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President reports to the Board of Trustees

You can see the report I gave to the Board on Wednesday night at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

TODAY is the day for our Open Forum on the Design/Build Project Proposals, 1-4 pm, Room 2306

We will hear the Design/Build Project proposals and see graphic depictions of the two buildings and some of the site work and landscaping. The two buildings will be the combination Multicultural Center, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness Building (Bldg 4N), and the Automotive Transmission Building (Bldg. 11). Please join us to provide your feedback. There will be three different ways to provide your input to the proposals:

- Participate in the **Open Forum** today.
- We will post the materials in the **Student Center** on Monday, December 17 through Friday, December 21, along with feedback sheets and a drop box for them. We will put them back up again after the holiday break, and have them available there from January 22-February 1.
- We will provide the same information on our **website** along with a link for electronic feedback.

My briefing on the background for this project and its current status, including what the project will include is archived on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under "Other Messages from the President." By Monday, December 17, the additional information I mention above will be out there too.

Puente students celebrate "Noche de la Familia"

Thanks to Lucia Lachmayr for this beautifully written description of the event:

Last Friday night Puente students celebrated the year's end by having a "Noche de la Familia" (Family Night), which allowed Puente students to bring their loved ones to see some of the work they have been doing and activities they had participated in this semester. Families were also given a closer glimpse of the Puente Program model via a presentation and students were awarded certificates to commend them for all the effort they had put into their classes. Luis Escobar, Puente Co-coordinator, led things off by greeting the families and speaking, in English and then in Spanish, to the families about the importance of school to the students' futures. Contributing to what made the 'Noche' a success this year were Jacquie Escobar, who crafted beautiful programs, and Karen Wong, who helped recognize her former, Phase III (3rd semester Puentista) students, who have, or are preparing to graduate. It was also valuable to have former Puente Coordinators Jacquie, Karen, Imelda Hermosillo and Connie Beringer, (Connie, along with Carla Campillo, formed the first Puente team), through the most recent teams, in attendance. Their presence helped to embody a continuity, a living bridge of Puente's history to its present here at Skyline. It was also great having Counseling's Rick Wallace there, since having the deans from both Language Arts and Counseling present made it clear to the families and students that Puente is a valued presence on campus. The TLC (thanks to Leslie Shelton and Kamla Bucceri) kindly let us borrow their lovely poinsettias for the party. (*The poinsettias enjoyed the party so much they came back an even brighter red and asked to hereafter be referred to as Puentesettas*). Also pivotal to the events' success were Kamla, Felix Perez and Jose Perez for helping out with the media setup and operation questions. Without their assistance, we could not

have presented the Puente Project history and the class slideshow. And finally, key to the 'Noche' were the faculty who came as mentors and supporters, such as English instructor, Hilda Fernandez, who brought her husband, also a mentor, as well as an important part of our program, Puente Spanish instructor, Luciana Castro, who has been a continuous and valued supporter of Puente for years.

Please join me in thanking all of the people who made this event happen and ensured its success!



Photo by Karen Wong

Skyline Student-Athletes enjoy a stellar weekend

Last weekend was a memorable one for our student-athletes. At Fresno in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) state championships, sophomore Jason Moorhouse finished in fourth place in the 125 pound division earning All-State and All-American recognition. Freshman James Anderson finished sixth in the 141 pound division earning All-State recognition. In Oakland, our women's basketball team won the Merritt College Tournament. They defeated Lassen College, Napa Valley College and Butte College in route to the championship. In San Bruno, our men's basketball team won the consolation bracket championship at the Skyline Classic. After losing to Napa Valley in the opener, the Trojans rebounded with wins against Gavilan College and College of Marin. Here are our men's and women's basketball teams for this fall.



Friday, December 14

- Design/Build Project Proposals Open Forum, 1-4 p.m., Room 2306
- Men's Basketball vs. DeAnza at West Valley, 2 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Santa Rosa at Skyline, 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 15

- Final examinations through 12/21
- Men's Basketball at West Valley, TBA

Sunday, December 16

- Men's Basketball at West Valley, TBA

Monday, December 17

- Final examinations through 12/21
- Fall 2007 textbook buy backs at Bookstore though Dec 21

Tuesday, December 18

- Voice Class Recital (Songs from “Dreamgirls” and “Jersey Boys”), 12:30 p.m., Rm. 1111

Wednesday, December 19

- Women's Basketball vs. Merritt College at Skyline, 6 p.m.

Friday, December 21

- Day and evening classes end
- Men's Basketball at Hartnell, 5 p.m.
- Bookstore Closed through Jan. 13
- Women's Basketball vs. DVC at Skyline, 7 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

Errata

Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSCE): Last week I worded incorrectly a part of my note on the CCSCE survey to be conducted in the spring. Here is the correct wording: “The survey instrument along with a survey plan were reviewed this semester by the Academic Senate, the Academic Senate Research Committee, Cabinet and the Institutional Planning Committee.”

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 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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