



## Skyline Shines

Victoria P. Morrow, President  
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### Farewell to two Skyline students

I am sad to report that there are two Skyline students who recently passed away.

- Boris Albinder passed away on September 16. He was a Student Assistant this year in Biology and a Business major.
- Chia-Ben Huang passed away on September 12. He was a continuing student who was taking coursework in preparation to transfer.

The faculty who were working with them this term have been notified but I wanted to be sure that other members of the college who knew them heard the news. We all feel such a sense of loss when we lose a Skyline student in this way. Our thoughts are with Boris' and Chia-Ben's family, friends and those who knew them well here at Skyline.



### Employee Voice Survey—Make your voice heard!

We are making good progress on our survey, as you can see from the thermometer below. Please add your voice to the mix so that we have the fullest, richest possible picture of Skyline as possible from employees' point of view. Thanks!



### Welcome to Natalya Chavez, Career Resources/Counseling Aide

Please join me in welcoming Natalya Chavez to the Student Services Division of Skyline College. Natalya accepted the position of Career Resources/Counseling Aide and began working in the Career Center on Monday, September 18. Natalya has a master's degree in International Relations and a bachelor's degree in International Business from Tomsk State University in

Russia. She was a Rotary International-sponsored student and speaks Russian, French, and Spanish.

### **National Surgical Technologist Week**

This week is National Surgical Technologist (ST) Week. Students of Skyline's ST Program have provided a display on one of the bulletin boards in the cafeteria to explain the profession and how to join it. Students and faculty are invited to view the display and call the number listed for more information.

### **Skyline students win Peninsula Community Foundation scholarships**

Three students at Skyline College, San Bruno, have won scholarships from Peninsula Community Foundation. **Frank Longhitano**, of Daly City, and **Corey Kreidler**, of Half Moon Bay, were recognized through the Kumin Scholars Program. The Kumin Scholarship supports current community college students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution. This scholarship recognizes and honors the family and work responsibilities of many community college students. The scholarship amount is up to \$2,000 for Community College students and up to \$4,000 when students transfer to a four-year institution for up to 3 years at the community college level and up to 3 years of funding at the four-year institution level. Frank plans to transfer to San Francisco State in 2007 and Corey has transferred to Cal Poly. **Jessica Gonzalez**, of South San Francisco, earned a Peninsula Regent Charitable Foundation Educational Grant for \$2,000. The grants are given to Peninsula Regent employees and their dependents pursue their educational goals. The selection committee seeks applicants with academic promise, perseverance, involvement outside the classroom and personal characteristics such as honesty and good judgment. She plans to transfer to a 4-year university in 2008. Since 1964, Peninsula Community Foundation has built community investment through strategic and inspired philanthropy. The Foundation has awarded scholarships to local students for more than 30 years and works to meet community needs in the areas of children and families, education, health and human services, the environment, the arts and strengthening nonprofits. For more information, visit [www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org).

### **Update on Shari Bookstaff**

Shari Bookstaff (Snitovsky) from Skyline's Science, Math and Technology (SMT) Division underwent surgery at UCSF this summer and is now in rehabilitation at Mills Health Center in San Mateo. She is on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, room 5175 and would love to hear from or see her colleagues. She is receiving significant therapy and growing stronger every day. Sue Lorenzo or Pat Carter of the SMT Division can update those interested in her progress. In the small world category--one of the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) transferring Shari from UCSF to Mills was a graduate of the Skyline EMT Program.

### **Fulbright Scholar in the Language Arts Division**

Robin A. De Los Reyes, an English faculty of the Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Zamboanga City, Philippines is here at Skyline this year on a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship (FLTA) grant. One of the main objectives of the FLTA program is to provide teachers of foreign countries the opportunity to spend a year in the United States. He is assigned to Skyline College to work with faculty and students in the Kababayan Program. His responsibilities in this school include, but are not limited to, the following: teaching, tutoring in the Learning Center, assisting in the classroom, serving as a resource person in language sharing groups, organizing and participating in extracurricular activities, and most importantly, acting as a cultural representative of his country. Thanks to Liza Erpelo for initiating the proposal to the Fulbright Scholar program.

### **Building 7 health concerns—an update**

As I said last week, an important part of the investigation will be occurring today. Mike Williamson will be meeting with an Industrial Hygienist who has a PhD in Chemistry, and with an attorney specializing in environmental issues. They will be visiting the site to obtain more information.

## College Council DRAFT Agenda for September 27

1. **Designated smoking areas:** determining where they are, signage and maps
2. **Review structure of Opening Day:** District event, Skyline event (presentation, reception, and group photo), Faculty meeting, division meetings, and Flex Day activities.
3. **Fresh Look Project update:** style guide; primary publication review; website redesign effort.
4. **First Year Experience:** briefing and short video
5. **ASSC update**
6. **Accreditation**
  - a) Update on the self-study
  - b) Institutional SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes)
  - c) Progress made on engaging students in the accreditation self-study process
7. **Commencement:** consideration of a change in the time of the event to earlier in the evening
8. **Proposal for merger of the Health and Safety Committee and the Emergency Response Committee**
9. **College Council Agenda Planning Table**

## Coming Up ...

### Friday, September 22

- Women's Volleyball at College of Alameda, 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at Las Positas College, 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Yuba at Skyline, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, September 23

- Wrestling, at Sacramento City Tournament, 9 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 26

- Women's Soccer at Modesto College, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Ohlone College at Skyline, 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 27

- Women's Volleyball at Cabrillo College, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling at West Valley, 7 p.m.
- Americano as Apple Pie film and discussion, 12-2 p.m., Main Theatre

### Friday, September 29

- Come Learn about the Skyline College 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience Project, 12-1 p.m., Room 1124
- Men's Soccer vs. Mission College at Mission, 4 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at CCSF, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer, at Evergreen Valley College, 4 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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If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

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

- The System 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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