNeill, Brenda Guzman, Bri Yee, Christian Jarquin, Elizabeth Sinclair-Smith, Henry Carreno, Izaias Garcia, Jessica Farr, Jill Forshay, John Chavez, John Cruz, Katie Ocampo, Kris Marsh, Leo Rosales, Lisa Rowson, Marilyn Weeks, Maryam Khan, Meghan O'Nyon, Melanie Wilson, Michael Risenhoover, Peter Sandoval, R. Arnold, Ron D'Aloisio, Rose M. Hick, Scott Carey, Shanee Monique Sheard McLeod, Shannon Elliott, Shawn Chand, Virginia Rosales, Vivian Twu.

### **Skyline College Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, May 2**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Building 6, Student and Community Center

Make an appointment online at the American Red Cross website: [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or visit the Health Center, Room 2209. For information, call Jan Gersonde at 738-4270. Skyline students, staff, faculty and community have contributed a total of 2,310 units of blood since the annual blood drive began in 1978!

### **Cinco de Mayo celebration next Wednesday**



### **Jackson delivers keynote to Hayward students**

Professor Tony Jackson, Psychology, delivered the keynote address at the Hayward Unified School District's Adewole Intervention Program student recognition ceremony (for grades 4-12) on April 20. His talk was entitled "The Talented Tenth."

### **College Council update for meeting of April 25**

1. **ASSC update:** Luis Padilla and Sylvia Martinez reported on plans for ASSC elections, the May 2 celebration for El Cinco de Mayo, the Earth Day campus cleanup planned for April 30, and their plans to participate in the statewide student government conference.
2. **Accreditation update:** Ray Hernandez reported that there will be an Open Forum to discuss the last draft of the Self Study Report on May 2, 1:30-3:00 in Room 1111.
3. **Budget update:** Vicki Morrow reported on the college's plans for balancing the budget in the 2007-08 year.
4. **District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC) update:** Luis Padilla and Linda Allen reported on the topics addressed in the most recent meeting, including a review of the district's "functional map", required by the Accrediting Commission. It has been developed collaboratively by the Accreditation Steering Committees of the three colleges and key district staff involved in the various functions. The DSGC also reviewed a minor revision to board rules and regulations and discussed the proposed changes to the student health fee and the parking fees. Cost deficiencies are currently being covered by the general fund. No action was taken.
5. **Fresh Look Project update:** Vicki Morrow alerted the members to the need to make appointments to the group that will conduct a visioning exercise relative to the website redesign, on May 4.
6. **Educational and Facilities Master Plan update:** Vicki Morrow reviewed the status of the development of the Request for Proposals for the college's design/build project. That project will involve several new buildings and the parking lots, roadways, entries and landscaping for the college.
7. **First Year Experience update:** Regina Stanback Stroud and Lori Adrian provided an update on the extensive work being done by the First Year Experience group and showed the Council the website where that detailed work is being archived and tracked in preparation for the development of their final report and recommendations to the college.
8. **Skyline Shines Awards 2007:** The Council will hold a special meeting to conduct the screening of this year's nominees for the Skyline Shines Award to a college employee or group of employees.
9. **Update from constituent groups on College Hour discussion:** This topic was brought forward initially by the ASSC. The Academic Senate and the Classified Council have not been able to discuss it yet, but will do so in advance of the next College Council meeting.
10. **Health and Safety Committee assessment of designated smoking areas:** The committee will be conducting a web-based survey of summer and fall students and for faculty and staff to assess the effectiveness of the designated smoking areas. Ray Hernandez reported that he is considering doing his master's thesis project on the smoking issue. Sylvia Cervantes reported that a new student club has been formed called Smoke Free San Mateo County Advocates.
11. **Commencement update:** Commencement will be held at 5 pm this year for the first time and will be back in our Gymnasium, with the reception afterward in the Student and Community Center.
12. **Annual Report Draft for 2006-07:** Last fall, the first annual report on the work of the College Council was published and this 2005-06 report is archived at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>. The Council reviewed a draft of the 2006-07 report and agreed that the material from the April and May meetings will be added to it and it will be published electronically in early summer and archived on the website.
13. **Next meeting: May 23**

