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### **ASTEP Represents Skyline College at UMOJA**

Skyline College ASTEP & ASTEP/Math Academy students attended the UMOJA (state-wide African American Learning Community) Northern Regional Symposium at Diablo Valley College (DVC) on March 23, 2012. Skyline College students, joined by students from DVC, Sierra College, Chabot, Los Medanos, American River College & Los Rios College, were leaders in morning small group discussions, asking "If I were your teacher...?" After lunch they were inspired by a presentation from Darrick Smith, of Learning Works in Oakland, who spoke about the need for them to realize their potential obstacles but not be constrained by them. During the entire day, Skyline College students were active and highly visible contributors to this motivating event.



Bottom Row: Nicole Sarne, DeShawn Davis, Chanel Piper Top row: D'Eboni Butler, Leah Navarre-Johnson, Professor Phyllis Taylor, Carlos Machado Photo Credit: Teresa Aldredge - Consumnes River College

Thank you to Phyllis Taylor for her contribution to this article.

# Skyline Environmental Technology Faculty Train Union Tradespeople on Energy Efficiency Measures

On March 8, 2012 the Environmental Technology program at Skyline College and San Mateo County Building Trades Council celebrated the graduation of an energy efficiency and business management course. Students included HVAC technicians from Sheet Metal Local 104, electricians from IBEW Local 617, and the Northern California Carpenters. A handful of union business development representatives, training directors, and contractors also participated in the program.

The classes offered training en route to an industry-recognized certification from the Building Performance Institute (BPI). The credential signifies that a worker is trained in standards and

best



practices for conducting energy assessments for retrofits in single-family homes. Industry refers to the products and services as "whole-house home performance."

The class also sought to train students in how to create and execute business plans for the home performance products and services. Policymakers in California have created new programs to encourage this work, and many traditional construction firms are testing out the industry as a potential source for profit. In 2008, the California Public Utilities Commission adopted an "Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan" that creates new codes and incentives to encourage this work through 2020.

Faculty members in Environmental Technology and staff from Green and Sustainable programs at Skyline worked for most of 2011 on developing the class with the County of San Mateo's Workforce Investment Board as part of a \$2.5 million Department of Labor grant program called Home Energy retrofit Occupations (HERO). For more information, contact Aaron Wilcher, Faculty Program Coordinator, Environmental Technology via email at <u>wilchera@smccd.edu</u>.

Thank you to Aaron Wilcher for his contribution to this article.

Skyline View, Students and Professor Honored at Annual State Convention of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges



Seven Skyline College journalism students and their instructor attended the Journalism Association of Community Colleges State Convention in Burbank on March 22-25, 2012. The Skyline View took home general excellence for online journalism, with individual students winning several other awards. Former staffer Dean Kevin Santos won third place for profile feature in the mail-in categories. In the on-the-spot

competitions, entertainment editor Diane Thao received honorable mention for editorial cartoon, and Blair Hardee, editor in chief, took home honorable mention in both news story and broadcast news writing. She and social media editor Terence Chin both received scholarships from the organization. Adviser Nancy Kaplan-Biegel was presented with the journalism educator of the year award in the two-year division from the California Journalism Education Coalition.

The group shared a chartered bus to Southern California with students from CCSF, Chabot, De Anza, Laney, Ohlone and College of Marin. The convention brought together more than 550 students and faculty from community college journalism programs around the state and beyond. In addition to participating in contests, the students attended a variety of workshops given by industry professionals, heard from the Pulitzer prize winning LA Times reporters who broke the Bell salary scandal, visited media outlets such as CBS, and received hands-on training in such areas as creating podcasts, speaking in front of a teleprompter and participating in a media "tweetup" using Twitter. For more on their trip, check out the Skyline College Journalism Department blog at <u>www.skylinecollegejournalismdeparment.wordpress.com</u>.

Thank you to Nancy Kaplan-Biegel for her contribution to this article.

# **Skyline College Wins Silver Medallion Award from NCMPR**



The office of Development, Marketing and Public Relations was recently awarded a 2011 District 6 Silver Medallion for original photography by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. The award-winning photograph (at left) was taken by Christianne Marra, Communications Manager, during 2011 Commencement ceremonies at Skyline College.



The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) represents marketing and public relations at community and technical colleges around the country. NCMPR's primary focus is providing support to the professional growth of individuals working in these areas. District 6 of NCMPR is comprised of community and technical colleges in the following locations: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Territory of Guam.

Thank you to Christianne Marra for her contribution to this article. Photo of Christianne Marra with award taken by Liz Gaudet.

