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*Skyline Shines* is coming out a day early this week due to the cancellation of classes Friday.

**Offices and services available on this Friday**

As you all know by now, classes will not be in session this Friday nor next Monday. All offices will be closed on Monday, but many will be open this Friday. Here is what will be available:

**On Friday, November 9, the following offices and service units will be OPEN:**

- President's Office
- Office of the Vice President of Instruction
- Office of Vice President of Student Services
- Office of Development, Marketing & Public Information
- College Payroll Office
- Physical Education Athletics and Dance - Division office
- One Stop (Counseling, Admissions & Records and Cashiers Office)
- The Learning Center
- Security Office
- Shipping and Receiving
- Coffee Cart (from 8:00 a.m. to noon only)

**All other offices, including the bookstore and cafeteria, will be closed.**

**On Monday, November 12, the campus will be CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day.**

**Nina Jablonski is coming to Skyline tonight!**

I have just finished reading her book "Skin: A Natural History" and it was a fascinating analysis of the evolution of human skin, skin color, the role of touch, human emotions and skin and many other related topics. If any of this piques your interest, you won't want to miss her lecture tonight, 7 pm, our Main Theater.

**Design/Build Project Proposals—Open Forum to be held on December 14**

On December 14, 1-4 pm in Room 2306, we will hear the Design/Build Project proposals and see graphic depictions (architectural renderings and models, floor plans, elevations) of the two buildings and some of the quad site work and landscaping. The two buildings will be the combination Multicultural Center, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness Building (to be called Bldg 4N for now, until the old Bookstore is demolished), and the Automotive Transmission Building (to be called Bldg. 11). Please join us to provide your feedback. We will provide other methods for feedback as well, including posting some of the graphics in the Student Center along with paper comment sheets, and an online input method as well (more later about that).

## Updated 2006 Skyline Facilities Master Plan Map



### **Hip Hop Conference draws a crowd and provides multiple perspectives**

I was out ill for part of last week and as a result missed a truly historic event here at Skyline—our first ever Multicultural Hip Hop Conference, funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Because Hip-hop is an influential part of the lives of Skyline's students, a group of Skyline leaders designed the week-long conference to educate and empower young students about the importance of higher education through the usage of hip-hop. As they said in their PIF application, "Hip-hop bridges all cultures; it is a multi-cultural art form that can be used as an educational tool. Culminating the weeklong conference will be a showcase of artists, musicians, and students in a night filled with hip-hop, short films, spoken word, and poetry." And that is exactly what happened. People who attended have commented on how fascinating it was and how well organized. Here is what Nate Nevado said: "Hip-hop changes lives and it's important to view it through different lenses. We've all learned from this experience." "Rock The School Bells: Skyline College's 1st Annual Educational Hip-Hop Summit" was a collaboration between three learning communities: Kababayan, Puente, and ASTEP. The main organizers were Nate Nevado, Liza Erpelo, Luis Escobar, and Murrell Green. Puente and ASTEP students also volunteered their time; most of the organizing was done by the English 104 AK: Applied English Skills in Cultural Production class — the folks who will be bringing you Pilipino Cultural Night in the spring.

There were about 60 conference attendees and over 200 audience members at the main event — students and teachers from high schools and colleges, as well as community organizers and members. The schools included South San Francisco H.S., Menlo-Atherton H.S., Westmoor H.S., Jefferson H.S., Oakland Tech H.S., Skyline H.S., East Palo Alto H.S., Chabot College, City College of San Francisco, Skyline College, and San Francisco State University. Many faculty, staff and students came together to create this unique and powerful event: Nate Nevado, Luis Escobar, Murrell Green, Pat Deamer, Tony

Jackson, Lucia Lachmayr, Nohel Corral, Liza Erpelo, Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman, Amory Cariadus, Rich Tidd, Mike Celeste, Mary Anne Leary, Julene Rhoan, Kamla Bucceri, Jose Perez, Alan David, Phyllis Taylor and Golda Gacutan. The event also raised funds for the Christopher Padua Foundation, to assist children needing transplants. In the photo below are Charles Peoples, Branden Peoples, Raphael Canenguez, Pat Deamer, Pasha Jackson (Tony Jackson's son) and Tsenare Perryman.



