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Welcome back and best wishes for a great start to the Spring Semester!

Design Build Project Open Forum: Wednesday, January 30, 2 pm, Room 2306

We have reached another critical turning point in our Design Build Project. The project is slated to include two new buildings—Building 4N (Multicultural Center, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness Center) and Building 11N (Automotive Transmission), as well as redesign of the central quad, landscaping, paving, parking, and enhanced entrances to the college. Many of you attended the December 14 Open Forum for the review of the proposal from Hensel Phelps Construction Company, and the detailed examination of that proposal is well under way. The basic design presented by Hensel Phelps will continue to be available for your comment on the front page of our website through February 1. In addition, the posters describing the proposal will again be available in the Student Center, along with comment forms, from January 23 through February 1.

One thing that is already clear, however, is that the proposal exceeds our budget for the project. We will figure out how to close that gap in the same way we did in the fall semester, including the development of a number of alternative scenarios, a college wide meeting early in the term to review and evaluate them, and then a final decision on exactly how we will revise the project to make it affordable but as close to our dreams as possible. I will post on the website by Tuesday an updated “Design Build Project Briefing” with today’s date on it. I will send out a notice about its availability just as soon as it is out there.

We will hold an **Open Forum** the second week of the semester on how to close the gap between the scope of the project and the budget. This event will take place on **Wednesday, January 30, 2 pm, in Room 2306**. We hope to have identified and disseminated several alternative approaches to addressing the gap between our project scope and the available budget before that date, so that participants in the Forum have an opportunity to think them over. Our most important guide will be the same “Criteria for Revising the Design/Build Project Plan” that we used in September, which will be attached at the bottom of the “Design Build Project Briefing.”

The kinds of things we are considering at this point include the following:

- Simplification of the landscaping and paving work
- Removal of the large staircase to the third floor of Building 4N (Multicultural, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness)
- Repurposing some existing college space, such as the large conference space in Building 6 (Rooms 6202-6204-6206 and the Student Lounge on that floor) and moving the Multicultural Center from Building 4N into that space
- Reduction of the square footage of the two new buildings
- Eliminating some spaces from the plan
- Relocating the buildings onto flatter sites

We are working now to identify the potential cost savings of these various approaches and will then map out alternatives to be considered at the Open Forum.

New “Careers” website and brochure—“Find Your Future Here”

A brochure identifying the careers programs that are available in our district has been mailed to local residents and it links to a new website as well. You can see that website at <http://www.smccd.edu/careers/>. Both the website and the brochure

identify career opportunities, salary ranges and regional demand information. Thanks to everyone involved in creating this terrific new tool for members of our community.

Facilities staff works over the break to keep Skyline shining

Please join me in thanking our Facilities staff for the tremendous amount of great work they got done over the break, in spite of substantial distraction by the stormy weather and its aftermath of cleanup. Here are some examples: thanks to our custodians, the carpets were cleaned in Building 5; classrooms were cleaned and waxed in Buildings 1, 3, 8 and Pacific Heights; the hallways floors were cleaned and waxed in Buildings 1, 2, 5 8, and Pacific Heights, and the various lobby and entryway windows were cleaned. Thanks to our Groundskeepers, the huge cleanup required after the storms of January 3 and 4 was completed; sidewalks and building entrance pathways were pressure washed; disabled access parking spaces were repainted campus wide; and the traffic control markings on the loop road were repainted. Thanks to the Engineers, lighting improvements and restroom partitions were taken care of in the Child Development Center; fire alarm testing was completed campus wide; heating and hot water pipe repairs were done; a Pacific Heights roof leak was repaired and a sewer line break was corrected. Over this 3-day holiday weekend, all of these people will be working to complete making the campus ready for our opening on Tuesday. Thanks to everyone!

Skyline Phi Theta Kappa reaches out to middle schools

Beta Theta Omicron brought Operation Green to middle schools in north country in December to promote recycling and discourage littering. The chapter received permission from cartoonist Jim Toomey to use his Sherman's Lagoon characters to make an original cartoon. Middle school students were asked to fill in the speech bubbles for Sherman and his pals. 200 local students entered the Sherman's Lagoon contest. The winner received \$50 and the winner's class received \$500. Second place, \$250, was awarded to Ms. Khan's class at Parkway Heights Middle School and Mrs. Dwyer's class at Cabrillo School won \$100 (third place). The chapter worked with a total of 11 classes at these schools: Parkway Heights Middle School, Garnet Robertson Middle School, Garnet J. Robertson Intermediate School, Cabrillo Elementary School, Ocean Shore Elementary School, Fernando Rivera Middle School, and Alta Loma Middle School. Here chapter president Richard Chiang takes center stage at the Fernando Rivera Middle School assembly on December 17, and then the group of happy award-winning students.



Photos by Mauricio Flores

Fall season sports wrap at Skyline

Skyline teams and students enjoyed a successful fall sports season. 110 students participated in the fall semester in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. At this time, Men's Basketball is 12-8 on the season and Women's Basketball is 13-6 on the season. Men's Soccer completed the season with a record of 9-9-3 finishing in fourth place in the Coast Conference North Division. Women's Soccer completed the season with a record of 13-6-3 finishing in third place in the Coast Conference South Division. 13 wins set a record for the program and during the season the team was rated as high as 15th in the country for small community colleges. Volleyball finished the season with a record of 12-13 and finished fourth in the Coast Conference North Division. 12 wins was the best recorded by the program in the past 15 years. Wrestling finished the season rated 8th in Northern California and 13th in the state.

Fifteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-Region, All-State and / or All-American selections. The individuals are: Jason Moorhouse (All-State and All American in Wrestling), James Anderson (All-State in Wrestling), Kelly Burke (All-Conference and All-Region in Volleyball), Mia Borzello (All-Conference in Women's Soccer), Mary Castro (All Conference in Women's Soccer), Cynthia Martinez (All Conference in Women's Soccer), Nancy Mejia (All-Conference in Women's Soccer), Selena Rodriguez (All Conference in Women's Soccer) and Elisa Sanchez (All Conference in Women's Soccer), Eduardo Gaitan (Goalkeeper of the Year and All-Conference in Men's Soccer), Dominic Mitchell (All Conference in Men's Soccer), Steven Renz (All Conference in Men's Soccer), Oscar Rodriguez (All Conference in Men's Soccer), Orion Smith (All Conference in Men's Soccer) and Alfonso Vieyra (All Conference in Men's Soccer). With the exception of one student, all these individuals attended high school in San Mateo or San Francisco County.

Skyline's baseball team earns pre-season honors

Three Skyline College baseball players have been named 2008 Pre-Season All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America, and six others were honored as Top Junior College Players to watch in the United States for 2008, according to *Collegiate Baseball*. Students Jimmy Parque, Greg Gonzalez and Rashad Taylor were honored as 2008 Pre-Season All-Americans by the Northern and Southern California Junior College Coaches. Skyline's nationally recognized Top Junior College Players to watch in the United States for 2008 are: Jimmy Parque, Rashad Taylor, Danny McCarthy, Greg Gonzalez, Marcus Pointer and Skylar Brewer. The Top Junior College Players list includes the top players in all the junior colleges throughout the U.S. These players were chosen on recommendations of Major League Scouts, four year coaches, and junior college coaches. No other players were picked from the Coast Conference. "I cannot tell you how proud we are with this recognition for our players and our program," said Coach Dino Nomicos. "This should be a benchmark for all of our players to strive for."

SWAT training carried out at Pacific Heights

The North San Mateo County SWAT Team, managed by the Daly City Police Department, consists of Officers from Daly City Police Department, Colma Police Department, Broadmoor Police Department, and Pacifica Police Department. The SWAT Team held two scenario based training exercises on January 14 at Skyline. One exercise was a Hostage Situation in a College setting and the other was an Active Shooter Incident that turned into a Hostage Situation. The training include the SWAT Team, Skyline Security and Scenario Role Players. There was an Incident Command Center set up in Building 6 and a Hostage Negotiations Team set up in the North County Mobile Command Center. The training was a success and the SWAT Team commanders would like to thank Skyline College for allowing them to use the facilities.



Stanback Stroud earns second Master's degree

Please join me in congratulating Regina Stanback Stroud on the completion of her second Master's degree, in Educational Leadership from Mills College. She is in the second year of her doctoral work there, and her achievements to date have earned her the MA. Her first master's degree is an MS in Human Relations from Golden Gate University. She also holds a BS in Nursing Sciences from Howard University in Washington DC.

Pacific Heights cleanup project completed over the winter break

Those of you who use our Pacific Heights facility will notice a substantial improvement, thanks to a cleanup project which took place over the break. It included painting, window repair, some ceiling tile replacement, and there will be shortly an additional test of the air quality.

Facilities Help Center—handy and available for all district staff

If you need assistance from Facilities, their online work order request works like a charm—quick, easy, and the request is very track-able. See the **Facilities Help Center** on our district web page: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/portal/>. Anyone in the district directory has authorization to use it.

Handy reference to Skyline Plans and Year-End Reports

Cathy Hasson, Director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, has just updated the College Plans and Year-end Reports webpage to include our major plans and new "Integration Matrices" that describe how the plans connect to each other: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/planning/Plans.htm>. These tools are helping us to take maximum advantage of the excellent, thoughtful work that has gone into our Accreditation Planning Agendas, our Educational

Master Plan, our Enrollment Management Plan, our First Year Experience Project, our Integrated Marketing Plan, and our Student Equity Plan. Thanks to the many people across the college who have contributed to all of these.

Welcome to new staff

Loretta M. Davis started on January 8 as the new Administrative Secretary in the Vice President of Student Services Office. Ms. Davis comes with extensive background in providing executive level administrative support, including in several private corporations and at Stanford University Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Please join me in welcoming her.

Coming Up ...

Friday, Jan. 18

- Flex Day (No classes)

Saturday, Jan. 19

- Declared Recess
- Men's Basketball vs. Ohlone, at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. City College of SF, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 21

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 22

- Day and Evening Classes Begin

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- Men's Basketball vs. Cañada at Skyline, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

- Men's Basketball at SF City, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Las Positas at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Barstow at Skyline, 2 p.m.

You can see the event calendar at www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

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

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



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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