Skyline College-Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) Graduates Second Cohort with Young Community Developers On March 15<sup>th</sup> the Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) graduated its second cohort for the 4-week Entrepreneurship Training with Young Community Developers (YCD), a community based organization located in the Bayview-Hunters Point area of San Francisco. YEP is offering this entrepreneurship training as a part of YCD's pre-existing job readiness training program.



Pictured here are Pcyeta Jackson, Yep Coordinator and Michael Neuendorff, YEP Faculty Member along with graduates – Photo by CITD

This class is part of an ongoing collaboration with Young Community Developers. Local residents partake in the specially created 4-week Entrepreneurship Training Program jointly developed between the Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), industry and community partners to focus on the primary stake-holders – the young adults. Not only is the objective to introduce entrepreneurship, but also to help remove economic barriers for young adults throughout the Bay Area.

The 4-week Training Program includes in-class sessions, which go over various entrepreneurial topics, and features an interactive public speaking seminar. YEP will start a new training class with YCD in April.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Program is funded through grants from the offices of the Chancellor for California Community Colleges and the President's Innovation Fund. It is locally hosted by Skyline College.

For more information on the Youth Entrepreneurship Program, please contact Pcyeta Jackson at jacksonp@smccd.edu or 650-738-7097.

# Honors Essay Contest Open to All Skyline College Students Deadline to Apply: April 20, 2012



Beta Theta Omicron is sponsoring an Honors Essay Contest which is open to all Skyline College students enrolled in the Spring 2012 semester.

Students will have an opportunity to win cash prizes for their essays about "Food Fight! Competition and Food." The Honors Study Topic is *The Culture of Competition*. Read more about the topic and get detailed information about the essay contest at the following link: <u>http://www.skylinecollege.edu/boo/essay/</u>.

Please share this information with your students and encourage them to submit an essay.

Thank you to Christine Case for her contribution to this article.

# Tell Your Students – There's Still Time to Join TRiO!





**Reminder:** The SparkPoint Center is currently accepting applications for the Fall 2012 Grove Scholars Program. To obtain an application, students may visit the SparkPoint website at <u>www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint</u>. For more information or questions, please contact us at <u>grovescholar@smccd.edu</u> or visit the SparkPoint Center in Building 1, Room 1222. The deadline to apply is **WEDNESDAY**, **APRIL 11, 2012 by 4:00 p.m.** 



### Earth Day Planning Meetings Open To All!

Earth Day is approaching quickly and a committee led by Amber Lincoln, President of the Environmental Club, has been formed to jumpstart the planning process. An Earth Day celebration at Skyline College is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012. Planning meetings occur every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Building 6, Room 6205 and are open to anyone who is interested in volunteering their time to make this day and the entire week a success.

Two planning meetings have been held so far, and a list of tasks has been created with lots of input and help from students, faculty, and staff. Amber is calling for more student help to guarantee activities held during this week cater to their interests as well as provide an opportunity for student leadership. **Please** pass the word around to your student network to give them this exciting opportunity!

Some events already in the planning stage include an expo with booths focused on environmental issues on the quad during Earth Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a evening career panel for students interested in environmental careers, and an All-Campus Sustainability Workshop focused on energy efficiency. Word on the street is that the shark tank from the Marine Science Institute will be back for another appearance this year!

For more information on Earth Day and Earth Week, please contact Amber Lincoln at <u>linky9113@yahoo.com</u>.

Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh for her contribution to this article.

### Last Saturday for Free Tax Preparation: March 31

The Earn It! Keep It! Save It! program at Skyline College is providing free tax preparation to households that earned less than \$50,000 in 2011. Taxes will be prepared every Saturday through March 31, 2012 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 8, Room 8209. Please call (650) 738-7035 to make an appointment.





# **Skyline Students Step Up Campaign**

4 Grants totaling \$6100 Funding Student Ideas to Improve our Campus and Community

View student proposals at http://skyline.civicevolution.org

Students Comment, Share Ideas, Collaborate & Vote online from April 1 – May 1 <u>http://skyline.civicevolution.org</u>

Live Presentations, Prizes, Food, Fun & Final Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Building 6, Room 6202

A workshop to train dialogue facilitators for the event will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 from 3:00 - 5:15 p.m. in Building 4, Room 4272

Please encourage and consider offering extra credit for your students to participate.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Mair at mairj@smccd.edu

Thank you to Jennifer Mair for her contribution to this article.

