



Skyline Shines

Victoria P. Morrow, President
April 30, 2010

40th Anniversary Event coming next Thursday: *Taste of Skyline*

Please join us if you can at 2:30 next Thursday, May 6, for our final 40th Anniversary Celebration event, sponsored by the President's Council. Local restaurants are providing refreshments in the Main Quad, we will visit our two new art projects in the Student Center and the Gymnasium, and we will cut the ribbon for the new Automotive Technology Building. PE/Athletics and Dance students will be providing exhibition events in the Gym and in the Dance Studio and the Student Art Exhibit in the Gallery will be open as well. It will be a festive, informal and fun afternoon. Everyone is welcome—students, faculty, staff and members of the community. See you there!



“Books Change Lives” drawing reveals wide range of reading interests at Skyline

The “Books Change Lives” drawing invited students, faculty, and staff to name a book that inspired, influenced, or changed their lives, and was part of the National Library Week celebration (April 12-16) at Skyline. Skyline students, faculty, and staff submitted a total of 54 fiction and non-fiction book titles for the library’s drawing. Fiction titles ranged from Conrad’s *Heart of Darkness* to Dr. Seuss’s *Hop on Pop*, while non-fiction titles ranged from *Voyage of the Turtle* to *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. Some titles garnered several entries. For example, *Ender’s Game*, by Orson Scott Card, was submitted by 3 different readers. A Skyline student – who entered Ken Kesey’s *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* -- won the random drawing on April 16. For a complete list of all 54 book entries, go to <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/library/bookschangelives.html>. Here are a couple of photos from the annual celebration in the Library which always involves a beautiful cake!

Diversity inquiry event to be held May 6: students are invited to participate

Skyline speech faculty member Jennifer Mair is planning a forum event on campus focusing on diversity and how Skyline is doing in achieving its stated goals and commitments to diversity. The event is funded by a grant from the Associated Students' vending commission. Ms. Mair will provide food from several different cultures and invite students for a meal together and a round table discussion on diversity. The discussion will be facilitated by a group of Skyline trained by Ms. Mair as dialogue facilitators. The participants to next Thursdays event will then break out in smaller groups for further discussion, and report back together. Jennifer reports that the workshop for facilitators last Thursday was greatly successful--over 50 people came. Ms. Mair will also be gathering feedback from the participants and developing a summary report. She hopes to draw at least 100 participants. The free event will be

**Thursday, May 6
Noon to 2 pm
Building 6, upstairs**

Please direct interested students to Jennifer Mair at mairj@smccd.edu.

Beta Theta Omicron wins USA Today Case Study Challenge

Beta Theta Omicron won the USA Today Case Study Challenge for a case study entitled "The World Food Crisis: A paradox of success." Skyline students Derrick Hau, Nick Piccinini, Fion Ng, and Kelnia Moloney (shown in the photo) worked on the case study with Chapter Advisor, Christine Case, from July 2009 through February 2010 to develop a summary of the problem as well as questions that require critical thinking and analysis. Their case study will be on the *USA Today* collegiate website. In the meantime, you can read it at

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/boo/docs/worldfood.pdf>.

The team is grateful to Tom Hewitt, Carol Driscoll, and the rest of the library staff for supporting this project. Beta Theta Omicron has won the Case Study Challenge seven of the eight years that it has been offered to Phi Theta Kappa chapters by USA Today. At the request of Phi Theta Kappa headquarters, Derrick Hau, Christine Case, and a representative from USA Today presented a workshop for all Phi Theta Kappa chapters to help them develop their case studies.



2010 Skyline College Classified Staff Retreat

On April 22 - 23, 21 classified staff members representing 18 different departments attended the "Spreading Sunshine: Keeping Our Spirits Up" Classified Staff Retreat at Burlingame's beautiful Mercy Center. On the first day, Phyllis Taylor (We are a Symphony) challenged how we perceive ourselves and others. Karen Nielson (Taking Care of Your Hands) spoke about proper techniques for taking care of our hands. She was joined by cosmetology students who provided attendees with rejuvenating arm massages and paraffin dips. The day ended with Lavinia Zanassi (Impressions, Perceptions, and Assumptions) who examined characteristics of satisfied and successful employees. On the second day, Pablo Gonzalez (Awakening the Spirit) provided the group with an opportunity to explore the complexity of the human condition and the simplicity of the human experience. Chip Chandler (The At-Your-Work-Area Workout) then led participants through a fun and functional routine designed to energize and improve muscle tone and stamina from within the workplace. Finally, Tiffany Schmierer (Handbuilding with Clay) demonstrated how to create extraordinary ceramic vessels using texture, designs and color. Those who attended the retreat included Katie Beverly, Judith Cheung, Barbara Daly, Donna Elliott, Marcie Escobar Mora, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Pablo Gonzalez, Sandra Hatzistratis, Linda Herda, Gigi Isaacs, Nancy Lam, Barbara Lamson, Adolfo Leiva, Allison Mello, Vivian Paw, Reyna Rodriguez, Theresa

Tentes, Minerva Velasquez, Jocelyn Vila, and Kennya Zepeda. Thanks to the Retreat Organizing Task Force: Rakefet Avramovitz, Donna Elliot, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Linda Herda, Nancy Lam, Adolfo Leiva, and Theresa Tentes. Special thanks also to Jocelyn Vila for creating a short video capturing the spirit of the event (here's the link):

http://animoto.com/play/VdOdtL0Q40kdo54NaAJDAQ?utm_content=main_link&utm_campaign=animoto&utm_source=share&utm_medium=email

This retreat was funded by a contribution from the PEDAC Committee. Thanks to Adolfo Leiva and Vivian Paw for the photos.



