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March 19, 2010

### **10<sup>th</sup> President's Breakfast draws a celebratory crowd**

We had the biggest crowd ever at yesterday's annual President's Breakfast to raise funds for the President's Innovation Fund. We celebrated the college's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the President's Council and the Breakfast. Our preliminary count of the contributions attendees made indicates that this year outstripped last year, a fact which is especially impressive in these tough economic times. There are many people I would like to thank for their outstanding efforts to make this complex event such a success:

- The President's Council which held the event, Breakfast Co-Chairs Laura Baughman and Joe Tolod, and Council Chair Cherie Napier who made the request for contributions.
- Sandy Irber, whose ten years of leadership for development and her excellent work with the President's Council were recognized at the event by current and former chairs of the Council, including Bonnie Wells, Helen Fisicaro, Greg Cochran, Susan Brissenden Smith and Cherie Napier.
- Student speaker LaChanee Ricard and faculty speaker Nate Nevado, both of whom communicated so eloquently the importance of the innovation fund projects to students.
- Liza Erpelo and the Kababayan Dance Troupe, which performed just before the Breakfast and drew the crowd irresistibly into the event room for the program, and then helped distribute coming event materials to the crowd.
- Bryan Kingston for the best video ever—a retrospective of the 10 years of the Innovation Fund. We will see it again on Opening Day in August, as usual.
- The many staff and students who assisted both before and during the event, without whom the whole thing would have been impossible:
  - Staff members Rakefet Avramovitz, Linda Bertellotti, Roxanne Brewer, Caroline Ocampo, and Theresa Tentes.
  - Students Christine Aquino, Marijoy Angeles, Vincent Angot, Montine Blue, Nicole Cruz, Stephen Dea, Cory Edwards, Richard Fernandez, Xenia Giolli, Jonathan Gulingan, Lucas Hagberg, Garrett Hom, Jonah Lu, Stella Manubag, Dennis O'Connor, Jemelee Peralta, Evan Reyes, Diana Servantes, Madeleine Stark, Dennis Tupper, Ryan Quirk, Gretchen Vallero, and Francis Vinas-Reyes.

Finally, thanks especially to the many donors from the community, the district and from Skyline faculty, staff and students. For those of you who were unable to attend but would like to make a monthly pledge, you can do as I do and make it via a monthly payroll deduction. I have been told that many people are unaware of that option for this purpose, or for other recurring donations you might want to make. You can donate as little as \$5 per month or any other number you like. Here is the link to the donation website and the payroll deduction form:

<http://sharepoint.smccd.edu/SiteDirectory/portal/Payroll/Employee%20Forms%20-%20General/Payroll%20Deduction%20Form%20Skyline.pdf>.

### **Grove Foundation awards grant to Skyline for CTE student scholarships**

Skyline College was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to implement a Grove Scholars Program focusing on Career Technical Education students. By providing "high-profile" scholarships, the Grove Foundation seeks to not only increase the regard for career technical education but to promote

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access for students who typically face disproportionate barriers to further education. The program will provide a network of support made up of coordinated integrated student services and instruction that serves the Grove Scholars through the SparkPoint Center. The SparkPoint Center will collaborate with the Financial Aid Office to distribute the scholarship, provide financial literacy, financial coaching, facilitate Individual Development Accounts, and establish an expectations contract for participants in the program.

Board action for receipt of the award is scheduled for March 24, 2010. Please join me in thanking Dr. Lori Adrian, Dr. Maria Escobar, William Watson, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, all of Skyline, and Linda Collins of the Career Ladders Project, for the successful program and proposal development.



**Lucas Hagberg selected as CCCAA Athlete**

### **of the Month**

Lucas Hagberg, a sophomore outfielder at Skyline, was selected as Athlete of the Month for February by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The returning Second Team All-Pacific Division selection accumulated 18 RBI and 18 runs scored over just 11 games. He finished the month batting .471 with a .902 slugging percentage with seven doubles, three triples, and three homeruns. Currently Hagberg, a Mills High School product, bats in the leadoff position for the Trojans with a .463 on-base percentage. His best game of the month was a five-for-six batting performance with five runs scored on February 20th in a 13-2 win over Shasta College. Lucas is the second Skyline athlete selected by the CCCAA for this honor. Jose Ruiz was the first recipient for the sport of soccer in September 2006. Please join me in congratulating him!