# **\$1,000** Available: Deadline Extended for the Faculty **Innovative Sustainability Education Award**



Deadline

Extended

Award Categories Spring 2012 one-time award:

- 1st Place: \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$350
- 3rd Place: \$150

Application Process:

- Review award application which includes desired outcomes, criteria, and timeline
- Prepare and carry out lesson plan, project, activity, or assignment
- Disburse student evaluation template to students to complete
- Prepare and submit your 2-page application narrative, course outline, student evaluations, and any other supplemental documentation to Lindsey Virdeh

## Applications Due on Friday, April 27th

For more information, an application, and a student evaluation template, contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu or 650-738-4445

Funded by the President's Innovation Fund (PIF), there are three awards available to encourage faculty to integrate concepts of sustainability into their lesson plans and curriculum. Faculty who accomplish this in an innovative and effective way, and connect these concepts with student learning outcomes of their course may apply for this one-time awards program for the Spring 2012 Semester. All faculty are encouraged to apply! Award categories are included in the graphic above.

Examples include a project, activity, or assignment that will inspire students to consider sustainability in the classroom and beyond. One specific example would be the following:

A Chemistry instructor at Skyline College applies for this award. In teaching students about acids and bases, she decides to discuss household cleaners and how acids and bases in common cleaning products affect the health of local wildlife. She arranges for a guest speaker from the county to talk to the students, and then asks students to research and present on the chemistry behind the dangers of disposing of acids and bases improperly. Following this activity, she assigns students to find out which of their own household cleaning products are considered hazardous and asks them to visit a household hazardous waste facility to dispose of these items, and to write about their experiences, what they learned, and how this activity has changed their behaviors and understanding of

chemistry.

The application deadline for this award has been extended to <u>Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup></u>. There is still plenty of time for faculty to prepare a project, activity, or assignment for their students to complete in order to apply for this award. A step-by-step process for applying for this award is included in the graphic above.

Faculty support in the form of a Sustainability Faculty Learning Community (FLC) is also available in the form of a once-per-month gathering. For more information on the FLC and an application and student evaluation template for this awards program, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at <u>virdehl@smccd.edu</u> or 650-738-4445.

Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh and Briana McCarthy for their contribution to this article.

### **Changes to Instructional Materials Regulations Proposed**

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges provided a notice of changes to the regulations related to instructional materials. The Board is required to provide notification of the proposed changes in order to allow a 45-day comment period. On March 5, 2012 the Board held a public hearing and first reading on the changes proposed in BOG Agenda Item 2.1.

According to the official notification, "The Board felt it was important that students not be required to purchase unnecessary instructional materials. Staff was directed to add the words "and ensure the necessity" to the text of proposed amendments to section 59404, subdivision (a) as denoted by **bold underline**, as follows."

#### § 59404. District Policies and Regulations for Instructional and Other-Materials.

(a) The governing board of a community college district which requires that students provide instructional <del>or other</del> materials for a course shall adopt policies or regulations, consistent with the provisions of this subchapter, which specify the conditions under which such materials will be required. <u>These policies and regulations shall direct instructors to take reasonable steps to minimize the cost **and ensure the necessity** of instructional materials.</u>

(b) The policies or regulations specified in subdivision (a) shall be published in each college catalog developed after the date of adoption.

According to the BOG notification, "Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the changes to the proposed regulatory action subject to the renotice, i.e., title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 59404(a)." The BOG will accept comments on this proposal April 13, 2012. The public is encouraged to identify the specific section(s) being addressed in your comments.

Comments should be sent to:

Office of the General Counsel California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office 1102 Q Street, 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95811-6549

Attn: Steven Bruckman, Executive Vice Chancellor of Operations and General Counsel

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 916-322-9030 or by email at regcomments@cccco.edu. Comments must be received by Steven Bruckman prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2012. The proposal is schedule to be considered for action at the May 7-8, 2012 meeting. If you have further questions related to the content of the regulations, please contact

Barry Russell, Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Division California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office 1102 Q Street, 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95811-6549 Telephone: 916-322-6881 E-mail: brussell@cccco.edu

If you have questions related to the regulatory process, please contact Steven Bruckman, Executive Vice Chancellor of Operations and General Counsel at 916-445-4826 or <a href="mailto:sbruckman@cccco.edu">sbruckman@cccco.edu</a>.

All of the information upon which this proposal is based may be obtained online at:

http://www.cccco.edu/Portals/4/Executive/Board/2012\_agenda/march/2\_1\_Online\_Materials.pdf

You may also request a copy of the proposal from Steven Bruckman, using the contact information provided above.

