



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

December 10, 2010

There will be one more edition of *Skyline Shines* after this, at the end of next week. Then starting in January, the newsletter will come from Regina Stanback Stroud, new president of Skyline College.

### **The dragon has eyes**

I simply cannot resist one more shot of our beautiful dragon mural. This wide angle photo was taken by *The Skyline View* photographer David Evans. The eyes are now complete so the dragon has life. Thanks again to Paul Bridenbaugh for his creativity and leadership for the project, to the many students who assisted and to the chancellor and the construction planning people who helped make this beautiful painting possible.



## Update on Measure G funds and the college's plan

Here is the latest on the college's plan for expenditure of Measure G funds. The plan was considered by the College Budget Committee in early November and a recommendation to me was developed at that time. I concurred in the recommendation and that is the plan I have shared with the chancellor. Next week the board of trustees will hear a presentation from Skyline, CSM and Canada, concerning our plans for use of Measure G funds for the 2010-11 year. The three colleges will be presenting their proposals in a similar format, including the broad categories of additional courses, student services, and course/program innovation. In the spring of 2011, the college will go through a similar process to consider proposals for use of Measure G in the 2011-12 year. I will include this information in Friday morning's edition of *Skyline Shines*, and will indicate that anyone who wants to see the plan can look at the board of trustees agenda packet, available on the district website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/smccd/boardoftrustees/agenda.shtml>.

## Skyline College Daytime Voice Class Recital

Broadway Songs, Art Songs, Opera Arias and an updated stage version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* set in a Los Angeles County courtroom with Hollywood stars instead of British nobles. Angelina is suing Brad for breach of promise to marry, and Brad's only defense is that he is just following human nature to "love this young lady today, and love that young lady tomorrow!" Will Angelina win damages?



**Tuesday, December 14**  
**Noon & 7:30 p.m.**  
**Skyline Theatre**  
**Free Admission**



### Serious issues and serious laughter with Kamau Bell

On Wednesday, December 1, stand-up comic and political consciousness raiser, Kamau Bell, filled the Skyline Theatre with his show, *How to End Racism in About An Hour*. Students laughed uproariously and did some deep thinking during the performance and the Q & A session that followed. He used an informative and entertaining power point presentation to highlight facts about race, power and racial history. Kamau has been featured on Comedy Central and just this week participated in a fundraiser for Glide Memorial Church with Robin Williams. He plays clubs throughout the Bay Area and the country. After the show he remarked that Skyline was the most diverse audience he has ever played.

Katharine Harer, Honors Transfer Program Coordinator, contacted Kamau after hearing him on the Morning Show on KPFA radio, and

asked him if he would play our college for a reduced fee, and he responded with a very strong affirmative. Katharine organized a planning meeting with most of Skyline's Learning Communities leaders and the Associated Students. Amory Cariadus and Ray Parenti-Kurtilla played a big role in making the event happen along with Tony Jackson, Pat Deamer, Phyllis Taylor, Lucia Lachmayr and Katharine Harer. Special thanks to Alan Ceccarelli for helping with technical aspects of the event. The Honors Club provided cookies and drinks in the along with literature from the learning communities on campus. Thanks to student Larry Crystal for the photo.

### **Skyline hosts district wide counselor workshop**

Skyline College hosted an All District Counselor Workshop on December 8. Over 60 counselors were provided lunch and they participated in a three hour session that included :

- Review of national/state initiatives and effective practices in student retention.
- Discussion of district data on our student "pathways".
- Determining ways to conduct early intervention activities.
- Preview of the district's new Degree Works system.

The district's three Vice Presidents of Student Services, Joseph Madrigal, Robin Richards and Jennifer Hughes, served as co-facilitators. The data presentation was provided by Dr. Rob Johnstone, Skyline College's Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness.

### **Skyline Alumni pace Filipino National Soccer Team in 2010 Suzuki Cup**



Former Skyline Soccer players, Alexander Borrromeo and Anton Del Rosario, are leading the Filipino National Soccer team in a successful run through the 2010 AFF Suzuki Cup. The AFF SUZUKI CUP is a biennial soccer competition organized by the ASEAN Football Federation and contested by the national teams of Southeast Asia. The Filipino team defeated defending champion Vietnam on Saturday 2-0 and is a result (win or tie) away from qualifying for the semifinals. To learn more about the result, the tournament about the performance of Borrromeo and DelRosario please follow the links below:

[http://www.affsuzukicup.com/\\_webapp\\_739177/Coaches\\_laud\\_stunning\\_Filipino\\_win](http://www.affsuzukicup.com/_webapp_739177/Coaches_laud_stunning_Filipino_win)  
and <http://www.affsuzukicup.com/videos.html>.

Kevin Corsiglia snapped this photo of Alexander Borrromeo when he played for Skyline.

