

**SKYLINE COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**APRIL 25, 2007**

**SKYLINE SHINES**

**Skyline's Honor Society is honored at national convention**

Beta Theta Omicron, Skyline's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, returned from the International Convention with several awards. The chapter has consistently been in the top 25 chapters out of 1,800 chapters worldwide. Each year, students set goals for the Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship hallmarks; they then develop, implement and evaluate programs to achieve those goals. Awards are based on the implementation and evaluation of these programs. Speakers at the convention included former Vice-President Al Gore and Egypt's former first lady, Jehan Sadat. For 2007, Beta Theta Omicron won the International Scholarship and Leadership Hallmarks and Distinguished Chapter Awards. Additionally, Christine Case received an International Distinguished Advisor Award. During the summer and fall members developed a case study entitled The Global Struggle for Energy. This project won the 2007 USA Today Case Study Challenge. The chapter nominated San Mateo County Community College District Chancellor Ron Galatolo for the Gordon Award of Distinction because of his work to ensure scholarships for all Phi Theta Kappa members in the college district. Chancellor Galatolo was selected for the award and received it at the Convention.



*Skyline Beta Theta Omicron students are pictured with Academic Advisor Christine Case (right)*

**Skyline athletes earn success**

Former Skyline student and basketball player, Marques Benjamin, led Mayville State University to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II National Championship game last week. Marques was one of three players off last year's Skyline team to earn scholarships to continue their education and playing careers at four-year universities. Although the team lost in a close game, Marques played very well on the nationally televised contest. In his first season, Marques started 26 of 36 games at point guard, leading the team to a 27-9 record and the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) regular season and conference tournament championships. He also ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation in assists per game. Sam Wilhoite played this season at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. He was named to the All-Pacific West 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. Filip Popovic played this season for Seattle Pacific University. SPU finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the country in the final National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II poll.

### **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.



*Journalism student Shannon Elliott 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 its 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 the college's 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, Skyline's 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. The Balanced Score Card and other details about it can be found on the Skyline website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html>.

### **Skyline shines at campus recycling efforts**

Figures submitted in an annual report to the State's California Integrated Waste Management Board show that Skyline recycled nearly 66% of its trash in 2006. According to Facilities Manager Richard Inokuchi, this is a remarkable achievement given the state is mandating that colleges recycle only 50% of their trash and debris. This is even more noteworthy in light of all the construction we had occurring throughout campus last year and all the construction rubble and debris that was removed from those various projects, most of which is not recyclable. Skyline wishes to thank the all of the construction contractors who worked on various projects during 2006 and did their best to recycle construction materials and debris where possible. Swinerton, Hensel Phelps, Bothman, John Plane, Preston Pipelines, and Interstate Paving are all to be congratulated for their cooperation with Skyline College and its recycling efforts. Thanks also to District General Services and Bookstore operations for their assistance with special product and book recycling. Special thanks also go out to San Bruno Garbage Company, who worked diligently with Facilities and construction contractor staff on making sure Skyline's recyclable construction debris got credited and taken to appropriate recycle material disposal and transfer sites.

## PROGRAM NEWS

### SEED's Diversity Days conclude

Skyline's SEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity) Committee's series of spring events concluded during the month of April and included a book discussion and musical events centered around the theme, "Who Are We - Fascinating Rhythms!", a look at American culture and diversity through music. Skyline wishes to thank the members of the SEED Committee, Lori Adrian, Linda Allen, Amory Cariadus, John Chavez, Donna Elliott, Melissa Komadina, Vicki Morrow and Richard Soyombo for their leadership for this series and History Professor Rosie Bell for her excellent coordination of the Diversity Days events. Her skills helped the committee to shape the series and she brought the events together beautifully. She is stepping down from the role at the end of this year, and will be succeeded by Speech Professor Phyllis Taylor. The committee looks forward to working with Phyllis who brings a rich background to the role.

### SEED's Book Raps, March 28 and April 11: One of the events in the series was the

Book Raps based on *The Color of Water* by James McBride. The SEED Committee is currently soliciting suggestions for a book for the 2008 Book Raps to allow plenty of time for faculty planning spring syllabi to work it in where appropriate. Two Book Rap events were held and the second one was moderated by two students who had been trained to do it by Phyllis Taylor, who moderated the first Book Rap herself on March 28. The student moderators were Valerie Evangelista and Laura Martinez. They did a tremendous job of leading a group of students, faculty, and staff in a fascinating discussion of James McBride's *The Color of Water*.



*Student moderators led the second Book Rap. Pictured from left to right are Valerie Evangelista and Laura Martinez. (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)*

### San Jose Taiko comes to Skyline

San Jose Taiko performed for an audience of a couple hundred people on April 17 under a blue sky in the Student Center quad. Thanks to SEED for sponsoring the event and to the ASSC for co-sponsoring and funding it, to Melissa Komadina for the arrangements, and to San Jose Taiko for a thrilling performance accompanied by a wonderful lesson in the origins and meanings of taiko drumming, one totally in keeping



with the theme of SEEED's diversity series this spring, "Who Are We – Fascinating Rhythms!"

