



## ***Skyline Shines***

Victoria P. Morrow, President  
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### **President's Report to the Board of Trustees**

My monthly report to the Board is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

### **Summer Office Hours on campus**

The summer hours information for divisions/departments is posted on the front page of the college web site at [www.SkylineCollege.edu](http://www.SkylineCollege.edu) for our use, as well as for the convenience of our students and guests. This is a listing that will be continually updated; changes should be sent to Shelly Hausman at [hausmans@smccd.edu](mailto:hausmans@smccd.edu).

### **Skyline baseball players earn scholarships and head to four year institutions**

Please join me in congratulating the following baseball players who are receiving scholarships to attend these four year institutions:

Matt Lucchesi	Kent State	Div 1
Geoff Downing	New Mexico State	Div 1
James McCarthy	Niagara University	Div 1
Aaron Bjorkquist	Niagara University	Div 1
Jarrod Esquibel	Upper Iowa	Div 2
Joe Dieterle	Upper Iowa	Div 2
Dan Orlick	Concordia University	NAIA
Ricky Molina	Lee University	NAIA

Thanks to Dino Nomicos for his work with these students and to all the faculty and staff whose efforts supported their success.

### **GEPP reaches new heights—Skyline's Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program**

Our Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program (GEPP) is a particularly important part of our outreach efforts. This year 286 students participated via four different GEPP sessions.

April 21 <sup>st</sup>	98 students
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	95 students
May 12 <sup>th</sup> *	19 students - DSPS
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	74 students

Each year we continue to make strides to become more effective with the GEPP sessions and this year we implemented many new ideas which made the transition from high school to Skyline College much easier. These included revision of the Skyline high school website, GEPP

registration online, online application workshops at feeder high schools, and pre-registration for the GEPP session. We also moved one of our GEPP sessions from March to June at the request of the high school counselors. In addition, our outreach efforts helped potential concurrent enrollment students better understand the Futures initiative and how to get an early start on their college education. Here are the key people who made this year's GEPP such a big success:

**Coordinators:** Sherri Hancock, Kenny Gonzalez, Mandy Liang, Sue Lorenzo, Linda Van Sciver, Sheila Claxton, Carlene Gibson, Maria Escobar, Dennis Tordesillas

**A & R staff:** Kenya Zepeda, Cass Christianson, Sylvia Martinez, Stephanie Haro, Terry Stats

**Testing Staff:** Chris Weidman, Angelica Gorostiza, Andy Smith, Minerva Velasquez, Nadia T.

**Campus Ambassadors:** Elisabeth Osai, Stephanie Nale, Dan Radovich, Luis Padilla, Kristi Parenti-Kurtilla, Vanessa Allas, Nikita Lefiti, Eileen Wong, Lucy Alvarez.

**Counselors:** Nate Nevado, Tim Dupre, Murrell Green, Jackie Escobar, Don Beiderman

**Outreach:** Pablo Gonzalez

**Hospitality:** Amory Cariadus

**Special thanks to:** Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber

### **Skyline wins two state grants**

The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges has funded two new grants for Skyline College:

- \$398,283 to provide education for employees of Kaiser Permanente and other healthcare facilities. "The Work-Based Upgrade Innovations Project" features a work-based solutions apprenticeship model for the healthcare industry. The project addresses needs for additional Sterile Processing Technicians throughout the Bay Area. Skyline College will customize and deliver its Sterile Processing Technician program for frontline employees including Certified Nurse Assistants and Monitor Technicians to upgrade their skills and fill these positions. These upgrades will provide greater job security and pay, and establish an excellent career ladder strategy for these frontline employees. Kaiser and Skyline will partner with the Shirley Ware Education Center's Joint Employer Education Fund who will provide intensive case management and support for employees to succeed in the program. The Work-Based Upgrade Innovations Project will be funded from June 30, 2007 to June 30 2008. Congratulations to William Watson, the author of the proposal.
- \$589,637 to address one of the most critical challenges in the renewable energy industry: certified installers. The grant will accomplish two things: it provides seed money for the establishment of a renewable energy incubator in San Mateo County. The only other renewable energy incubator is in Sacramento. Secondly, the grant will support career development in the solar energy sector by providing training for incumbent workers to become certified solar installers. Combined, the two objectives of the Renewable Energy grant will ensure that more renewable energy companies are located in San Mateo County thereby bring in an inflow of venture capital funds into the county. In addition, the certified installer program ensures job security, affordable solar energy systems and a new career path throughout the Bay Area. The Renewable Energy Grant, submitted by Skyline College CITD, is in collaboration with several solar energy companies and associations. The project runs from September 11, 2007 to August, 31, 2008. Congratulations to Richard Soyombo, the author of the proposal.

