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President's Report to the Board of Trustees available on our website

Wednesday night I gave my monthly report to our Board and you can read it at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>

Two Open Forums coming up soon

As I noted in an email to everyone a couple of weeks ago, there are two College Wide Forums coming up soon. The first forum is Monday and will focus on Safety Cameras. Jose Nunez, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning, Maintenance and Operations, will provide a briefing on plans for safety cameras at Skyline and for centralization of security. The second forum a week later will focus on our governance system at Skyline, in response to our own Planning Agendas and a recommendation from the accreditation visiting team. Here are the time and place for both:

Safety Cameras

Monday, March 31
2-4 pm, Room 2306

Governance at Skyline

Monday, April 7
2-4 pm, Room 6202

I look forward to seeing you there and hearing your ideas.

There is still time to register for the 8th Annual President's Breakfast to be held next Tuesday, April 1

Each year the President's Council raises funds for the President's Innovation Fund through the Annual Complimentary President's Breakfast. It will be held at 7:30 am next Tuesday, April 1, at the South San Francisco Conference Center. About 300 people attended last year and enjoyed seeing the annual video of our Innovation Projects, hearing a couple of students speak about the effect of our Innovation Fund projects on their lives, and sharing breakfast. College faculty and staff are welcome to join the many community members who come to support the college. Call 738-4325 to register.

Congratulations to newly tenured faculty

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, three Skyline faculty approved for tenure. Please join me in congratulating:

Brian Daniel, Respiratory Therapy
Lynn Morita, Cosmetology
Justin Piergrossi, Physical Education.

Here comes the President's Innovation Fund "Call for Proposals"

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2007-08, **the deadline this year is Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 pm** in the President's Office. The guidelines and the proposal form, will be on the website by next Wednesday, April 2. See the Faculty and Staff page on our website at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. Shelly Hausman will send out an announcement next week when they are posted, but I wanted to give you a heads-up now.

Expanding Your Horizons 28th annual conference draws nearly 1000 girls to Skyline

Nearly 1000 girls from the 6th through the 12th grade took over Skyline on Saturday, March 15, to spend a day with women scientists, engineers, mathematicians and medical experts. The girls came from middle and high schools in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties. The keynote speaker was Sarah Gerhardt, Ph.D. chemist and big wave surfer. 75 parents participated as well. The rich array of workshops allowed the girls hands-on experience with fields that might be in their futures. Girls' comments included "I love Skyline" and "The experience was great. I look forward to next year." The Myspace workshop for parents was standing room only. The Genentech Foundation for Biomedical Sciences once again helped make EYH possible. Over 150 women and men volunteered to plan and implement EYH. Please join me in thanking the Planning Committee who volunteer their time to put together this very complex and well designed event: A.J. Bates, Don Biederman, Shari Bookstaff, Pat Carter, Chris Case, Arlene Chang, Eddie Chiang, Pat Deamer, Carla Digennaro, Anna Dneprov, Stephen Fredricks, Mousa Ghanma, Shelly Hausman, Nick Kapp, Sue Lorenzo, Julie Mooney, Vanson Nguyen, Tiffany Reardon, Jeff Schinske, Tadashi Tsuchida, and Mike Williamson. EYH benefits from considerable help from the media staff, the Skyline IT group, the security staff and our facilities department. They were joined by a huge group of students in bright blue T-shirts who registered the girls and assisted them and the parents in finding their way around the college.



Photos by Chris Case

Facilities completes important work over the spring break

Our Facilities staff always uses breaks in instruction to great advantage and that happened once again during our Spring Break. Custodial staff cleaned the campus after Expanding Your Horizons; buffed all hallways in Buildings 1, 2, 3, 5, 7A, 8 and Pacific Heights; detail cleaned all restrooms; cleaned all building exterior windows; and cleaned all carpeted areas in Building 5, Portables 3C and 3D. Grounds staff cleaned the campus after Expanding Your Horizons; groomed all athletic fields – baseball, upper soccer, lower soccer; top dressed and seeded the grass soccer field; washed the tennis courts; finished drain repairs at Pacific Heights; pressure washed sidewalks and paved paths in front of Buildings 1, 2, 5, 6, 7A and 8; repaired pot holes on the Loop Road by the Bus Transient Zone; repainted pedestrian pathway markings behind Pacific Heights; and repainted all "STOP" road markings on the Loop Road. Engineering staff supported ongoing HVAC systems alarm notification work; installed a new sediment filter canister for feed water to the boilers; coordinated the annual combustion gas tune-ups for Boilers 1 and 2 with Bay City Boiler; coordinated Bldg 5 roof repairs with Davco Waterproofing; repaired a leaking main mixing valve in Bldg 2; and coordinated annual preventive maintenance for Chiller #1 on the roof of Bldg 2 with Southland Industries. Please join me in thanking them when you see members of the Facilities staff.