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### **Skyline Student wins at Microbiology**

#### **Meeting**

Biology major Derrick Hau presented his original scientific research at the Northern California American Society for Microbiology spring meeting on March 13. The graduate and undergraduate students whose papers were accepted for presentation were given an additional conference registration and hotel reservation for a student at their institution. Derrick gave his to Skyline student Katrina Cheung who also attended the March 12-13 meeting in Pleasanton. Student presenters were from SF Dept of Public Health, UC Merced, SF State Univ, UC Berkeley, Cal State East Bay, UC Davis, Cal State Chico, Sierra College, and Skyline College. Derrick presented the work he did with Professor Chris Case on "Evaluation of the Antibacterial Activity of *Fortunella margarita*." Derrick's paper won second place in the juried rankings and won the most first place votes from the 240 scientists in attendance. *Photo by Chris Case*

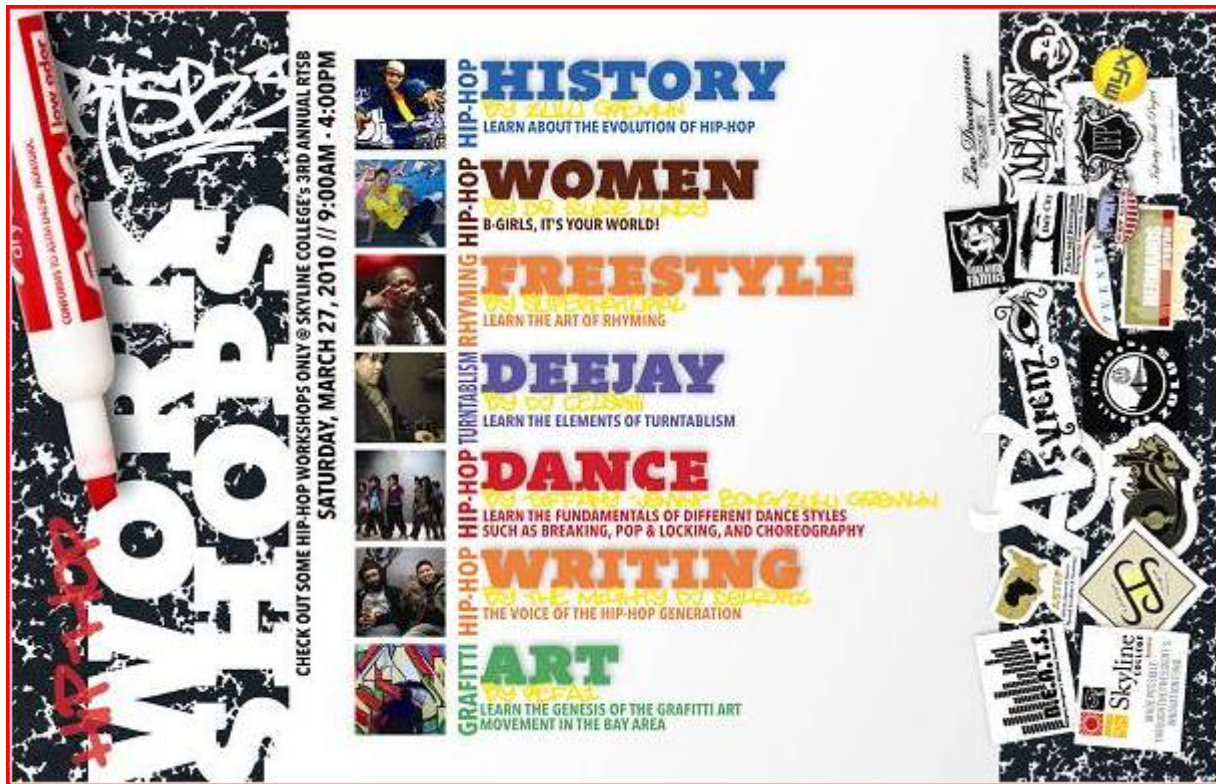


### **3rd Annual Rock The School Bells Hip-Hop Conference**

#### **coming**

This third in the series of events funded by the President's Innovation Fund will take place on Saturday, March 27, from 9 am-4 pm. The goal is to educate and empower the youth, students, and the communities at-large about the importance of higher education and personal development, through the various mediums of hip-hop. The conference will be comprised of a comprehensive blend of workshops that enhance students' ability to think critically about current issues in the world and in their communities; read and write about topics related to their life's experiences; display effective oral and written communication through spoken word and poetry; and understand the historical aspects of the culture of hip hop. Here is a peek at the program:

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## Tuesday, April 6 is National Student-Athlete Day

Four organizations have come together to name April 6 National Student-Athlete Day: National Consortium for Academics and Sports, Northeastern University's Sport in Society, National Collegiate Athletic Association, and National Federation of State High School Associations. As part of that day, student-athletes are recognized for achieving excellence in academics and athletics while making contributions to the community. The following student-athletes from our fall and winter programs are being recognized:

**Men's Basketball:** Mickael Antolin, Alexander Austria, Jorsen Baysac, Brennan Bull, Simon Encisco, Art Fodor, Justin Heckford, Logan Shoffner, Anthony Smith, Malik Williams

**Women's Basketball:** Courtney Chew, Noelani Gi, Michelle Hafalla, Rachelle Hwee, Samantha Leung, Jonah Lu

**Men's Soccer:** Dylan Crist, Lourenco Davila, Stephen Dueck, Eugene Graziani, Marcus Griffiths, Adrian Guzman, Samir Ibrahim, Tony Lucha, Daniel Martinez, Joseph Nicosia, William Sardinah

**Women's Soccer:** Nour Abudamous, Jennifer Alvarez, Laura Cremen, Amanda Downing, Micaela Jimenez, Lisa Kurpieski, Isharene Malave, Jenna Motylewski, Yeraldin Rodriguez, Midori Sera, Marie Torres

**Volleyball:** Nicole Cheong, Alexandra Corral, Lara Rodriguez-Salvador, April Sherfy, Simone Torres

**Wrestling:** Joseph Buttram, Dionicio Cerda, Bryan Kelleher, Allen Loretz, Kevin Reed, Jairo Rodriguez, Kyle Vance

Student-Athletes from our spring sports program will be recognized once grades are posted at the end of the semester.

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## **It pays for students to know about the American Opportunity Tax Credit**

We are using a variety of ways to get the word out to students about this, and I thought it would be good for faculty and staff to be aware of it too, since you may have a good opportunity to mention it to students. Here is the short version: they may qualify for a tax credit to help pay for their college fees and expenses. Here is an excerpt from the press release issued by the system office which explains it and identifies ways for students to follow up. By the way, we have a VITA program here at Skyline in our SparkPoint Center on the second floor of Building 1.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is worth up to \$2,500 of the cost of fees and college expenses, and can be claimed on 2009 and 2010 tax returns. Don't forget, the last day to file your return is April 15. College expenses include books, supplies and equipment needed for a course of study – regardless of where they are purchased. You may even be able to claim your computer.

“With so many families struggling, we want students to know about their options to help pay for college and take advantage of all the tax breaks they can,” said California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association President Jacque Bradley.

The full credit is available to individuals whose gross annual income is \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples. Even students who don't make enough money to file a return should do it anyway because they may get up to \$1,000 back.

To take advantage of this tax credit, you can contact the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at 1-800-829-1040. The VITA program offers **free** tax help to people with a gross annual income at or below \$49,000 who need assistance preparing their tax returns.

The California Community Colleges encourage students and parents to learn more about this important tax credit and other financial aid opportunities by visiting [icanaffordcollege.com](http://icanaffordcollege.com) today.

## **Darryl Steinberg awarded the JFK Profile in Courage Award**

California Senator Darryl Steinberg is the son of Skyline Business faculty member Marv Steinberg, so we share in Marv's pride in his son's latest achievement. Marv tells me that his son received a phone call Tuesday from Caroline Kennedy notifying him that he had just been named a recipient of the prestigious John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. An article in the March 16 Sacramento Bee put it this way:

“The John F. [Kennedy Library Foundation](#) just named the four legislative leaders from last February's contentious [budget deal](#) as this year's recipients of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. The award-winning leaders include Senate President Pro Tem [Darrell Steinberg](#), former Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, former Senate Republican Leader [Dave Cogdill](#) and former Assembly Republican Leader [Mike Villines](#).”

## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations to be held on April 17 and May 6**

We have been celebrating the college's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a variety of ways during this year, and a couple of important events are coming up.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Skyline Performing Arts

### Showcase

Skyline College presents its first Annual Skyline Performing Arts Showcase on April 17 at 7:30 P.M. in the upgraded Theater on Skyline's re-landscaped campus. This showcase celebrates forty years of performing arts at the college, which first opened its doors for the Fall 1969 - Spring 1970 school year. Students will perform outstanding music, dance and spoken word work developed in performing arts classes and clubs. Featured on this showcase will be:

- Concert Band
- Concert Choir
- Dance & Cheer Club
- Guitar Ensembles
- Jazz Band
- Kababayan Dramatic Excerpt
- Piano Solo
- Poetry and Dramatic Monologues
- Vocal Solos

The Showcase will be produced by Skyline College Theatre Club with the financial support of the President's Innovation Fund and the Board of Trustees' Fund. Admission to the showcase will be \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. For information, contact Alan Ceccarelli at 650.738.4154 or [ceccarellia@smccd.edu](mailto:ceccarellia@smccd.edu)

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### Taste of Skyline

Skyline College invites the community to join us for part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Thursday, May 6 when a number of things will be going on that are worth celebrating. We will hold our ribbon cutting for the new Automotive Technology Building 11, unveil two new art projects, see the student art exhibit in the Gallery, experience Dance and Athletics performances in the Gym, and enjoy a food tasting in the Main Quad. Thanks to our President's Council for their leadership in making this all come together!



Haiti Now Task Benefit Concert a

huge success

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Last Saturday night about 150 of us enjoyed a wonderful benefit concert for Haiti earthquake relief. As you know, the effort involved faculty, staff, students and administrators, and three local groups of artists donated their performances: For the Love of Art, First Born and Tone 7. The concert raised approximately \$3500, which will be donated to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. There was a drawing for an iPod, which was won by adjunct faculty member, Michael Ryan. Please join me in thanking not only those three groups, but also the members of the Haiti Now Task Force: Co-chairs Rakefet Avramovitz and John Saenz, Donna Bestock, Kristina Brower, Amory Cariadus, Alan Ceccarelli, Pat Deamer, Christelle Etienne, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Tony Jackson, Adolfo Leiva, Michael Moynihan, Omar Cubillos and Lori Slicton. Thanks also to the Bookstore for donating the iPod, Pacific Dining for their generous financial donation, the Theater Club which worked the event, the ASSC for sponsoring the event and the volunteers from the Honors Society and the Cheerleaders. *Photos copyrighted by Tadashi Tsuchida*

## **Errata**

The photographer for the photo of student Ashley Good was Christine Case.

## **Coming up...**

### **Saturday, March 20**

- Scenes from the Puppet World, Gallery (last day of exhibit)
- Expanding Your Horizons conference, 8:15am
- Women's Badminton - Coast Conference Pre-Season Tournament (Cupertino), 10am
- Men's Baseball - Skyline vs. Hartnell, 12pm

### **Monday, March 22**

- "March in March" – Protest at State Capitol, 7am (meet at bus stop behind Bldg. 2), 7:30am (departure)

### **Tuesday, March 23**

- Men's Baseball - Skyline vs. Cañada, 2pm
- Women's Badminton - Skyline vs. Fresno, 3pm

### **Wednesday, March 24**

- Rock the School Bells: 3rd Annual Hip-Hop Conference & Concert, through March 28
- Skyline College Health Fair, Building 6, 10am

### **Thursday, March 25**

- Men's Baseball - Skyline vs. Cabrillo (Aptos), 2pm
- Women's Badminton - Skyline vs. Mission (Santa Clara), 3pm

### **Saturday, March 27**

- Rock the School Bells Hip-Hop Concert, Theater, 7pm

## **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>





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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/>

**Skyline Shines** is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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