### **1st Annual Northern California Community College Honors Research Symposium to be held at Stanford April 18th**

Katharine Harer, our Honors Program Coordinator, is working with other honors directors in the Bay Honors Consortium to organize this very special event and would appreciate other faculty passing the word about it to students. The research symposium will be held at Stanford on April 18 and will celebrate student scholarship. Skyline honors students — or any Skyline student who has completed original research in an honors class or on an honors contract — can present for 15 minutes at the symposium to other students from Northern California community colleges. It's a wonderful opportunity. The day includes lunch, entertainment, a tour of Stanford (optional) and a workshop on "selective" universities.

The Skyline honors program is holding a planning workshop for students who are thinking about presenting, or who just want more information and encouragement, on Wednesday, November 28th at 1:00 in Room 6203. Katharine will help students with tips on writing up their proposals and Speech instructor, Phyllis Taylor, will help with oral presentation techniques. More preparation workshops will be held in the spring before the event. We hope to provide transportation for all Skyline students who present and attend — and for faculty who want to join their students and cheer them on. **NOTE: The deadline for submission of proposed individual or group presentations is January 31.** Stanford is creating a website for the symposium that will be ready soon: <http://admissions.stanford.edu/hrs>. Contact Katharine for details and publicity materials: [harer@smccd.edu/X4412](mailto:harer@smccd.edu/X4412)

### **Skyline's Tipton has novel published**

James Tipton, English faculty member at Skyline has just had his book, "Annette Vallon, A Novel of the French Revolution," published by HarperCollins in hardback. Barnes & Noble has chosen it as a "Discover Pick" of the holiday season, which means it will be on display in the front of all the Barnes & Noble stores, from November through January. Jamie writes, "William Wordsworth, who, as a young man, spent a year in France during the Revolution, is an important character in the novel, and the book

alludes to his early poetry. But it is mainly the untold story of Annette, who, for most students of literature, is only a vague footnote to Wordsworth. She actually was a major figure in the resistance to the Reign of Terror in the Loire Valley. The back of the book has this quote from a well-known feminist critic and poet Sandra M. Gilbert: "'James Tipton has woven a complex and engrossing historical tapestry, centered on the radiant, rebellious figure of William Wordsworth's first great love, the mother of his "illegitimate" French daughter Caroline. Dashing and desirous, Tipton's Annette is more than worthy of a Romantic poet's devotion, while their romance, set against the turmoil of the French Revolution, will fascinate contemporary readers.'" He will have a reading at Book Passage in Corte Madera (in Marin) on Monday, December 10, at 7:30.

### **Breakfast for high school counselors brings 50 to Skyline**

An important part of our outreach efforts is keeping local high school counselors current on what Skyline has to offer students, and so each semester we hold a breakfast meeting here for them. The program is very well designed to cover a lot of ground in a brief couple of hours, but we know that the counselors appreciate having the very latest information and a chance to visit the college. On Friday, November 5, about fifty counselors attended the breakfast, many for the first time. It was exciting to discover that about a third of the counselors in attendance began their college work at a community college. The opportunity to connect and to receive updated information about Skyline's comprehensive instructional programs and student services was greatly appreciated by all participants. The breakfast provided a venue to engage in continued collaboration and to showcase Skyline College as an excellent pathway to higher education for students.

Thanks to Kenny Gonzalez for coordinating the event and to many other people as well. The presenters included Sherri Hancock, Rick Wallace, Lori Adrian, Kenny Gonzalez, Jackie Escobar, Josie Glenn, Omer Thompson, Norm Del Prado, and Tom Broxholm. The supporting faculty and staff included Sue Lorenzo, Minerva Velasquez, Patty Mendoza, Kristen Abel, Mike Celeste, Andy Davis, Goldie Lee, Maria Escobar, Linda Van Sciver, Leigh Anne Sippel, Pablo Gonzalez, Kevin Chak, Dan Radovich, and the Campus Ambassador Team.