### **Update on eSuggestion Box comments and action**

The President's Cabinet has just reviewed the eSuggestion Box comments for summer and fall 2010. Here is a synopsis of the items we found there, in alphabetical order, and the actions being taken.

- **Access to faculty email addresses:** The website revisions have made the faculty email addresses readily available from the front page under Employee Directory.
- **Emergency phones for the parking lots:** This idea was examined thoroughly. Unfortunately it comes down to limitations of money and infrastructure. The for emergency phones was too high during very lean times for our district.
- **Health Center hours:** As of this fall, the hours have been from 8 am to 7 pm.
- **Library hours:** A suggestion to extend library hours is reflected in the college's Measure G proposal to the board of trustees.
- **Maintenance issues:** Specific concerns about maintenance have been referred to the Facilities Department.

- **Parking in Lot E behind Building 1:** concerns were raised about the number of ADA spaces and the reduction in the number of spaces overall there. We are considering adding some staff spaces back to Lot F.
- **Smoking policy:** There were a few suggestions to convert the college to a totally non-smoking environment. People interested in that policy change can forward it through their governance representatives on the Classified Council, Academic Senate, Associated Students or Management Council. Our smoking enforcement is a never-ending effort put on not only by the Public Safety Department, but many of the staff and faculty as well. We strive to educate new and returning students about our smoking policy, as well as the public at large. The downside of this is we cannot be everywhere at once. We always appreciate people bringing trouble areas to the attention of the Department of Public Safety; it is one of our most valuable resources to help the department better serve the students. With information about trouble spots, our officers can target their enforcement, giving us a higher degree of educating the public on our policy and thus leading to overall better enforcement.
- **Speeding and safety on the roads around the campus:** Facilities and Public Safety staff are working hard to mitigate this issue, conducting both vehicle and foot patrol. The Public Safety Department recently conducted a traffic safety and way finding audit. As a result, speed bumps will be installed in multiple areas around the perimeter road of the campus. Pedestrian crossing areas and more signage are being prepared for installation as well. The changes to the drop off options, soon to include the new circle drive in front of Building 4, are assisting greatly with this issue.
- **Staff lounge access in Building 6:** There are occasional requests for use of the Staff Lounge during special college approved events such as our recent Job Fair. In these cases, every effort will be made by the Office of Student Activities to designate an alternate room which can be used during lunch and break periods for staff for the duration of the event. Such alternate rooms will be posted for information in the Office of Student Activities and Staff lounge.



## Two Skyline students complete UC Berkeley's Environmental Leadership Pathways Program

On Friday, December 3, the Environmental Leadership Pathways program at UC Berkeley celebrated the fourth cohort students finishing the program. The Environmental Leadership Pathway (ELP) is a one-year program that prepares under-served and first in the family community college students in science majors to transfer successfully to and thrive at four-year institutions. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the

program is a part of an effort to increase diversity in the scientific community. The ELP provides academic enrichment, field and laboratory research opportunities, teaching experience, and direct financial support for over 25 Bay Area community college students each year. Skyline MESA biology students Rebecca Belloso and Pamela Rios were among those who completed the program this year. Thanks to Skyline MESA student Bardo Castro for this photo of (L to R) Pamela Rios, ELP Director Dr. Sang Lee and Rebecca Belloso.



### **Another student success story**

Skyline student Taulaga Elisais, known as “Tau,” is taking both a Fitness Class taught by Professor Chip Chandler and Mike Fitzgerald’s Introduction to Personal Training. He has lost an amazing 71 pounds this semester. He has combined eating less with an exercise program. His wife and family are most grateful for the change in Tau’s life. Tau has signed up for another activity class next semester, and was a personal trainer assistant in the recent fitness testing done at the college. We are very proud of Tau’s success! Thanks to student Alessandra Florez for the photo

### **Coming up...**

#### **December 10, 2010**

- 10:00 a.m., Wrestling – State Championships @ Victor Valley
- 12:30 p.m., Women’s Basketball - East Bay Classic @ Merritt College
- 1:00 p.m., Retirement Celebration for Victoria P. Morrow, Multicultural Center Hosting Gallery - Building 4
- Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic (first round – games at 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.) @ Skyline
- 6:00 p.m., Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic, Skyline vs. Napa Valley @ Skyline

#### **December 11, 2010**

- 10:00 a.m., Wrestling – State Championships @ Victor Valley
- 12:30 p.m., Women’s Basketball - East Bay Classic @ Merritt College
- Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic (second round – games at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) @ Skyline

#### **December 12, 2010**

- Final Examinations, December 12 - 18
- 12:30 p.m., Women’s Basketball - East Bay Classic @ Merritt College
- Men’s Basketball – Skyline Classic (final round – games at noon, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.) @ Skyline

#### **December 14, 2010**

- 12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Voice Class Recital, Skyline Theatre

#### **December 15, 2010**

- 6:00 p.m., Women’s Basketball vs. Cerro Coso College @ Skyline

## 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>



### For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The California Community College 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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