



## **Skyline Shines**

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

The report I presented to our Board of Trustees this Wednesday is posted on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

### **Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony honors students**

More than \$98,000 in scholarships were awarded during a beautiful and memorable ceremony last Monday. Over one hundred scholarship recipients, Deans' list, Phi Theta Kappa members, and Honors Transfer Program students were publicly recognized during the event. In attendance were their families, teachers, mentors, and friends. We appreciate the Scholarship Review and Selection Committee's work in carefully considering more than 90 plus applications and for selecting the most qualified candidates. That committee includes Linda Allen, Shann Chu, Kevin Corsiglia, Jacqueline Escobar, Sherri Hancock, Katherine Harer, Jessica Meraux, Cindy Moss, Lori Slicton, and William Watson. The Student Recognition and Awards Committee includes Loretta Adrian, Maria Escobar, Golda Gacutan, Sherri Hancock, Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber, Jessica Meraux, and Phyllis Taylor. They spent many hours planning and coordinating the event. I especially want to recognize the work of the committee chairs, Dr. Maria Escobar and Amory Cariadus. Thanks also to Jessica Meraux and members of the Financial Aid staff—Regina Morrison, Erika Torres, and Juanito Quintero, for supporting both committees in their work. Special thanks also to Phyllis Taylor for doing a great job in emceeding the event.

### **Skyline student wins UC Santa Cruz's Pister scholarship**

Skyline College student Silvia Cervantes has won the University of California, Santa Cruz's 2007 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award. Silvia, who resides in South San Francisco, earned the prestigious award that consists of a \$10,000 annual scholarship, awardable over two years, as well as a paid or volunteer summer work experience complementing her academic studies, between junior and senior year. Silvia will graduate this spring with an Associate's in Arts Degree in University Studies, and Associate's in Science degrees in Natural Science and Biotechnology. While at Skyline, Silvia was active in the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) as Vice President. She was also involved in the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Pre-Medical Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Puente, and MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement). She will attend UCSC in the fall to biology with the goal of becoming a pharmacist. Here she is being honored at the SRAC, described in the item above.



*Photo by Roxanne Brewer*

### **Support the Trojan baseball team in post season play! Friday, May 11 at Chabot College**

I will be going to Chabot College today to see Skyline's Trojan baseball team which has qualified for the state baseball playoffs based on its second place finish in the Coast Conference Northern Division. Skyline was seeded 14<sup>th</sup> and will open the playoffs this Friday at Chabot with a game starting at 3 p.m. The second game of the series will also take place at Chabot College starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> with a second game to follow if necessary. The format for the first round of the playoffs is best of three. If the Trojans with two games this weekend, they will advance to the second round of the playoffs starting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost to attend games is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, staff and children. The campus is located at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward, California 94545. To park at the college, you will need to have a daily [parking permit](#), available from ticket dispensers for \$2.

### **Fresh Look Advisory Group on website redesign begins its work**

The Fresh Look Advisory Group met last week to discuss the website redesign project. The committee has representatives from the Academic Senate, Classified Council and ASSC as well as members with web expertise. The website redesign process will be launched next fall. You can link to the Fresh Look Project website redesign information including our initial meeting notes at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypio/freshlook/index.html>. If you have advice for the group, please email it to me at [morrowv@smccd.edu](mailto:morrowv@smccd.edu). Thanks!

### **MESA Director of the Year award for Reardon**

Last night at the annual Skyline end of the year banquet and celebration for our MESA program (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement), coordinator Tiffany Reardon was recognized by the state Chancellor's Office for her leadership. Skyline's student transfer number for the 2005-2006 academic year was the highest (a tie with College of the Canyons) among MESA community college programs in the state of California. Lucy Casale, Statewide Director of MESA Community College Programs, in the UC Office of the President, was on hand to present the award. She said, "Your program owes its' success to the long hours you put in and the deep empathy you have for your students." She presented honored Tiffany as a MESA Director of the Year and presented the college's MESA program with the 2006 MESA Center of Excellence Award. Many students there spoke passionately about Tiffany's key role in their success both at Skyline and in finding their way to their subsequent education and careers in math, science and technology fields.

### **Concert Choir adds to the spring SEEED series**

SEEED focused on a look at American culture and peoples through music this spring. If you want to have a capstone experience in that vein, enjoy the concert choir's performance this Saturday night at Sanchez Art Center (details under "Coming Up" below). The program we heard last night includes rich threads of American history and diverse cultural traditions, including Native

American, African American, Japanese, Mexican, Filipino and more. Thanks to Jude Navari for his leadership for the choir and the program.