Article prepared by Regina Stanback Stroud

# Coming Up...

#### March 31, 2012

- 12:00 p.m., Baseball vs. City College of San Francisco @ Skyline
- 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m., Free Tax Preparation, Building 8, Room 8209; please call 650-738-7035 to schedule an appointment; open to Skyline College students and the community; walk-ins based on availability (this service is available on Saturdays through March 31, 2012 with the exception of February 18, 2012)

#### April 2 – 8, 2012

• Spring Recess – No School

#### April 2, 2012

• 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Cabrillo College @ Cabrillo

#### Apri1 3, 2012

• 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. West Valley @ Skyline

#### Apri1 5, 2012

• 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Gavilan @ Skyline

### **Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!**

#### Apri1 7, 2012

• 12:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Monterey

#### Apri1 10, 2012

- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Mission College @ Mission
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. DeAnza College @ Skyline

#### April 11, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236
- 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., Grove Scholars Program Application Deadline, SparkPoint Center in Building 1, Room 1222; for more information, please contact <u>grovescholar@smccd.edu</u>

#### Apri1 12, 2012

- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Hartnell @ Skyline
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. City College of San Francisco @ Skyline

#### April 14, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference: Pride in Community Strength in Unity* @ Skyline College, the conference is a free event featuring speakers, workshops, performances, and fun photo-ops; register at <u>www.gsacon.wordproess.com</u> and walk-ins are welcome.
- 12:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Gavilan College @ Gavilan
- 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m., Earth Week Kick-Off: Movie Night, Building 6, Room 6502; for more information on and to volunteer for Earth Day, please contact Amber Lincoln at <u>linky9113@yahoo.com</u> or Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or <u>virdehl@smccd.edu</u>

#### April 17, 2012

- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Cabrillo @ Skyline
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. Mission College @ Skyline

#### April 18, 2012

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

#### April 19, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m., Earth Day Celebration at Skyline College in Main Quad; for more information on and to volunteer for Earth Day, please contact Amber Lincoln at <u>linky9113@yahoo.com</u> or Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or <u>virdehl@smccd.edu</u>
- 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m., Energy Efficiency Workshop, Pacific Heights, Building 19, Room 120; for more information on and to volunteer for Earth Day, please contact Amber Lincoln at <u>linky9113@yahoo.com</u> or Lindsey Virdeh at 650-738-4445 or <u>virdehl@smccd.edu</u>
- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Canada College @ Canada

#### Apri1 20, 2012

• 7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m., Cabaret, Skyline College Theater; presented by the Skyline College Dance, Drama and Music Departments; Tickets \$10 at the door or \$5 pre-sale tickets online at <a href="http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu">http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu</a>

#### Apri1 21, 2012

 7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m., Cabaret, Skyline College Theater; presented by the Skyline College Dance, Drama and Music Departments; Tickets \$10 at the door or \$5 pre-sale tickets online at <u>http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu</u>

#### Apri1 24, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Credit Do's and Don'ts, Building 1, Room 1219B; for more information or to RSVP, please call 650-738-7035
- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Monterey @ Monterey
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. Fresno City College @ Skyline

#### April 25, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236
- 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Credit Do's and Don'ts, Building 1, Room 1219B; for more information or to RSVP, please call 650-738-7035

#### April 26, 2012

- 2:30 p.m., Baseball vs. Ohlone @ Skyline
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. DeAnza College @ DeAnza

#### May 1, 2012

• 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. City College of San Francisco @ CCSF

#### May 2, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m., Graduation Application Deadline; for more information, please contact your Counselor or Admission & Records at 650-738-4465
- 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

#### May 7, 2012

- 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m., the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilipino Culture Night: Matinee presented by the Kababayan Program at Skyline College; Tickets are \$5 presale and \$7 at the door; for tickets, please contact Jonathan Gulingan at jonathangulingan@gmail.com or KababayanProgram@gmail.com; for more information, please visit <u>http://skylinepcn.tumblr.com</u>
- 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m., the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilipino Culture Night: Gala Night presented by the Kababayan Program at Skyline College; Tickets are \$5 presale and \$7 at the door; for tickets, please contact Jonathan Gulingan at jonathangulingan@gmail.com or KababayanProgram@gmail.com; for more information, please visit <a href="http://skylinepcn.tumblr.com">http://skylinepcn.tumblr.com</a>

#### May 9, 2012

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

#### May 16, 2012

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B; for more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at 650-738-4236

#### May 17, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., Talisman Awards Ceremony, Building 1, Art Gallery
- 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m., Student Recognition & Awards Ceremony (SRAC) in Theater

#### May 19, 2012

 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Visual Merchandising Class Fashion Show at Serramonte Shopping Center – presented by Skyline College Visual Merchandising Class

#### May 25, 2012

• 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Commencement, Building 3, Gym

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news\_events.html

## **Guidelines for Skyline Shines Submissions**

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week:

### Send submission to <a href="mailto:skylineshines@smccd.edu">skylineshines@smccd.edu</a>

- Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week's issue
- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m." "The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. Noon."
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.").
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.

- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e., "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011").
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e., Skyline College instead of 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 <u>http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html</u>



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

• The California Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <u>http://www.cccco.edu/</u>

- The Community College League of California: <u>http://www.ccleague.org/</u>
- · The Research and Planning Group: <u>http://www.rpgroup.org/</u>

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http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/

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