College Council update

1. **District Shared Governance Committee update:** Denisse Gonzalez, Associated Students President, reported that the main items of discussion were on Board Rules and Regulations 3.10, 7.26, 6.24 and 6.425, which are to be brought back to constituencies
2. **Budget update:** Regina Stanback Stroud, Vice President for Instruction, reported that Kathy Blackwood, district Chief Financial Officer, is scheduled to attend the next College Budget Committee (CBC) meeting to present the Resource Allocation Model and the tentative site allocations for 2010-11. Lori Adrian, Vice President for Student Services, also added that new information from Scott Lay, President of the Community College League of California, is that the Governor has said that he will veto any proposals that would further cut funds to higher education.
3. **Accreditation midterm report update:** Regina reminded everyone members of the college have until Friday, April 30 to submit revisions to the draft Midterm report. The draft was distributed college wide by Donna Bestock and Ray Hernandez, Accreditation Self-Study Co-Chairs. The final report will be submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in early fall semester.
4. **Classified Retreat:** Kathy Fitzpatrick reported that 23 people attended. The Mercy Center was a great venue for the event. Kathy shared that it was nice to learn about what people do outside from work. The focus was on teamwork and keeping up morale. The idea of creating or implementing a project that could help out co-workers, help one another, has been brought up in Classified Council.

5. **Student elections:** Denisse reported that they will be held next week on Tuesday, May 4th. The General Assembly is in Los Angeles this weekend. Elections for Skyline and CSM are the on the same day.
6. **Academic Senate elections:** Fermin Irigoyen, current Vice President, reported that he and Sandra Hsu are the candidates for President. There are no candidates so far for vice president, secretary or treasurer. Ray Hernandez is running for District Academic Senate President.
7. **Student Recognition and Award Ceremony:** Lori reported that it will be held on Thursday, May 13th, from 4-6 pm. Commencement is on Friday, May 28th at 5pm. Lori also announced that Skyline student Stephanie Nale was chosen for the prestigious Pister Scholarship.
8. **Next meeting:** May 26. On that day the Council will make the selection of the Skyline Shines Award winner in the employee category.

Prior minutes of the College Council are archived at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/collegecouncil/index.html>.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on April 26, co-chaired by Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones.

1. **2010-2011 Tentative Site Allocation:** District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood gave the CBC a brief state budget update announcing that April income tax receipts are coming in less than projected. The Governor's May Revise is coming up and districts are required to approve a tentative budget in June. Kathy proceeded to go through the assumptions underlying the district's Resource Allocation Model, including a 4% deficit factor in anticipation of a state deficit factor and/or midyear cuts, a student fee increase and no workload reduction. The earlier version of the resource allocation assumed a 3.4% workload reduction. 2010-2011 FTES goals were calculated based on 2008-09 actuals instead of 2009-10 goals. Chancellor's Council will need to determine the size of each college in terms of FTES. The elimination of the workload reduction resulted in an increase in the site allocations. In addition, the sites received redevelopment funds as approved by the board. At the next meeting the CBC will review updated cost projections for next year in relation to the revised allocation.
2. **District Committee on Budget & Finance (DCBF) report:** Linda Whitten and Barbara Lamson reported on presentation made by Arlene Calibo, Administrative Analyst, and Jose Nunez, Vice Chancellor of Facilities Planning and Operations during DCBF's April 20th meeting. Their report compared the square footage covered by each district engineer, custodian and groundskeeper versus the statewide average. The striking difference between these numbers highlights the need for more staffing support for this department.
3. **Next Meeting:** May 13.

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Coming up...

Friday, April 30

- 2010 Juried Student Art Exhibition, Gallery, through May 13
- Certification Review for Surgical Technologies, Building 7, Room 205, through May 18
- Baseball - Skyline vs. SJCC (San Jose), 2pm

Saturday, May 1

- Priority Enrollment Program - High School Students, May 1, Buildings 2 & 6, 9am-3pm
- Pilipino Cultural Night: State of the Art, Theater, 7pm

Sunday, May 2

- Skyline Concert Choir: Generations, Mildred Owen Concert Hall Pacifica, 4pm

Tuesday, May 4

- American Medical Student Association, Suture Lab, Building 7, Room 7205, 1-2pm
- Badminton, Skyline vs. DeAnza, 3pm

Thursday, May 6

- Student Diversity Forum - Students Speak: Building Unity Through Our Differences, Building 6, 2nd Floor, 11:30am
- 40th Anniversary Celebration - Taste of Skyline, Main Quad, 2:30pm
- Automotive Technology Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Building 11, 3pm

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **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/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:

**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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