### **Cosmetology students perform beautifully at state wide competition**

Anissa Guerrero, a student in the night cosmetology program, took first place in the recent Las Vegas Hair and Nail Show on June 3, 2007. She received her award for evening formal hairstyling. Jackie Laquindanum and Tamy Tran, both day students in the program, each received a special plaque for competing. This is the second year in a row that Skyline Cosmetology has placed first in this national competition. The instructors who coached the

students for this competition were Evelyn Smith and Karen Neilsen. The first photo is of Ms. Guerrero and her model and the second is the total group from Skyline who competed along with their teachers. Thanks to Regina Pelayo for the photos!



#### **Concurrent enrollment student information night**

June 13, about 60 students and their parents attended an information seminar about concurrent enrollment. A short video presentation was provided to give an overview of what the program means for students now and for their future. It was a wonderful opportunity for Skyline staff to answer questions posed by the students and their parents. All the students are first time Skyline students, so we hope to nurture and guide them for future semesters.

#### **Skyline students go to China**

Skyline College students enrolled in the *Study Abroad in China* class (BUS. 680 SB) toured Beijing and Shanghai from June 4 through June 18 with their instructor, Dr. Hui Pate. This study tour is intended to be a life-changing business and personal experience for students. The class participants witnessed economic development and business practices in China first hand, including lectures at local universities, guest speakers, and visits to companies such as the

Shanghai Stock Exchange. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to experience Chinese culture, business practices, language, and cuisine. For more information on this Skyline program, visit <http://smccd.edu/accounts/skyasia>.



### **Skyline's Gateway Program looks to the future**

Skyline College and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) hosted a Gateway Program Recruitment Strategy Luncheon on Monday, May 14, 2007. The luncheon featured attendees from Skyline College, San Mateo County (SMC) Workforce Development Unit, SMC Adolescent Services, SMC Jobs for Youth, San Mateo Adult School, The Career Ladders Project, and Opportunities Industrial Centers West - Youth Program. The Gateway Program is a learning community that includes math, English, reading and career development in a specially designed format of intensive support. It prepares students for further college and careers. Funded by the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative through the WIB, The Gateway Program will be offered in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008. The first of the information sessions were offered at Skyline College during the last week of June and will continue during the month of July. Attendees may: 1) learn about the program, 2) enroll in services through the federal Workforce Investment Act, 3) complete Skyline placement testing and 4) apply for admission to Skyline all in one stop. For

further information about the program and the information sessions you may contact William Watson or Adolfo Leiva in the Center for Workforce Development at (650) 738-7035.

### **Skyline Art professor exhibits**

Ellen Lowenstein has two exhibits of her sculpture this summer. The first exhibit one is from May 25 through July 6 in Emerald Hills. It is a combination showcase house and benefit for establishing a fund for medical expenses for older dogs that need to be adopted from the Humane Society of Silicon Valley. This fund will allow people who don't want to incur the additional expenses that often come with adopting older dogs to do so with financial support. The showcase house has been built with the aesthetic input of a number of designers. She was invited to install fourteen sculptures throughout the house. There is more information about the entire event at [www.seniorpetadoption.com](http://www.seniorpetadoption.com). In August she has been invited to exhibit three works of art the Pajaro Valley Gallery in Watsonville. The exhibition is called "Reflections of Italy: from the mountains to the Sea." The exhibit goes from August 8 through September 30.

### **President's Breakfast date set for next spring: April 1**

In case it might impact on the planning for any other events, I wanted to let everyone know early what the date will be for the annual President's Breakfast. This is our annual fund raising event for the President's Innovation Fund, sponsored by the President's Council. The date will be Tuesday, April 1, 7:30 am. Please note that this is a different day of the week than in the past. It will be at the South San Francisco Conference Center, as usual.

### **Welcome to Joe Morello**

I am very pleased to announce the selection of the permanent Dean of PE, Athletics and Dance: Joe Morello. It has been a tremendous pleasure to work with Joe over the past 10 months as the interim dean, and an even greater one to have him accept the permanent position. He has a BA degree in PE from the University of San Francisco and an MA in Education from the same institution. Joe came to us after experience as Advising Coordinator for the Athletic Study Center at the University of California at Berkeley; Division Dean for PE, Athletics and Dance at Santa Rosa Junior College; and member of the faculty, coach and director of PE and Athletics at the College of Marin. Please join me in congratulating him, and in welcoming him into the new position.

### **Welcome to Minerva Velasquez**

Please join me in welcoming Minerva Velasquez as a new Admissions and Records Assistant II at Skyline. Minerva first came to Skyline as a student in Spring 2001. She worked in the EOPS Office for about 2 years, for Counseling for a year, and served as a Campus Ambassador for a year. Upon graduating with an AA Degree in 2004, she began working in the Assessment Center on a part-time basis. Having worked in several Student Services departments, Minerva has a well-rounded background and experience to contribute now to A & R. She started in her new role on July 2.

### **Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?**

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

### **Do you have a suggestion?**

You may want to try our new e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>. We are pilot testing it over the summer.

## News

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Suggestion Box  
for the Skyline College  
Community



**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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