### **Badminton team members go to state championships**

The Skyline Badminton team competed at the Coast Conference Championships this past Saturday and had several students qualify for the State Championships. Maggie Ho was seeded first and Keshia Yusman third in singles play. The teams of Ho / Casey Spinetti and Yusman / Khin Htwe were seeded first and second in doubles play. All these individuals along with Gulsha Akogulu and Jenny Cheu will be participating this weekend in the Badminton State Championships at San Diego City College.

### **Aloha Bash succeeds**

The Polynesian Student Union (PSU) had its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Aloha Bash on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Student Center. It was a great success! PSU wants to say thank you to all who made this event possible. Big thanks to ASSC for funding the event, the Filipino Student Union for volunteering and supporting the group, Facilities for set up and clean up, Media for set up, with a special thanks to Kamla Bucceri for being there and "making it happen". Last but not least, thanks to the emcee, Mr. Nate Nevado. The PSY was also pleased to see staff and faculty there to show their support. PSU is looking forward to next year's event!

### **Skyline comes through at annual Blood Drive**

The Skyline Health Center invited the American Red Cross to conduct a Blood Drive at Skyline on May 2 and 136 students, faculty, staff and members of the community came to donate. In all, 81 units of blood were collected and 55 people were deferred – people who for various reasons, were unable to donate now but can donate in the future. To add even more excitement to this year's blood drive, the Cosmetology Program challenged the Automotive Program to see which program could donate more blood. Who won the challenge? Cosmetology won, with 27 donors, versus Automotive with 19 donors. The real winners are the 243 people whose lives will benefit from blood donations. All donors received a hat from the American Red Cross. A raffle was held and Skyline wishes to thank the following groups that donated: The Skyline Bookstore which donated an iPod; Phil Jolley of El Capitan Espresso who donated a \$20 coffee card; Baskin Robbins which donated five pints of ice cream; See's Candy which donated two one-pound boxes of candy; and the American Red Cross for its donation of five DVDs. Skyline wishes to thank Nurse Jan Gersonde and Health Center Assistant Donna Elliott for their work in coordinating the blood drive, as well as Shelly Hausman for helping to publicize and promote the blood drive on campus and in the community. A special thank you goes to student Jonathon Vasquez who served as The Blood Drop. Skyline students, staff, faculty and community members have contributed a total of 2,310 units of blood since the annual blood drive began in 1978!

**End of the year luncheon AND Accreditation Report celebration—not to be missed!**



### Correction last week's *Skyline Shines*

#### On El Cinco de Mayo

I would like to make an important correction to last week's item about El Cinco de Mayo. Hilda Fernandez and her husband danced divinely, but some other key people were also involved in bringing this terrific event to Skyline. The ASSC, Amory Cariadus and Luciana Castro organized the entire event with the great mariachi group, churros, food and a pinata brought by Lucia Lachmayr for the children from our Children Center.

#### On Kinderkaminata

I thanked Josie Glenn and Regina Pelayo for their roles in this great event, but I failed to mention that Laurie Biagi was the instructor who organizes Skyline's role in it each year. Regina and Cinthia Saenz were the other instructors who helped.

My apologies!

### Coming Up

#### Friday, May 11

- Women's Badminton state championships, San Diego
- Baseball state playoffs at Chabot, 3 p.m.
- Jazz band concert, 7:30 p.m., Main Theatre

#### Saturday, May 12

- Baseball Regional State Playoffs, 11 a.m.
- Women's Badminton state championships, San Diego
- "We the People..." Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., 1220A Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica
- Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Day for DSPS

#### Sunday, May 13

- Baseball Regional State Playoffs

**Monday, May 14**

- Skyline Stars: Transfer Hall of Fame induction and Transfer Student Recognition, 5:30-7:30, Room 6202
- Baseball Regional State Playoffs
- ASSC elections

**Tuesday, May 15**

- ASSC elections
- Ezekiel Jackson, Author, Film Industry Insider, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Room 6202

**Wednesday, May 16**

- ASSC elections

**Thursday, May 17**

- ASSC elections
- Talisman Annual Awards Ceremony, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gallery Theatre

**Friday, May 18**

- Baseball SuperRegional State Playoffs
- Spring Classified Service Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gallery Theatre
- ASSC elections

**Saturday, May 19**

- Automotive Awards Banquet, 6 - 10 p.m., Basque Cultural Center, SSF
- Baseball SuperRegional State Playoffs

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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- 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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