*Photo by Roxanne Brewer*

### **ASTEP students check out Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Skyline's ASTEP program was well represented at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair at City College of San Francisco last month. Dr. Tony Jackson (ASTEP Coordinator) took the photo below and it pictures (from left to right) ASTEP Professor Phyllis Taylor; Wilberforce University (Ohio) Admissions Director, Lee Williams; ASTEP student J'quila Drew; our Black Student Union President,

Tracy Bailey; ASTEP students Malorie Brewster, Nicole Barela, Kenya Bishop; and ASTEP counselor/assistant coordinator Murrell Green.



### **Skyline's Puente students visit Cal to set their sights on their transfer futures**

Our Puente community, the 846 class and some of our 110 students, went last Saturday, October 27th, to the all day, Puente sponsored, UC Berkeley Motivational Transfer Conference. The students heard some very inspiring speakers, such as Rosa Perez, Chancellor for the San Jose/Evergreen Valley College district, and also the very funny UC Berkeley Associate Professor, Dr. Alex Saragoza, who talked about the challenges and inspirations in adapting to a four-year university. Additionally students went to overviews of UC Berkeley, other UC schools, several CSU's, including San Francisco State, and a number of private institutions, such as Stanford University and Mills College. Afterwards, the students were treated to a hearty lunch of burritos and enchiladas and drinks and dessert. For the afternoon events, the students went to workshops, such as "How to Write a Personal Statement," "Managing your Money in College," "Empowering Latino/a Voices" and "How to Decide on a Major." For the final event, the student talent show, two of our Skyline Puente students took the stage and wowed their peers with some heartfelt and intense spoken word performances. The students had a great time, learned quite a bit and set their sights on their college futures!



**President's Innovation Fund—reminder of the November 30 deadline for this year's second round of funding**

For the first time, funds have been set aside for a second round of President's Innovation Fund proposals during this year. This will allow projects to be planned during the spring semester '08 for implementation during the fall semester of '08. Proposals should be submitted by November 30th at 4:30 pm to the President's Office. Successful projects will be announced in mid-December. For more details and forms, go to <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypio/pif/index.html>.

The President's Innovation Fund is designed to support the college's goals and strategies:

Goal 1: Develop the scope, quality, accessibility and accountability of instructional and student service offerings, programs and services.

Goal 2: Enhance institutional effectiveness in the planning and decision-making processes through cooperative leadership, effective communication, and shared governance.

Goal 3: Fulfill the college's role as a leading academic and cultural center for the community through partnerships with business, the community, and non-profit organizations.

Goal 4: Provide adequate human, physical, technological and financial resources to successfully implement educational programs and student services in order to improve student learning outcomes.

Goal 5: Offer faculty and staff opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

**Skyline College MESA Serving Students Coast to Coast**

This past weekend students from Skyline's MESA Program traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) Conference. Each year, the SHPE Conference attracts nearly 5,000 engineering professionals, students and corporate representatives. The conference is an opportunity for engineering companies and corporations to recruit top talent from SHPE membership. It also provides educational, technical and career opportunities for professional and student engineers. Skyline's SHPE Chapter has been in existence since January 2001.

Pictured are students Tracy Bailey, Cristina Urista, MESA Director Tiffany Reardon, Luis Bill, Tyler McLaurin.



This past weekend MESA Faculty Sponsor Stephen Fredricks chaperoned a bus full of students from Skyline College's MESA Program to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education held at UC Davis. The California Forums for Diversity in Graduate Education, planned by a consortium of public and private colleges and universities from throughout California, have been designed particularly to meet the needs of advanced undergraduates and master's candidates who belong to groups that are currently underrepresented in doctoral-level programs. Skyline had the largest number of community college attendees at this year's Diversity Forum! Pictured are students Angelina Molina, Andre Green, Margarita Gutierrez, Jack Torres.

### ***Errata***

In the November 2 edition of *Skyline Shines*, there was a photograph of five ASTEP faculty honored for their work with the program. The photo should have been attributed to Virginia Medrano Rosales. I regret the omission.

### **Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?**

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

### **Do you have a suggestion?**

You may want to try our new e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or 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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