



**SKYLINE COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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**APPRECIATION**

**Skyline Commencement 2006:** Skyline College graduated 156 students at its 36th annual commencement on Friday, May 26 at 8 p.m. at the South San Francisco Conference Center. The ceremony's commencement party included: Dave Mandelkern, President of the SMCCCD Board of Trustees; Helen Hausman, Vice President-Clerk of the SMCCCD Board of Trustees; Regina Stanback-Stroud, Vice President of Instruction; Dr. Loretta P. Adrian, Vice President of Student Services; Carla Campillo, President of Academic Senate; Linda Allen, President of Classified Council; Peter Monrroy, Vice President of the Associated Students of Skyline College; and Margie M. Talavera, Student Speaker. Professor of Biology Edmund Wodehouse served as Faculty Marshal. Four graduates were honored for earning for earning Highest Honors: John Lloyd Adams – AA Paralegal/Legal Assistant; Yan Yan Chan – AS Accounting; Beleza San Chan – AS Allied Health; Leslie D. Wilson– AA Paralegal/Legal Assistant. The class of 2006 also included eight students who were family members and four students who were children of Skyline employees or Skyline employees themselves. The following retirees were honored and their years of service recognized: George Goth (1976 – 2006); Mary Graham (1971-2005); Gerald Peel (1980-2005); Joe Rodriguez (1973-2006); Tom Sullivan (1985-2006); Sandra Verhoogen (1990-2006); Edmund Wodehouse (1973-2006). The commencement ceremony was beautiful, moving, memorable and fun.



*Skyline graduates prepare for the college's 36th Annual Commencement Ceremony.*

**Students honored at Annual Recognition and Awards Ceremony:** Skyline students' achievements from Dean's List to Phi Theta Kappa to scholarship awards were celebrated at the annual Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony on May 18. Sixteen students were awarded division and program awards. Fifty different scholarships, including foundation



*Student Bianca Cayetano is pictured with Interim Dean of Language Arts Connie Beringer. Cayetano, an Honors Transfer Program Graduate, was a recipient of the Friends of Skyline Scholarship.*

scholarships, were awarded. As a result, 88 students were selected as scholarship recipients, with awards ranging from \$100-\$2,000. Student Daniel Tostado was awarded the University of California Santa Cruz Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program Award (\$20,000) by Trustee Karen Schwarz. This year, Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Beta Theta Omicron, received International Leadership and Scholarship Awards, as well as the Distinguished Chapter Award – putting Skyline's chapter in the top 25 chapters in the world among 1,800 chapters.

**Classified Staff Service Awards**

**Luncheon:** On May 19, Skyline held this important annual event to recognize classified staff members who have completed key landmarks in terms of years of service. Those recognized for their years of service were:

- 10 Year Service Awards: Margie Sato, Theresa Uchytel
- 20 Year Service Award: Marian Kelly
- 25 Year Service Awards: Stanlee Garriott, Sylvia Martinez



*Skyline's own "Meet the Foggerz" entertained guests at the Classified Staff Service Awards Luncheon. Pictured from left to right are: Dennis Tordesillas, Julene Rhoan, Cass Christian and Terry Stats.*

The college also recognized the service of classified staff in general.

**End of the Year Celebration:** Skyline's annual end of the year luncheon in the

Gallery Theater on May 23, 2006 was just as fun and delicious as usual. Its purpose is to raise funds for the annual Staff/Faculty Scholarship for students, with the fellowship and laughter and good food (particularly the desserts from the library staff!) being an additional benefit of the event. The total amount that has been donated for the 2007 scholarship is \$1,749. This exceeds last year's figure of \$1400, which was divided into two \$700 scholarships, awarded last week to two students. At this event, several awards are made by faculty and staff to their colleagues. This year, the winners of those awards were as follows:

- Classified Recognition Award: Maria Norris and Linda Herda
- Academic Senate Recognition Award: Liza Erpelo, Ray Hernandez and Karen Wong
- Meyer Award: Jon Freedman



*Performers from Skyline's Pilipino Cultural Night entertained faculty and staff at the End of the Year Celebration.*

Entertainment was provided by the Skyline College Kulintang Ensemble with special guest performer Danongan S. Kalanduyan and dancers from this year's Pilipino Cultural Night.

## PROGRAM NEWS

**New five-week summer sessions:** One of the strategies of the college enrollment growth plan was the offering of the regular 6 and 8 week summer sessions along with two new 5-week summer sessions. While the usual summer sessions started on June 19, 2006, the first of the two 5-week sessions started on June 5, 2006. By starting the summer session two weeks early, Skyline College was able to offer more options that enable students to complete summer courses. A range of classes are being offered in the new 5-week sessions including general education courses (such as Art, Anthropology, History, Speech, English, Psychology, Economics, Fitness, Dance, American Sign Language, Reading, Music, Math, Philosophy, Oceanography, and Political Science), Workforce development classes such as (CAOT, Business, Early Childhood Education) and Counseling.

**"Shaping Our Future":** Early this semester President Vicki Morrow sent an open letter campus-wide with this title, outlining the array of important and demanding projects that faculty and staff were all going to be involved with during the spring. Here is that list again, with a brief progress report:

- **Educational Master Plan:** This plan is completed and will be on our website soon. In the fall, the Institutional Planning Committee will begin work on the detailed recommendations, including prioritizing and sequencing them. Decisions about possible new programs will then influence the detailed planning for new facilities at the college.
- **Facilities Master Plan:** This plan is nearing completion, with a college Task Force meeting scheduled for June to discuss Steinberg Architects' proposed blending of the two approaches they presented to the college. They will then make a presentation to the Board, and the Board will take final action in July.
- **3 Year Work Plan Transition:** We revised our annual planning process to better align our budget and planning work, and to build in specific college wide Strategies for each of our college goals.
- **Accreditation:** The writing teams have completed a first draft of our self-study. This is a noteworthy and valuable achievement which will strengthen the quality of our final report and allow for a productive dialog during the next year. This spring we also completed the Student Campus Climate Survey, including 57 classes and over 1100 students.
- **Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Cycle:** Under the excellent leadership of Karen Wong, numerous faculty across the college have been learning about SLOs, beginning to write and implement them, and beginning work on assessment of them.
- **The Fresh Look Project:** Thanks to the efforts of the Fresh Look Advisory Group, the college now has new "visual identity standards", we have selected a new logo, and next year we will begin work on a redesign of our website.

