



## **Skyline Shines**

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### **Report to the Board of Trustees**

My report to the Board of Trustees this week is available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

### **Americano as Apple Pie**

Skyline students, faculty and staff experienced a rich look into the diverse backgrounds and experiences of some of our Latino faculty and staff. This Wednesday, Luciana Castro hosted an event which included the film, "Americano as Apple Pie: The Blending of Culture—the Latino influence on America." The film was followed by a panel of seven people who described their unique Latino histories, American born and immigrant, including origins in Mexico, Colombia, Nicaragua and El Salvador. They offered insight and advice to our students as they grapple with the challenges and opportunities of college. Thanks to Luciana for organizing the event, and to the panelists: Alma Cervantes, Jacqueline Escobar, Hilda Fernandez, Pablo Gonzalez, Raymond Hernandez, Lucia Lachmayr and Feliz Perez. Thanks also to those behind the scenes: Connie Beringer, Shelly Hausman, Pablo Gonzalez, Richard Tidd, and Mary Anne Leary. Thanks to others who assisted: Abigail Castro, Alessandro Sapienza, Sandy Irber, Regina Stanback Stroud, Jennifer Hughes, Kenny Gonzalez, Kathy Sbikowski-Taylor, Kathy Firzpatrick, and Amory Cariadus. And finally thanks to the student volunteers: John Gonzalez, Luis Padilla, Autumn Cobb, Frances Bright, Wendy Hoffman, Brian Yee, Anthony Yup, Angelica Magana, and Sarah Spiegel.



### **Respiratory Therapy program and the Breath of Life walk**

Skyline College's Respiratory Therapy (RT) Program had very little time to prepare for the Breath of Life Walk. Breathe California, formally American Lung Association, sponsored a walk and fundraising event for lung disease research, education, and patient assistance on Saturday, September 16th. School had just started, but the first and second year Respiratory students came up with the name "Mucus Busters", recruited walkers, and solicited for donations to this

worthwhile cause. On the day of the event, one of the team captains, Jannette Carrol, won the “Early Riser Award” for being the first captain to arrive. At the end of the 3.3 mile walk, the enthusiastic Mucus Busters won “Team Spirit” and “Strength in Numbers” awards. Many graduates of the Respiratory Program also participated by collecting donations and walking. Thanks to Ray Hernandez for his leadership for the RT program.



#### **News of student scholarships**

One of our recent Honors Transfer Program graduates, Akillah Wali, has won the Program for Academic Leadership and Service (PALS) Scholarship at the School of General Studies at Columbia University. This scholarship covers her full tuition and fees at Columbia University until her graduation, including a Columbia University-sponsored semester abroad.

**Building 7 health concerns:** We are awaiting reports on the various aspects of the investigation into these health concerns which are taking place. As soon as results are available, I will let you know.

#### **College Council update, September 27:**

1. **Designated smoking areas:** The College Council approved some revisions to the locations of the designated smoking areas to improve their separation from paths of travel for students and staff. A revised map of the locations is being produced and will be widely circulated. Signage improvements are also under way.
2. **Review structure of Opening Day:** The Council agreed that we will make a change to our Opening Day schedule next year, moving both our college wide meeting and the Academic Senate meeting to Tuesday morning instead of Monday afternoon. We will plan on a college wide lunch at the end of the morning.
3. **Fresh Look Project update:** The Council approved the new Style Guide for posting on the website to provide assistance with use of the logo and other publication issues. Shelly Hausman briefed the Council on plans for a “primary publication review”, to include our class schedules and catalog, and plans for the website redesign effort.
4. **First Year Experience:** Regina Stanback Stroud and Lori Adrian updated the Council on this work, and on the college wide meeting today at noon in Room 1219B for everyone interested.

5. **ASSC update:** Luis Padilla and Sylvia Cervantes, new President and Vice President of the Associated Students of Skyline College, described the leadership training which the ASSC Governing Council just experienced. They also described their plans to fill the remaining senator seats on the council and to ensure student voices in college wide activities and the accreditation process.
6. **Accreditation:** Ray Hernandez and Donna Bestock, Accreditation Steering Committee Co-Chairs, briefed the Council on the work to revise the first draft of the self study and plans for a second draft by December 1. The deadline for the Employee Voice Survey was extended to ensure a strong response. Institutional learning outcomes have been drafted and approved by the Curriculum Committee for transmission to the SLO Steering Committee. The SLO group will lead the college wide discussion of the draft, and then the draft will go back to the Curriculum Committee for action.
7. **Commencement:** The Council considered the recommendation of the Commencement Committee to move the ceremony to a different day and time. Given that finals run into the afternoon on Friday, it was agreed that the day needed to remain the same, but that the time of Commencement should be moved to 4 pm. This proposal will now go back to the constituent groups represented on the Council for their discussion, with the Council to take action on the proposal at its October 25 meeting.
8. **Proposal for merger of the Health and Safety Committee and the Emergency Response Committee:** This item was delayed until the October meeting.
9. **Process for selection of a name for the “No Name Café”:** The Council considered a long list of proposed names for the cafeteria, drawn from those submitted by students, faculty and staff. The Council will cull the list to create a short list of options, which will be submitted to a college-wide online poll in October.
10. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 25

### Coming Up ...

#### Friday, September 29

- 1st Year Experience Project, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Room 1219B
- 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.

#### Saturday, September 30

- Wrestling at Modesto Tournament, 9 a.m.

#### Monday, October 2

- Classified Council Bake Sale, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 2

#### Tuesday, October 3

- Men's Soccer vs. DeAnza College at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Women's Soccer, vs. Hartnell College at home, 3 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 4

- Music of Japan concert, 11:10 a.m., Room 1111
- Women's Volleyball at Foothill College, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Fresno at home, 7 p.m.

#### Friday, October 6

- Last day to apply for a degree/certificate
- Women's Volleyball at Hartnell College, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Ohlone College, home, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Hartnell College, 4 p.m.

- Lee's Denim Day, sponsored by Health Center, for cancer research

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 Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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