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Skyline College Leadership Academy Fall Kickoff



The poster features a stylized sun with rays in shades of red and orange, with a yellow sun in the center. The text 'LEADERSHIP ACADEMY' is at the top left, and 'Skyline COLLEGE' is at the bottom left. The right side of the poster is a solid red box with white text: 'FALL 2012 KICKOFF FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21 BUILDING 6 ROOM 6202'. At the bottom of the red box, it says 'EMAIL KATIE HA AT HAK@SMCCD.EDU FOR MORE INFO'. Below the poster is a black box with white text: 'Bring your application, a friend, and an appetite as you learn more about the Leadership Academy and complete one of the Seven C's. Lunch will be provided.'

Please encourage any students you know to attend the Skyline College Leadership Academy (SCLA) Fall Kickoff today from 12pm-2pm! The SCLA follows the Seven C's of Leadership in which students learn about Commitment, Citizenship, Common Purpose, Collaboration, Civility under Controversy, Consciousness of Self and Congruence and how to be actively involved in their communities. The Kickoff will include a presentation by English Professor Jarrod Feiner on Commitment. The SCLA team hopes to see you there! If you have any questions, please email Katie Ha at hak@smccd.edu.

Article by Katie Ha

China Dance School & Theater Performance Saturday, September 22, 2012

Join us on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Skyline College Theater for the China Dance School & Theater Performance as part of the 5th Annual Asian Culture Week. For Tickets Call: 415-279-8939. For more information on China Dance School, please visit <http://ChinaDanceTheatre.com>.

CHINA DANCE SCHOOL & Theater Performance

Saturday, September 22, 2012,
7:30 pm, Skyline College Theater



For Tickets Call: 415.279.8939

China Dance School & Theatre

中國舞蹈學校

For more info on the China Dance School visit
<http://ChinaDanceTheatre.com>



Accreditation Update

The accreditation team with the assistance of many on campus has reached a significant milestone! The first draft of the Accreditation Self-Evaluation was turned in last Friday, September 14, 2012. Members of the Steering Committee are currently reviewing the draft and will return suggestions and observations to the writing teams next week. The Steering Committee will also host an open forum for the whole campus on Thursday, October 4, 2012 starting at noon in room 6202 to discuss the issues that this first draft brings to light. As is the Skyline custom, this will be a celebration of our progress and lunch will be served.

Article by Donna Bestock and Christine Roumbanis

Fall 2012 Lecture Series Featuring Dr. George Lakoff

You are invited to the Fall Lecture Series with Dr. George Lakoff on **Friday, October 5, 2012** at **11am** in Building 6. Dr. Lakoff is a Renowned Cognitive & Neural Linguist and a Political Researcher. The event is free and open to faculty, staff, students and the community. Please encourage your students to attend and bring your classes to hear this spectacular lecture.

The Center for Student Life & leadership Development Presents:



Fall 2012 Skyline College Lecture Series
A CALL TO CONSCIOUSNESS...

The Language of Politics
Dr. George Lakoff
Renowned Cognitive & Neural
Linguist, Political Researcher

Friday, October 5, 2012
11:00am-12:30pm
Room 6202, Building 6
RSVP to (650) 738-4325



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Employee Voice Survey Results are Online!

Last spring semester, Skyline College conducted its Employee Voice Survey as a way to collect evidence on work-related issues and the campus environment. This online survey was made available to faculty, staff, and administrators and focused on topics related to: 1) Institutional Commitment, 2) Dialogue, 3) Evaluation, Planning and Improvement, 4) Institutional Integrity, 5) Organization, and 6) Student Learning Outcomes. Of the 495 employees invited to take the survey, 169 responded yielding a final response rate of 34 percent. Some highlights of the survey showed that:

1. There is a strong sense of community, collegiality, and a students first philosophy at Skyline College.
2. Participants, on average, are satisfied with the communication at Skyline College but mentioned collaboration across all levels of the institutions is an area for improvement.
3. Skyline College supports its diverse staff, faculty, and student body while promoting a diverse working and learning environment.
4. Overall, Skyline College continues to be a place where individuals feel safe to work, embrace diversity, and are focused on fulfilling its mission and vision.

For a full description and summary of the survey, go to the accreditation website: (<http://skylinecollege.edu/accreditation/index.php>) and click the resources link on the left side of the page. There you will find a link to the Employee Voice Survey report. Soon we will be posting results from the student satisfaction and engagement surveys so look out for upcoming Skyline Shines announcements.