Wright presents at convention on international studies

Yesterday, Dr. George Wright, professor of History, made a presentation at the annual convention of the International Studies Association in San Francisco. His topic was "Capitalism, the Inter-State System and Geopolitical Conflicts: Theoretical Points and Empirical Insights into Developing a Marxist Theory of Geopolitics."

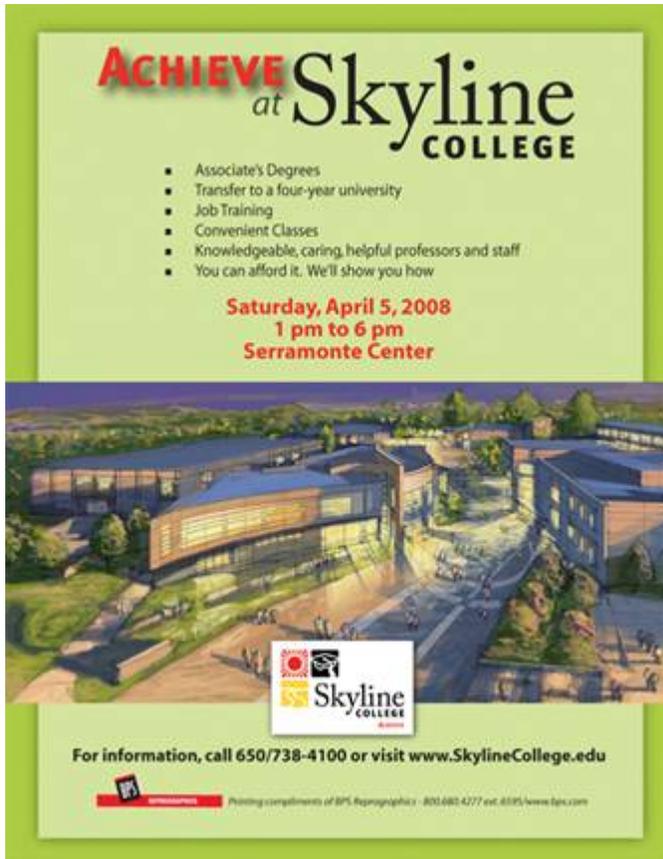
Reardon presents at symposium on nanoscience and engineering

MESA Director Tiffany Reardon co-presented this week with Educational Director Kristin Black, PhD, from Stanford University's Center on Polymer Interfaces and Macromolecular Assemblies (CPIMA). Their presentation took place at the Materials Research Society Spring Meeting in San Francisco at a symposium entitled "*The Role of Lifelong Education in Nanoscience and Engineering.*" Tiffany and Chemistry Instructor AJ Bates worked with Stanford University's CPIMA and created an undergraduate research partnership. This unique partnership gives Skyline students access to graduate researchers from Stanford University, increased interaction with faculty and staff, exposure to graduate school opportunities, extensive introduction to scientific research, to will increase the number of students MESA students who are

accepted into university summer research programs. This past fall the program was replicated at Gavilan College in Gilroy, CA and will now rotate to MESA Programs throughout Northern California.

Skyline Day at Serramonte is Saturday, April 5, 1-6 pm

The college will have tables in the center of the Serramonte mall to showcase our programs, services, financial aid and terrific faculty and staff. We will be there on Saturday April 5 from 1 to 6 pm. If you would like to participate in some way, contact Sherri Hancock at Hancocks@smccd.edu or phone her at 738-4238.



