



Skyline Shines

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I know—I said last week that *Skyline Shines* would be published only about once a month over the summer. But there are some things that I can't wait to mention.

Hermanos Program's first End of Year Celebration

Hermanos, which means “brothers” in Spanish, is a pilot program that addresses the academic, psychological and social needs of Latino males at South San Francisco High School through academic support, mentoring, and resources. On May 18, over 70 Hermanos students, family members, friends, mentors and community members attended the First Hermanos End of Year Celebration to celebrate the tremendous achievements of the Hermanos students and the commencement of their higher education. This memorable event, held in the new Student and Community Center included Folklorico performances, moving student speeches and a dynamic keynote address by Dr. Jeff Andrade of San Francisco State University. The event was a true collaboration between the students and their families, the community and Skyline College. The strong presence of the students' family members was indicative of the interest that Latino parents have in their children's education and of the importance of family to the success of Latino students. In addition, the presence of South San Francisco Police Department Captain, Mike Mazzoni, and Vice Mayor of South San Francisco, Pedro Gonzalez demonstrated community support of the students and Hermanos program. Vice Mayor Pedro Gonzalez presented a South San Francisco City proclamation declaring May, 18th the official Hermanos day. A special thanks to all of the Hermanos students for all of their hard work through out the year, the Latinos Unidos Taskforce comprised by Jacqueline Escobar, Pablo Gonzalez, Adolfo Leiva, Felix Perez, and Kenny Gonzalez for the initiative, support and effort that was needed to make the Hermanos program a reality and then a success, and to Program Coordinator Luis Escobar for his work with the students. Most of them will be joining us here in the fall as Skyline students. The President's Innovation Fund and the Peninsula Community Foundation provided the funding to make this dream of some creative Skyline faculty and staff a reality. Here is the first class, with Luis Escobar in the middle.



Photo by Pablo Gonzalez

Commencement is joyful in the Gym once again

We enjoyed a truly celebratory commencement last Friday night, back in our own Gym after two years at the South San Francisco Conference Center, while the Gym was being renovated. 527 people earned degrees during the past year and 170 of them joined us for the ceremony. It takes many people to carry off such a large and complex event, and many volunteers joined us that night to help. Please join me in thanking these people:

Commencement Committee: Amory Cariadus, Loretta Adrian, Kevin Chak, Golda Gacutan, Linda Ghio, Manny Granillo, Jr., Sherri Hancock, Shelly Hausman, Sue Lorenzo, Joseph Morello, Persis Morrice, Theresa Tentes, Richard Tidd
Faculty Marshall: Elizabeth Lindgren-Young

Platform Party: Patricia Miljanich, Karen Schwarz, Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Loretta Adrian, Carla Campillo, Raymond Hernandez, Linda Herda, Luis Padilla, Lorrie K. Goodwin Pineda

Music: Billy Robinson and the Skyline College Jazz Band, Jude Navarri

Facilities Department Staff, for the set-up and take down

Security Department Staff, for crowd control and public safety

Volunteers: Erika Torres, Juanita Quintero, Jessica Meraux, Maria Escobar, Marta Cuellar, Kevin Chak, Sandy Irber, Eloisa Briones, Sylvia Martinez, Dennis Tordesillas, Wendy Smith, Danielle Palengat, Silvia Cervantes, Pablo Gonzalez, Felix Perez, Nancy Argarin, Annie Trinh, Cathy Hasson, Linda Kisich, Kenya Zepada, Nikki Lefitti, Vanessa Allas, Kristi Parenti – Kurtilla, Lauren Hernandez, Stephanie Nale, Monica Pantoja, Salah Webb

The event ended with a lovely reception in the Student Center and many photo opportunities for the grads and their families along with our faculty and staff.

New Dean of Counseling

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Richard (Rick) Wallace as the new permanent Dean of Counseling. His tentative start date is July 1, 2007. Rick Wallace has extensive background in student services (e. g., counseling, teaching, special programs, outreach, transfer/career, and matriculation), and has provided effective and innovative leadership in these areas in several California community colleges, spanning a period of more than 16 years. Rick has a B. A. in Psychology from CSU Hayward, an M. S. in Counseling from San Jose State University, and is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

9th Cohort of the Bio-Manufacturing Certificate Program completes

Since 2003, Skyline has completed nine cohorts of the nationally recognized Bio-manufacturing Certificate Program in partnership with the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, the Central Labor Council and industry. In ceremonies held in Skyline's new Student and Community Center on May 24, 2007, eighteen students were recognized with Certificates of Completion. Seven students received honors for completing with an A grade in this demanding program. Representing the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, Eric Muckel awarded the following Skyline faculty and staff with certificates of appreciation for dedication and commitment to the program: Nick Kapp, Mousa Ghanma, Pat Carter, Even Leach, Mike Williamson, Adolfo Leiva and William Watson. Also recognized were Rayna Lehman and Raya Zion with the San Mateo County Central Labor Council. That's Mousa and Nick at the front!



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

Skyline College Serves Dislocated Workers at the 2nd Annual *Life After the Layoff Campaign*, May 30, 2007

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2007 "Dislocated Worker Month" in San Mateo County. On May 30, 2007, Skyline College and other education partners in San Mateo County worked with PeninsulaWorks Daly City Career Center to offer mini-orientations and an educational networking event targeting dislocated workers. Skyline's Leigh Anne Sipple, Adolfo Leiva, and William Watson met with approximately 200 people in transition who expressed interest in educational opportunities including programs in English as a Second Language, Surgical Technology, Biotechnology, Para-legal Studies, Telecommunications, degree programs leading to transfer, and more. The event featured Skyline's new promotional video and a showcase of Skyline's new facilities. Thanks to all those who helped prepare for this exciting service event including: Connie Beringer, Roxanne Brewer, Kenny Gonzalez, Sherrie Hancock, Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber, Adolfo Leiva, Sue Lorenzo, Margie Meadows, Leigh Anne Sippel, and Mike Williamson. Here is Leigh Anne Sippel, telling the Skyline story.



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

New Accounting Technician comes to Skyline's Business Office

Mary Chries Concha Thia has joined the Skyline Business Services team as our new Accounting Technician effective May 29th. Mary will be working in the college Payroll office and will be responsible for processing HR documentation and payroll for permanent employees, student assistants as well as hourly short-term classified employees. Mary is a CSM grad and is finishing up accounting at CSU East Bay. She has worked as an Accounting Assistant at the District office since 2004 and had previously worked for a local bank. Please join me in welcoming Mary.

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

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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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