**Coming Up ...**

**Friday, April 27**

- High School Counselors' Breakfast, 7:45 a.m., Bldg 6
- Skyline Bookstore will be closed for inventory
- Student Government Info Meeting, 11 a.m., 6214

**Saturday, April 28**

- Men's Baseball vs. Cañada at Skyline, noon
- Pilipino Cultural Night, 7 p.m., Main Theatre
- Week of the Young Child: 6th Annual Festival, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Child Development Center

**Monday, April 30**

- Skyline Bookstore will be closed for inventory.
- President's Innovation Fund proposal deadline, 4:30 p.m., President's Office

**Tuesday, May 1**

- Men's Baseball vs. Ohlone at Fremont, 2 p.m.
- Women's Badminton vs. Mission at Skyline, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 2**

- Accreditation Open Forum, 1:30-3:30, Room 1111.
- Artist's Reception, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, Gallery Theatre.
- College Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bldg 6.
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bldg 6
- Student Government Info Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Room 6214
- Graduation Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bldg 6.
- Sylvia Jones, "Magic of New Orleans," 1:30 p.m., Room 2306

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- Men's Baseball vs. DeAnza at Cupertino, 2 p.m.
- Adewole presents Author Frank A. Jones, 1:30 PM — 2:30 p.m., Room 2306.

**Friday, May 4**

- Student Commencement forms due to Student Activities
- Student Government Info Meeting, 1 p.m., Room 6214
- Polynesian Student Union Aloha Bash, 6 pm,

**Saturday, May 5**

- Women's Badminton, Conference finals at Skyline, 10 a.m.
- Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

[www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html)

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**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/>

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## **Spring 2007 Draft: Degree Level Student Learning Outcomes**

The following draft was generated in concert with the Skyline Curriculum Committee and the Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Cycle (SLOAC) Steering Committee in Fall 2006. Both committees drew from existing Accreditation standards, Title V Requirements for General Education, and the College's current requirements (competency, area requirements, and general education requirements).

### **Critical Thinking**

Students will be able to:

- recognize the value of critical thinking in problem solving across the disciplines and in daily life.
- raise vital questions, formulate responses (or solutions) to problems, evaluate the reasonableness of a solution and provide a justification.
- analyze and compose arguments; assess the validity or strength of an argument using appropriate deductive and inductive techniques.
- think creatively and open mindedly within alternative systems of thought; communicate, either artistically, graphically, symbolically, or verbally, a complete and clear solution to a given problem.
- make effective use of evidence in an argument; evaluate the truth or value of the premises using reliable sources of information.



- demonstrate understanding of diverse disciplinary perspectives and use appropriate inquiry, including the scientific method.
- analyze multiple representations of quantitative information, including graphical, formulaic, numerical, and verbal.

### **Effective Communication**

Students will be able to:

- comprehend, analyze, and respond appropriately to oral, written, and visual information. Students will be able to effectively express ideas through speaking and writing.

### **Global Citizenship**

Students will be able to:

- use knowledge acquired from coursework and campus resources to be ethically responsible world citizens, informed and involved in civic affairs locally and globally.
- develop attitudes central to lifelong learning: openness, flexibility, intellectual curiosity, and a broad perspective that values diversity of thought.
- demonstrate appropriate social skills in group settings, listening and being receptive to others' ideas and feelings, effectively contributing ideas, and demonstrating leadership by motivating others.

### **Information and Computer Technology Literacy**

Students will be able to:

- effectively locate and access information in numerous formats using a variety of appropriate search tools.
- use computer technology to organize, manage, integrate, synthesize, create, and communicate information and ideas in order to solve problems and function effectively in an information society.
- evaluate the relevance, quality, and credibility of a wide variety of information sources using critical thinking and problem solving skills.

### **Lifelong Wellness**

Students will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of physical fitness and its role in personal development and lifelong wellness.