Finally, should you have any questions regarding this survey or any of the surveys done at Skyline College, please feel free to contact David Ulate, Interim Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness at ulated@smccd.edu.

Article by Dr. David Ulate

This Week's Learning Center Feature Focuses on Kristen Freeman

This week, the TLC is proud to introduce Kristen Freeman to Skyline College. Kristen is one of our Mathematics Lab tutors and began to tutor for us for the first time this semester.



Kristen Freeman

I have grown up all around California; I have lived in San Jose, Fresno, Elk Grove, Davis, San Francisco, and now Belmont. I first seriously considered teaching while an undergraduate at UC Davis. At that point, I had finally decided that math would be my major and was considering my career options when I signed up for an internship in a high school classroom. I eventually decided that I wanted to get a minor in education, but it wasn't until I unexpectedly started subbing for a class I was interning in that I realized that this was the career I wanted.

I am a graduate of San Francisco State University (SFSU) where I received a Master's Degree in Mathematics. While at SFSU, I taught Beginning Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, and Calculus. My passion for teaching grew while working at San Francisco State University with Dr. Eric Hsu, and I have since looked for positions where I can grow as a teacher and incorporate new learning styles/methods to better help my students. After SFSU, I went to UC Davis and eventually joined the Student Academic Success Center for two years. Teaching is a passion of mine and I am very excited to be working at Skyline College where I am becoming acquainted with Skyline College's student population.

John Chavez contributed to this article

CITD Leads Green Construction Trade Mission to Brazil

Skyline College Center for International Trade Development (CITD) recently concluded a Green Construction Trade Mission comprised of eight companies from across California to Brazil. While in Brazil, the companies participated/attended the GreenBuilding Brasil 2012 Trade Show and Conference in Sao Paulo.



The Conference/Trade Show: “GreenBuilding Brasil” is the largest Green Construction trade show/conference in Latin America. Brazil represents the largest market potential to US/CA companies due to the fact that the country will be hosting both the World Cup in 2014 and the Summer Olympics in 2016.

The principal objective of the Trade Mission was to introduce California companies to business opportunities in Brazil and subsequently to the MERCOSUL market comprised of Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. As part of the Trade Mission, the companies met one-on-one with several Brazilian companies in both Sao Paulo and Rio-de-Janeiro.

3CSN and California Acceleration Project Fall Institute



On Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15, Skyline College hosted the Fall Institute for the California Acceleration Project in coordination with the California Community College Success Network (3CSN). The Fall Institute provided professional development and coaching for acceleration teams in the math and English departments from Skyline College and eighteen other colleges from across California.

The Skyline College English Department is piloting four sections of English 846 using the acceleration model and curriculum to help students move through the developmental English sequence in one semester instead of two. The Math Department has worked extremely hard developing a new, accelerated course to help students prepare for statistics; math faculty will pilot two sections of the course in Spring 2013. For both English and math, the acceleration curriculum provides students with the skills and knowledge to be successful in transfer level courses while eliminating and reducing the number of exit points for students as they move through the developmental sequences in each subject.

For more information on the California Acceleration Project, please go to their website: <http://cap.3csn.org/>.

Article by Chris Gibson, Photo by Hannah Douglas of 3CSN

Fall 2012 Lecture Series – Save the Dates!

The Fall 2012 Lecture Series presented by the Associated Students of Skyline College and sponsored by the President’s Innovation Fund brings to campus world renowned experts in politics, communications, global health and the arts.

All lectures are free to attend and open to faculty, staff, students and the community. Please encourage your students to attend and bring your classes.

Dr. Pedro A. Noguera
Urban Sociologist
Education Reform Scholar
August 17

Dr. George Lakoff
Cognitive & Neural Linguistics
Political Researcher
October 5

Dr. Pamela Cox Otto
Multigenerational
Communications Expert
October 25

Dr. J. Stephen Morrison
Global Health Policy
& HIV/AIDS Authority
November 16

Natasha Trethewey
U.S. Poet Laureate 2012
Pulitzer Prize Winner 2007
November 30

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TRiO Kicks Off the Fall Semester

On Friday, September 14, 2012, over fifty new and continuing TRiO students came together to celebrate the beginning of another great semester. During the event, students had the opportunity to meet and network with TRiO staff as well as listen to a TRiO alumna share her experiences in the program.