- **Enrollment growth efforts:** Numerous faculty, staff and administrators contributed to the college's enrollment growth plan, which has had a profound influence on our scheduling, outreach, and marketing efforts and more. We will see the fruits of that labor in the coming terms.
- **Campus Change Network,** including four projects: Designing the First Semester Experience, Outreach, Improving Campus Transportation and an All Campus Orientation. This work has led to a developing college wide commitment to some sort of well-planned, coordinated first semester experience for students and this work will continue next year. The college's outreach efforts have been expanded dramatically and additional efforts are planned for next year. The other two components will move to the front burner next year as well.

Now the semester is ending, great strides have been made in all of these areas, and work is continuing in most of them. All of this got done by dint of tremendous focus and commitment on the part of faculty, staff and administrators at Skyline. All of this important work has been accomplished alongside the usual responsibilities everyone has for serving students. So I am certain we are all breathing a sigh of relief that the end of the term is here. I stand in awe of the quality of dialogue, the creativity of ideas and the commitment to providing an excellent education for our students which all of the participants to these many efforts have brought to this work.

**Automotive program celebration:** The Skyline College Automotive program held its annual end of the year banquet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco on May 21, 2006. The banquet room was filled with family and friends of the grads, automotive industry partners, along with faculty, staff and administrative supporters. Students were recognized for their achievements and sent off for promising careers in the automotive field.



*Skyline Instructor Rick Escalambre (front, center) with students at the annual Automotive banquet.*

**Annual awards ceremony and reading for *Talisman* magazine:** The publication of the 36th consecutive edition of *Talisman* was celebrated recently in the Gallery Theater. The ceremony was well-attended and the students read beautifully. The event included homemade refreshments, spring flowers, and soaring spirits. Skyline, among other things, is a very creative college and one of the few community colleges that have supported a student magazine of art and writing for 36 years.

**Skyline College celebrates Gateway Program and Biotech completion ceremonies:** In ceremonies held at Skyline's Gallery Theater on June 1, 2006, 16 students, family, faculty and staff, and community partners celebrated the completion of the second Gateway Program Learning Community with a formal presentation of

certificates and speeches followed by a social catered by San Mateo County Workforce Development Unit. The Gateway Program provides a 13-15 unit learning community of Contextualized Basic Skills instruction that prepares students for success in college including general education and specific career development programs like bio-science and allied health. Students participated in the Gateway Program as a result of intensive dedicated outreach that bridges access for non-traditional students. Students are recruited for the program by a partnership between San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board and Skyline College.



*Students, faculty and staff are pictured at the 2006 Gateway Program completion ceremony.*

At the completion ceremony for the seventh Biomanufacturing Certificate Program on May 24, 2006, 27 students earned 9 units of college credit for courses delivered by



*Fremont's Abgenix was one of several biotech companies that sponsored a tour for students participating in the Biomanufacturing Certificate Program.*

Skyline's Science Math and Technology division. Nine of those students earned an additional 3.5 units of credit in Quality Control. The program includes individual counseling, resume writing and interview preparation workshops with mock interviews conducted at Skyline by Genentech hiring managers. This semester, orientation for the program included presentations by Genentech and Genitope. Throughout the semester, students traveled to biotechnology companies for guided tours including: Abgenix, Alexza, Genencor, and Genentech. Program graduates compete for jobs making \$30k-\$40k with opportunities for advancement and additional educational benefits.

## **SKYLINE SHINES**

**Skyline student honored:** Candy Rivera, Cosmetology student, was an honorary participant during a ceremony that the City of San Francisco and Mayor Gavin Newsom held on Friday, May 19, 2006. This function involved a volunteer program in which she participated during the summer of 2005. It was geared toward chemically dependent individuals that required the support and guidance of a program called Drug

Diversion. The purpose of the event was to commend the individuals who took part in the success of rehabilitating people.

**Skyline Geology professors commemorate 1906 earthquake centennial:** As members of the 1906 Centennial Alliance, Professors Mel Zucker and Richard Lambert were involved in a wide range of activities related to the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco Earthquake. In fact, Skyline College was the only community college to have active members in the prestigious organization along with other significant Bay Area institutions, including the U.S. Geological Survey, various state and federal governmental agencies, museums, Stanford University, and The University of California, Berkeley. Skyline kicked off the 1906 commemoration with a presentation by author and well-known authority on the '06 quake, James Dalessandro, who previewed his video, "The Damnedest Finest Ruins." At the same event, Professors Lambert and Zucker were interviewed by KGO 810 and their comments were used in public service commercial spots on earthquake safety. Professor Zucker planned and designed a commemorative plaque installed on campus that identifies the location of the '06 epicenter, and details the proximity of the San Andreas Fault rupture to Skyline College. Both professors attended the "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earthquake Conference" in San Francisco, which included the Seismological Society of America, the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, and other seismic centered organizations. They continue to visit a multitude of diverse seismological programs at museums, historical societies, geologic sites, lectures, exhibits, and artistic events, and have incorporated material from them into up-to-date lectures, field trips, and graphics for their classes.