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This is the last edition of *Skyline Shines* until mid-January. Best wishes for a restful and happy holiday season. The college will be closed from December 24 through January 1. Offices will be open beginning January 2 and classes will begin on Tuesday, January 22. Information on offices and services available during the first few weeks of January is on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.

Design/Build Project design on display on our website, and in the Student Center—please weigh in!

Last Friday at the Open Forum, we heard the Design/Build Project proposal and saw the 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). . There will be two additional ways to provide your input to the proposals:

- We have posted the materials in the **Student Center** this week, and they will be there again from January 22-February 1 as well. Provided along with them are feedback sheets and a drop box for those.
- We provided the same information on our **website** along with a link for electronic feedback at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.

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."

Student Services raises over \$5500 in scholarship funds for students

The Student Services Division conducted two successful scholarship fundraising events this December. The annual Student Services Auction on December 12 yielded an estimated \$3,200 for student scholarships to be awarded in the Spring, 2008. Auction items were donated by faculty and staff. The Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) Holiday Raffle earned \$2,325. Prizes for the DSPS Raffle included a video game Nintendo Wii, a 30GB iPod with video and a Nintendo DS Lite. Please join me in thanking the Student Services Division and others who participated in these events for their generosity and commitment to student success!

Skyline student athletes earn recognition

Two Skyline College student-athletes were recently recognized with Honorable Mentions in the CCCAA Student Athletes of the Month program for November. The award is given by the California Community Colleges Athletic Association (CCCAA), in partnership with the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA). Marie Colon is Skyline College Women's Basketball's starting point guard. She has averaged 17 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals per game. She is currently shooting 40% from the field, 21% from the three point line, and is converting 89% of her free throws. She plans on transferring to a CSU in the fall. Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas is Skyline College Women's Basketball's starting shooting guard and has averaged 17.1 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals per

game. She is currently shooting 46% from the field, 30% from the three point line, and is converting 71% of her free throws.

Hermanos program welcomes families and the community in Noche de Familia celebration

The initial group of Hermanos students from South San Francisco High School entered Skyline this fall, and last night this “first generation” cheered on the second generation, which has just completed its fall program. The Hermanos program was initiated by Latinos Unidos at Skyline, and is funded by the President’s Innovation Fund and the Silicon Valley Foundation. The December 20 celebration included recognition of the young men of both classes, appreciation of the supportive family members who filled Room 6202, and of community leaders who support the program. Individuals from South San Francisco who have supported the Hermanos program through kind donations included Marta Bookbinder, Collaborative Projects Coordinator of the Community Learning Center; Mark Raffaelli, Chief of Police; Shirlee Hoch, Trustee, South San Francisco Unified School District; and Ray Camacho, RayTana & Associates. Recognized for their strong support of the program were Pedro Gonzalez, Mayor Elect of South San Francisco; Michael Coyne, Principal, South San Francisco High School; and Rick Gomez, Executive Board Member, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco. Please join me in thanking Skyline faculty Luis Escobar and Nohel Corral, Pablo Gonzalez, Adolfo Leiva, Jacquie Escobar and the inspiring students who spoke of what Hermanos has meant to them—Steve Valencia and Jose Zaragoza.

Skyline staff and students shine!

Staff and students donated several hundred toys to Toys for Tots. The two bins were each filled twice during the Phi Theta Kappa toy drive. The ASSC did an additional push on December 7 and raised over \$350 dollars for Toys for Tots. In the photo, Phi Theta Kappans Richard Chiang, Christian Ignacio, Marcia Soares, and Elizabeth Parr gather up some of the toys.



Study conducted by Skyline students to be showcased in national conference

Mike Moynihan and his students have 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. The following students will be part of the presentation: Frances Gilfillan, Elizabeth Demartini, Yajaira Barba, and Anthony Yup. The presentation will summarize the findings of a survey conducted with first year students at Skyline. The survey 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 use and how satisfied they are with the various programs and services, and whether these students would be interested a required orientation to college program. By and large, the students thought that an orientation program

that provided information about academic components as well as pragmatic components would be especially helpful to their college success.

Voice students sing from “Dreamgirls” and “Jersey Boys”

Last Tuesday, Jude Navari’s voice class presented their annual recital, featuring both solo and ensemble singing, with songs from “Dreamgirls” and “Jersey Boys.” Here you can see them in action, thanks to Virginia Medrano Rosales photo.



Facilities Maintenance Center (FMC) is now under construction

On December 18, demolition of three buildings that formerly housed our Facilities Department began. The construction of a new FMC should be completed in January 2009 and our Facilities staff are making Loma Chica their temporary home in the meantime. A ‘*Demolition Party*’ was held to commemorate this history-making event for the campus. Here is the happy gang celebrating this landmark.



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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