In an effort to get to know each other and develop a strong sense of community within the TRiO program, students and staff participated in a fun and interactive Human Bingo activity that soon had everyone engaged! Through this exercise, students learned interesting facts about each other and realized how much they have in common with their peers. At the event, students were also informed of upcoming TRiO workshops and events as well as important deadlines for the Fall semester.



This fun-filled and educational event served to kick off another great semester. A special thank you goes out to all TRiO staff for the great work they do to help TRiO students accomplish their educational goals.

Financial Aid Awareness Week

On September 17-20, 2012 the Financial Aid Office hosted their bi-annual Financial Aid Awareness Week events. Financial Aid Awareness Week is an all-inclusive week of events geared towards helping students better understand their financial aid options. There are countless students who needlessly self-select themselves out of several thousands of dollars of financial aid eligibility from fear or dread of the perceived complexity of the financial aid application process, but the Skyline College Financial Aid Office is here to help.

On September 17, 2012 the Financial Aid Office staffed an information table in the Quad. Over 200 students attended and received valuable information. Students were also treated to a free corn dog and lemonade catered by Hot Dog on a Stick.



Photos taken by Elisabeth Osai, Office Assistant II, Financial Aid Office. Included in photo are Financial Aid Ambassadors, Jose Milan and Bianca Porras and Nikki Ogden, District Manager and her staff members from HDOS Enterprises.

Video of event, click here: [Financial Aid Awareness Week Video](#)

Financial Aid Awareness Week offered various workshops about the FAFSA application, Updates to financial aid regarding the recent changes to Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Student Loans and the California Dream Act. During the event, students who visited the Financial Aid Office information table or attended a workshop had their names entered in a drawing for prizes which includes a netbook donated by the Skyline College Bookstore, Arco Gas Cards and Hot Dog on a Stick Gift Cards. Winners will be selected and announced at the end of the month.

This event was coordinated and staffed by the Financial Aid Office. Special thanks to Financial Aid Ambassadors, Jose Milan and Bianca Porras for staffing the information table and FAFSA Workshops; Kevin Chak, Skyline College Bookstore Manager for the donation of a netbook and Nikki Ogden, District Manager HDOS Enterprises for catering the event.

Please help encourage your students to apply for financial aid, please contact Jocelyn Vila, Program Services Coordinator at vilaj@smccd.edu to schedule a financial aid presentation in your classroom – remind your students that there is still time to apply for financial aid.

Article by Jocelyn Vila, Photos by Elisabeth Osai

Coming Up...

Saturday, September 22, 2012

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – Sac City Tournament, Sacramento
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., China Dance School & Theater Performance, Main Theater

Monday, September 24, 2012

- 5:30 p.m., Volleyball, Monterey Peninsula College

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer, Mission College
- 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer, West Valley College, Saratoga

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

- 12:00 p.m., Career Conversational Series: Allied Health, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 1:00 p.m., Gay-Straight Alliance Meeting, Building 6, Room 6205
- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer against Los Medanos College, Skyline College
- 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball against DeAnza College, Skyline College

Thursday, September 27, 2012

- 2:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

Friday, September 28, 2012

- 2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer against Ohlone College, Skyline College

7:00 p.m., Wrestling against San Jose State, Skyline College



Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, September 29, 2012

- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Transfer Conference, Building 6, Room 6202

Monday, October 1, 2012

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CSU Application Workshop, Building 2, Room 2227

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

- 1:30 p.m., Men's Soccer against Foothill College (DH), Los Altos
- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer against Chabot College, Hayward

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Resume Essentials Workshop, Building 1, Room 1219B
- 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball Alumni Match, Skyline College

Thursday, October 4, 2012

- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Financial Aid – FAFSA & Fee Waiver Workshop, Building 2, Room 2117B

Friday, October 5, 2012

- Reminder: Last Day to Apply for Degree or Certificate
- 11:00 a.m., Fall 2012 Lecture Series with Dr. George Lakoff, Building 6, Room 6202
- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer against City College of San Francisco, Skyline College

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

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/events/index.php>

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the event, date, time and location to Cherie M. Napier via email at napierc@smccd.edu

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 skylineshines@smccd.edu

- **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

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/generalinformation/esuggestionboxes.php>



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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