Hermanos Leadership Retreat a success

The initial group of Hermanos students from South San Francisco High School entered Skyline this fall and has since been a strong presence on campus and in the community. By attending various events in the community, the Hermanos students raised enough money to go on a 3 day 2 night leadership retreat. The Hermanos Leadership Retreat took place on the weekend of March 14-16. The core of the Hermanos leadership board, along with eight high school Hermanos, attended the weekend retreat in Sonoma (Westerbeke ranch). Three excellent speakers presented at the retreat, along with team building and personal reflection activities. The leadership retreat served two purposes: 1) to help students identify and develop positive leadership skills; 2) to facilitate the transitional process for high school Hermanos as they prepare to attend Skyline in the fall. When students were asked what they took from the retreat, one responded by stating "Leaders do things not for themselves, but for everyone." Here are the Hermanos with community leader and member of the San Mateo County Board of Education, Memo Morantes, and Nohel Corral, coordinator.

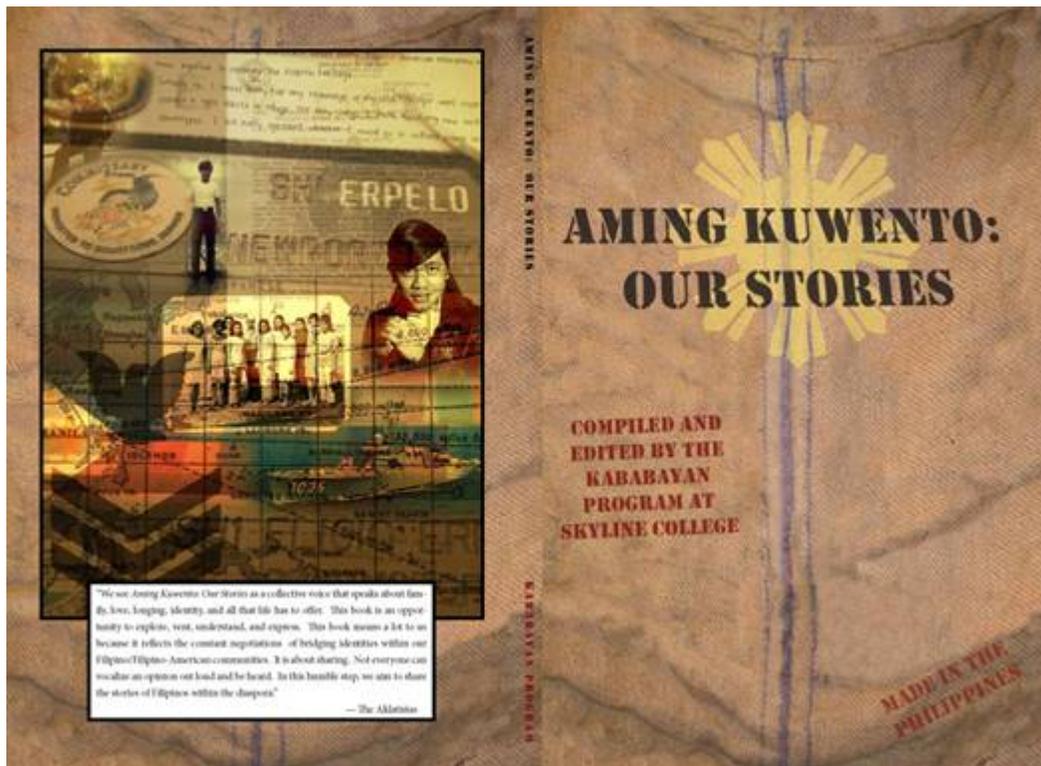


4th Annual Pilipino Cultural Night coming May 1st and 3rd — “Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman”

