



Victoria P. Morrow, President
February 22, 2008

The next edition of *Skyline Shines* will be on March 7. I will be away next week on accreditation business and a few days of vacation.

The smoking survey is now available online

I would like to encourage the widest possible participation in our smoking survey, so I am repeating a message you received from Cathy Hasson. It is very short.

We would like to invite you to participate in some very important research on our smoking policy at Skyline College. The data collected from this confidential survey will be used by both the by the principle investigator and Respiratory Therapy instructor, Ray Hernandez to complete his master's degree in Public Health at San Francisco State University, and by the Skyline College Health and Safety Committee to evaluate the existing smoking policy. The information gathered will be used for research on prevalence and perceptions of smoking among students and employees at Skyline College.

The survey questions will be about smoking at Skyline College and policies for reducing the amount of smoking and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. You have been invited to participate because you are a part or full-time student or employee at Skyline College.

In appreciation of your participation, you are eligible to enter a drawing to win one of two IPOD shuffles. Your email address will be requested in order to notify you should you win. Your email address will *only* be used for this purpose and will be permanently deleted once the drawing has taken place and prior to the data being analyzed. You may opt to omit your email address but will not be eligible for the drawing. There are no other risks or benefits to you by participating in this survey.

You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. You may choose to participate or not. You may answer only the questions you feel comfortable answering, and you may stop at any time. If you do not wish to participate, you may simply disregard this request, with no penalty to yourself. If you do participate, **completion and online submission of the survey indicates your consent to the above conditions.**

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the principal investigator, Raymond Hernandez MPH student, at hernandezr@smccd.edu or the Skyline College Director of Research, Cathy Hasson at hassonc@smccd.edu.

Please [click here](#) to begin the survey.

Alumni Mixer last night draws old friends to Skyline

We had about 50 alumni join us last night for our first Alumni Mixer. There were many stories from them of their great experiences at Skyline, favorite teachers and comments from those who went on to transfer that their Skyline educational experience was the very best they had. Thanks to Sandy Irber, and Shelly Hausman for the arrangements for this event; to alumna and Chair of the event Roxanne Cruz, from the President's Council; to the whole President's Council for their

enthusiasm and participation in the event as well as for their commitment to the college; and to Amory Cariadus and the students who assisted with welcoming the alums and showing them around: Wendy Smith, Raydan Al-Hubaishi, Andrew Lee, Brittney Piccolotti, Vanessa Alias, Virginia Rosales and Leo Rosales.



Photos by Shelly Hausman

EOPS Valentine's Day Breakfast Open House wins the hearts of the students

The EOPS program held its fifth annual Valentine's Day Breakfast Open House on Thursday, February 14. Over 50 EOPS students were served breakfast, and had the opportunity to interact with fellow EOPS students, program staff, and over 20 students from the South San Francisco Adult School. Students in attendance were also reminded of the need to complete their financial aid applications for the 2008-09 academic year as soon as possible.



Skyline Sociology students shone last week in a national conference presentation

Last December, I mentioned that Mike Moynihan and his students had had a presentation proposal accepted for a session at the national Foundations of Excellence in the First Year Experience conference in San Francisco on February 15, 2008. I had the pleasure of seeing them make that presentation and they did a tremendous, highly professional job. The audience was fascinated with their findings and the students handled audience questions with aplomb. The following students were part of the presentation: Frances Gilfillan, Elizabeth Demartini, and Anthony Yup. One other student, Yajaira Barba, was part of the research as well. The presentation summarized the findings of a survey the students conducted with first year students at Skyline. It focused on how well first year students thought they were prepared for college-level work, how these students utilized campus counselors, how aware and informed these students are about Skyline's programs and services, how frequently they used and how satisfied they were with the various programs and services, and whether these students would be interested in a required "orientation to college" program.

Scholarship Season Is Here!

Each year, Skyline College awards scholarships to continuing, transfer, and high school students. Students may apply using one application packet to qualify for a variety of scholarships. **Scholarship Application Packets are available online at: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sts/scholarship.html>**

Application Deadline: March 11, 2008

For additional information, contact:

Skyline College Financial Aid Office,
Building 2, Room 234.
Roxanne Brewer (650) 738-7011
brewerr@smccd.edu

Cash for College event alerts students to opportunities

Skyline will hold a *Cash for College* event on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, in Rooms 2212 and 2216. Attendees will receive an overview of what financial aid is and what may be available to them, along with receiving individualized assistance in completing the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*). FAFSA applicants in attendance will also have an opportunity to receive a \$1000 scholarship. Attendees are encouraged to bring their 2007 tax information to get the ball rolling. Individuals interested in attending should call the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236 to reserve a spot.



Skyline College Cash for College Workshop



Bring your 2007 tax information and get line-by-line, step-by-step free assistance filling out your financial aid forms (FAFSA).

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Building 2, Rooms 2122 & 2116
Skyline College
3300 College Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066**

\$1,000 Scholarship Giveaway

*If you have a disability, please contact Skyline's DSPS Department at (650) 738-4123 for accommodations.

**For more information and/or to sign-up call:
Skyline Financial Aid Office at (650) 738-4236**

Skyline Hosts San Mateo High School BIOBus Tour

Skyline hosted The San Mateo High School BIOBus Tour on Friday, February 8, 2008. The Tour travelled throughout the biotech industry in South San Francisco and received a guided tour of Cell Genesys before completing their tour at Skyline College. The tour included 19 students from San Mateo HS, Hillsdale High School & Mills High School. Skyline professor Nick Kapp was joined by Skyline Biomanufacturing Certificate Program graduates. Together they treated the students to a biotech lab experience in Skyline's new science facilities. The Skyline graduates brought their industry

expertise back to the campus to serve as mentors for the day for the visiting high school students. The mentors and students enjoyed lunch and held a structured Q and A that gave the students a direct contact with biotechnology professionals. Mentors included: Ophelia Sampang, Steven Casmer, James Eli, Peter Lee and Glen Lanoza. The mentors helped the students identify skills for being a successful employee as well as key lab skills. The students' faculty included Elynn Daugherty who has been honored as the national Biotechnology Teacher of the Year. Thanks to Skyline Center for Workforce Development's Adolfo Leiva and Skyline's SMT faculty, Nick Kapp, and Dean, Mike Williamson for coordinating the event. BIOBus is funded by a grant from the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges. Here Nick Kapp and Mentor Ophelia Sampang assists San Mateo High School students with biotechnology experiments.



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

Coming Up ...

Friday, February 22

- Women's Basketball vs. Foothill College at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Mendocino College at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- ASSC presents "Coats for Comedy," 7-9 p.m., Main Theatre

Saturday, February 23

- Baseball vs. Mendocino College at Skyline, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 26

- Cash for College, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Rooms 2122 & 2116

Wednesday, February 27

- Hairdoo; Business Life Arts Culture Kids A.P.E.S., 12:30 PM, Main Theater

Thursday, February 28

- Baseball at Cabrillo, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 29

- S. Kwaku Daddy, 12:30 PM, Rooms 6202 & 6204

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 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 our Web Site Redesign Project, please log in your suggestions and concerns in the "Web Site Redesign Project eSuggestion Box", also on <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/> or click the box below.



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/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.