



## **Skyline Shines**

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### **Accreditation Self Study Draft 3.0 to be released on April 18**

You will have the opportunity to comment upon this newest, and final, draft of Skyline's Accreditation Self Study Report Draft 3.0 beginning April 18, and with a deadline for feedback soon thereafter. Once again, as with the prior draft, it will be available on our website as well as in hard copy form in offices throughout the college, and at the Library. You will get an email from Ray Hernandez, Co-Chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee, alerting you to the availability of the draft. It is designed to reflect the state of the college in a candid and realistic manner as well as to identify areas in which we intend to do an even better job, so your input will be important, and valued.

### **Skyline's new Mission statement approved by the Board of Trustees**

Wednesday night the Board of Trustees approved the mission statements for the three colleges and for the district. They are all available online in the board's agenda packet at this address: <http://www.smccd.edu/portal/District%20Information/Board%20Packet/currentpacket.pdf>. Here is Skyline's statement, which was approved first through our college governance processes:

Skyline College is a comprehensive, open access community college that provides student-centered education leading to transfer, career advancement, basic skills development, and personal enrichment.

The College is committed to preparing students to be culturally sensitive members of the community, critical thinkers, proficient users of technology, effective communicators, socially responsible lifelong learners and informed participants of a democracy in an increasingly global society.

Skyline offers innovative instruction and student support to a rich tapestry of diverse learners through the hallmarks of the college: academic excellence, responsive student services, advanced technology, community and industry partnerships, and workforce and economic development.

### **Journalism students win honors**

At the recent conference of the Journalism Association of the Community Colleges, Skyline students took home three awards: David Cantwell received honorable mention for line illustration in the mail-in entries, Shannon Elliott took home honorable mention for bring-in ad, and the staff won General Excellence for Online Journalism. Professor Nancy Kaplan-Biegel had the pleasure of presenting Senator Leland Yee with the JACC Distinguished Service in Journalism Education award. Here is Shannon enjoying her award!



### **Skyline wins award for Balanced Scorecard**

At the recent conference of the Research and Planning Group, Skyline College received an award of distinction for College Research and Evaluation from the RP Group for our Balanced Scorecard. The Balanced Scorecard (BSC) is a strategic management system adopted by the Skyline College Institutional Planning Committee as a way to enhance the existing college-wide planning process. The BSC translates our college vision and mission into meaningful indicators which are directly linked to college goals and strategies. The BSC provides a vehicle for collaborative decision-making by measuring, tracking and communicating performance of goals and strategies. Cathy Hasson, our Director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, was the leader in launching this effort, and the Institutional Planning Committee as well as many other faculty and staff all over Skyline have worked with her to refine this tool and to utilize it for the benefit of our students. You can find the BSC and details about it on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html>.

### **Welcome to Lennie Gragasin**

Please join me in welcoming Lennie Gragasin to the Business Division as the new part time Cosmetology evening receptionist. Lennie comes to us with outstanding skills from her day job at the Jefferson Elementary Preschool where has worked for the past five years as the front desk secretary/receptionist. With her experience in customer service, we are certain that she will be a wonderful asset to the Cosmetology Department evening programs.

### **Coming Up ...**

#### **Friday, April 13**

- Skyline Shines Awards Nominations Due, 4:30 p.m., President's Office

#### **Saturday, April 14**

- Men's Baseball vs. Hartnell at Salinas, noon

#### **Monday, April 16**

- National Library Week

#### **Tuesday, April 17**

- Men's Baseball vs. San Jose at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Women's Badminton vs. Fresno at Fresno, 3 p.m.
- San Jose Japanese Taiko drummers, 12:00-12:20 pm, Center Quad

#### **Wednesday, April 18**

- SEED Diversity Event: John Santos, 12:45- 2:15 p.m., Main Theatre

- National Library Week Celebration, 11:00 a.m., Skyline Library
- Filipino Food Fest, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bldg. 6
- Career Expo, 9:30 a.m. -1 p.m., Dining Hall Bldg. 6

**Thursday, April 19**

- SEED Diversity Event: Hafez Modirzadeh, 7:15- 9 p.m., Main Theatre
- Men's Baseball vs. San Francisco at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Women's Badminton vs. Mission College at Santa Clara, 3 p.m.
- Study in China program informational meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Room 8311

**Friday, April 20**

- Classified Staff Retreat, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bldg. 6

**Saturday, April 21**

- Men's Baseball vs. Mission at Santa Clara, noon
- Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at

[www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html)

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**Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?**

If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

**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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