Skyline College continues our annual tradition of Pilipino Cultural Nights with the latest production, “Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman”, on Thursday, May 1st and Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 in the Main Theater. Doors open at 7 p.m. Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN) is a student-run event that is open to the community to celebrate the Filipino-American Experience. The event showcases the cultural dances and the performance of traditional songs from the Philippines, as well as elements of the Filipino-American culture. While the show is primarily based upon the work of the students enrolled in English 104: “Applied English Skills in Cultural Production” --- who are responsible for the writing, directing producing, advertising, acting, singing, dancing, stage/technical crew, and prop/set design and construction of the show --- the key to the success of “Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman,” lies in the partnerships formed in the community. For the third year in a row, the students have had the honor of working with Master Danongan “Danny” Kalanduyan, artistic and executive director of the Palabuniyan Kulintang Ensemble (<http://www.kulintang.com/>) In addition, Bonifacio Valera, Jr., artistic director and founder of the Barangay Dance Company, with assistance from Victoria Hafalia, is teaching a class in traditional Filipino Dance for the first time at Skyline College. At the college, the students of the Kababayan Program (<http://www.SkylineCollege.edu/kababayan>) and Filipino Student Union, with advisors Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado, have been hosting events and fundraisers to help pay for the costs and expenses of the production. Proceeds from this year’s PCN will benefit future productions and go toward scholarships for the students in the Kababayan Program and Filipino Student Union. For tickets, please contact Jan Salas at (650) 392-4300 and jansalas@hotmail.com or Liza Erpelo at (650) 738-4119 and erpelol@smccd.edu. Thursday: \$5 presale/\$10 at the door. Saturday: \$10 presale/\$12 at the door.

Just published: *Aming Kuwento: Our Stories (2008)*

Aming Kuwento is a book project of the Kababayan Program and Filipino Student Union. The students created *Aming Kuwento: Our Stories*, a collection of artwork, photography, poetry, short stories, and essays about the Filipino and Filipino American experience. Students, faculty, staff, and community members all contributed to the project, which was funded by a Trustees’ Fund for Program Improvement awarded in Fall 2004. The faculty coordinators are Liza Erpelo and Romeo Garcia (now at Cañada College). The editorial board (also known as “the Aklatistas”) is comprised of Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Robin de los Reyes and Warlito Caturay, Jr., and students Nikki de Rivera, Marlboro Bato, Denver Sevilla. Jeremy Lassen at Night Shade Books, Linda Castner at 360 Digital Books, and Theresa Tentes in the President’s Office also helped tremendously in completing this project. Books are available for sale from Liza Erpelo in 8-214 (erpelol@smccd.edu) at \$10 each, and will be available in the Skyline College Bookstore soon. All proceeds from the book will go to the “Friends of Kababayan” fund, a community-supported fund to provide resources such as educational materials, supplies, equipment, and scholarships for the Kababayan Program students, faculty, and staff. Here is what Connie Beringer had to say about the book: “Liza Erpelo and her dedicated Kababayan community have compiled an astonishing collection of writings that honor the Filipino and Filipino American experience. Their compelling stories of ‘bridging identities’ will resonate with anyone whose family has roots in a different culture. This beautifully produced collection is another example of the excellence we have come to expect from the Kababayan Program.”



Uruguayan legislators to visit Skyline next Monday

Two legislators from Uruguay will visit Skyline College, San Bruno, on Monday, March 31st as part of a U.S. State Department tour. The group is being hosted by the Skyline College Bay Area Center for International Trade Development (CITD), an organization at Skyline College designed to assist small- to medium-size businesses in entering international trade. Mr. José Oneto, a Uruguayan state legislator, and Ms. Adriana Peña, a Uruguayan congresswoman, will meet with college administrators, faculty and the staff at Skyline College's Bay Area Center for International Trade Development (CITD) on Monday, March 31st from 2-3:15 p.m. in room 6203, Student and Community Center. The group is here to familiarize themselves with the various aspects of American political, social, and economic systems. Mr. Oneto and Ms. Peña are interested in the technology, politics, the prolific export economy of California, and the CITD's strategies for developing California's international trade capacity.

College Council Update for meeting on March 26, 2008

1. **Fall Flex Days, 2008:** Vicki reported that she had accepted the Council's recommendation that the Fall Flex Days next August be scheduled on the same pattern as last fall. The district-wide event will be held as usual on the first morning (Thursday, August 14), with our college-wide meeting on the second morning (Friday, August 15). Later that same morning will be the meetings of the Academic Senate and the Classified Council. We will have our own college-wide luncheon on that Friday. Division meetings and faculty/staff professional development activities will be held during the afternoons of the two days. There will be coordination among the divisions about the best time slot for the division meetings, with the idea that most or all of them will be at the same time, thus freeing people up to participate in other Flex workshops.
2. **Budget update:** Eloisa Briones provided an update on the state budget process, its implications for the district and Skyline and ongoing work by the College Budget Committee (see that update below under the CBC).
3. **Website redesign update:** Sandy Irber described the progress on our website redesign which is proceeding according to schedule.
4. **College Hour proposal:** Faculty, staff and student constituent groups are all interested in pursuing the idea of College Hour further. Anastasia Kuzina reviewed information of colleges that have it and when it is held. It was agreed that three members of the Council, representing faculty, students and staff, will prepare a draft proposal for College Hour to facilitate the next step in discussion of it. The draft will include the reason for the proposal, the number of hours per week, the day(s) and time(s) and whether the time(s) would be "dark" for classes or not, and identification of any projected negative consequences.
5. **Planning for the Open Forum on Governance on April 7:** The Council discussed plans for reviewing the college's shared governance structure and processes and adopted an approach which is described in "Skyline College Governance Review Process," available on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>. The April 7 Open Forum will provide an opportunity for all interested members of the college (faculty, staff, students, administrators) to offer comments and suggestions.

We will use a collaborative approach designed to elicit the fullest possible identification of issues and ideas. The input may point toward a more detailed survey or focus groups. Ultimately the process will lead to identification of any needed modifications as well as to a policy for regular review of our governance and decision-making structures.

6. **Design/Build Project update:** Hensel Phelps Construction Company is working actively with the college to complete plans for the two new buildings, including Automotive faculty and staff, administration and soon meetings with Cosmetology faculty and staff and the Multicultural Center users group. The project is on schedule for fall ground breaking for the two buildings.
7. **District Shared Governance Council update:** Adolfo Leiva and Carla Campillo reported on discussions of accreditation, the budget, and the development of codes of ethics.
8. **District Strategic Planning Task Force update:** Vicki Morrow and Carla Campillo reported on the draft Strategic Plan which is under development for the district. Later this spring the draft will be shared at the college, both electronically and via an Open Forum. Over the summer community input will be sought, and then there will be another round of review at the colleges before Board action on it later in the fall.
9. **Next meeting:** April 23.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

1. **State budget update:** Barely a month has passed since Eric Skinner from the State Chancellor's Office announced that the community college system has been saved from having to make mid-year cuts to solve the \$40 million budget reduction proposed by the Governor in January, when the system was faced with yet another problem. Property tax revenues projected for the current year were higher than actual revenues resulting in a property tax shortfall of \$84 million. In the absence of a state appropriation to cover the shortfall, apportionments to community colleges this year will be deficiated. SMCCD's share is \$1.6 million which will be covered by one-time unallocated funds, so there will be no current year budget cut to the colleges.
2. **Proposed changes to the Resource Allocation Model:** The District Committee on Budget and Finance approved the recommendation to treat the bad debt allowance as a line item in the district-wide Revenue and Expenditure Budget. Currently, this expenditure is borne by the colleges. The committee is also considering increasing the growth factor used to allocate growth dollars in the model.
3. **2008-09 budget development:** The resource allocation for 2008-09 has not been completed since projected increases in variable costs have not yet been determined. Eloisa Briones continues to work with divisions to analyze budgets and identify areas where expenditures can be reduced. She is also working on projecting this year's ending balance that will be used to augment next year's site allocation.
4. **Next meeting:** April 10.

Coming Up ...

Friday, March 28

- Last day to RSVP for President's Breakfast, by noon, to 650-738-4325
- Faculty orders for Fall 2008 textbooks are due to Bookstore
- Skyline Classified Staff Retreat, 8 am to 4:30 pm, SSF Community Learning Center
- Post-WOW! Open Reading, 7 PM, Chit Chat Cafe, Pacifica
- Professional Development Fund: Deadline for Long-Term (Fall 08)

Saturday, March 29

- Baseball at Gavilan College, noon

Monday, March 31

- College Forum: Safety Cameras, 2-4 pm, Room 2306
- Faculty orders for Summer 2008 textbooks are due to Bookstore

Tuesday, April 1

- President's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., South San Francisco Conference Center
- Baseball at CSM, 2 p.m.
- Badminton at Fresno City, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2

- ASSC presents "Coats for Comedy," 6:30 p.m., Main Theatre

Thursday, April 3

- Baseball vs. Cabrillo at Skyline, 2 p.m.

- Badminton vs. City College SF at Skyline, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 4

- Proposal Deadline: Trustees' Fund for Program Improvement
- HS Counselor Breakfast, 7:45 -10:30 a.m., Room 6202

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/>.