**John Santos tells and plays a compelling tale of Latin jazz**

A large crowd enjoyed a fascinating lecture, demonstration and concert by John Santos and his small combo, Machete, on April 18 in the Main Theatre. Santos, an Afro-Latin percussionist, ethnomusicologist and CSM instructor will be teaching a percussion class at CSM next fall. Anyone interested in the group's CDs can find them via this website:

<http://www.johnsantos.com/>



*Percussionist John Santos (center) and Machete. (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)*

**Hafez Modirzadeh provides an ethnomusicologist's view to evening students**

On the evening of April 19, Hafez Modirzadeh, internationally acclaimed tenor saxophonist, composer, ethnomusicologist and San Francisco State University instructor, spoke before a large group in the Main Theater about his Iranian and American cultural roots and the many influences on American jazz from the Middle East and other parts of the world. He brought multiple instruments to use in his demonstrations.



*Hafez Modirzadeh*

**Career Expo well attended by employers and students**

Skyline held its annual spring Career Expo on April 18 in the Student and Community Center. Students had the opportunity to explore a huge variety of careers and talk directly with experts about the fields in which they were interested. More than 70 employer representatives from 35 companies participated. A special thanks to Career Center Coordinator Virginia Padron and Career Counselor Jacquie Escobar for organizing the expo.



*Skyline students Sarah Guion and Mailylynn Correa talk with an employer. (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)*

**"Friends of Puente" Fund established at Skyline**

For the first time ever, Skyline College's Puente Program is hoping to establish a scholarship fund for Puente students. A partnership between the University of California and the California Community Colleges, Puente seeks to increase the number of Chicano/Latino students who transfer to four-year colleges and universities, though the program is open to all interested students. In its 14<sup>th</sup> year at Skyline College, Puente celebrated its largest graduating

class in spring 2006 with 13 students receiving their AA/AS, and 10 transferring. In addition, Puentistas are active in their communities, mentoring and tutoring younger students, actively participating in clubs and student government, and volunteering in their churches, to name a few. Students' success notwithstanding, the vast majority are the first in their families to attend college and would benefit from financial assistance. To support these students, the Puente leadership established a "Friends of Puente" fund through the San Mateo County Community College District Foundation (SMCCCF). A t-shirt designed by Puentista, Abraham Perez, is being sold for \$20 each and all of the proceeds will go directly into that fund. Tax-deductible direct donations to the "Friends of Puente" fund may also be made online through the SMCCCD Foundation site at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/foundation/help.html>



Front of Puente t-shirt with logo on the left, and back of shirt shown on the right. The shirt was designed by Puente student Abraham Perez.

### **Women in Transition holds spring gathering**

Skyline's Women in Transition program held a gathering on April 25 that was open to faculty, staff and students. Graduates of the Women in Transition (WIT) program addressed the group and talked about their WIT experience and new careers. The WIT program is designed to help women make the transition back into the academic environment and reach their intellectual, professional and personal goals. Women in the program receive assistance with registration, career and academic counseling, tutoring, and study skills, and core WIT courses in English, History, and Math are taught by WIT instructors. The program is coordinated by Skyline Anthropology Professor Lori Slichton.

### **National Library Week celebrated**

Skyline Library celebrated National Library Week by giving away goodies each day, including pens, pencils, library card holders, notepads, wrist bands, puzzles, erasers, bookmarks, and bottled water. On April 19, the library staff invited faculty, staff and students for chocolate cake and coffee. On April 20, a free raffle for great prizes was held, including a beautiful book-themed afghan and a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week celebrates the



Library Staff Barbara Daley and Carol Driscoll showing off the delicious cake. (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)

contributions of all libraries, librarians and library workers in our nation's schools, campuses and communities. Skyline's Library will hold another raffle next week that is tied in to the Big Read, a county-wide reading project and events centered around Harper Lee's classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

## PLANNING & RESEARCH

### Accreditation Self Study Draft 3.0 to be ready for review on April 30

Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to comment upon this newest draft of Skyline's Accreditation Self Study Report Draft 3.0 beginning April 30, and with a deadline for feedback soon thereafter. Once again, as with the prior draft, it will be available on the Skyline website as well as in hard copy form in offices throughout the college, and at the Library. It is designed to reflect the state of the college in a candid and realistic manner as well as to identify areas in which the college intends to do an even better job.

### Open Forum on Plus/Minus Grading

Skyline will hold a campus-wide forum on Plus/Minus Grading on April 26, 2007 in the Student and Community Center. It is being sponsored by the Academic Senate and the ASSC. The Academic Senate will be voting on this issue at its April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and is interested in hearing from faculty, staff and students in order to make the voting process a better reflection of campus needs and wants.

## EVENTS

### Third Annual Pilipino Cultural Night, April 28, 2007

Skyline College continues its annual tradition of Pilipino Cultural Nights with its latest production, *Parting Ways*, on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Main Theater at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Kababayan Program, Filipino Student Union and the Skyline ASSC. While the show is primarily based upon the work of the students enrolled in English 104, "Applied English Skills in Cultural Production," the key to the success of

*Parting Ways* lies in the partnerships formed throughout the campus as well as in the community. In *Parting Ways*, Nacio learns that his grandfather has passed away and flies home with mixed feelings, as his last meeting with grandfather was not a happy one. At home among family and the memories of his grandfather, Nacio learns the meaning of forgiveness and re-learns the meaning of family. General admission tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 presale, by calling Liza Erpelo at (650) 738-4119. Proceeds will benefit future productions by the students in the Kababayan Program and Filipino Student Union.



*Parting Ways*  
3rd Annual Pilipino Cultural Night  
Saturday, April 28, 2007  
Doors at 7:00 pm • Show starts at 7:30 pm  
\$10 pre-sale/\$12 at the door  
Main Theater (Building 1)  
Skyline College  
3300 College Drive  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
For tickets, contact James Brillantes  
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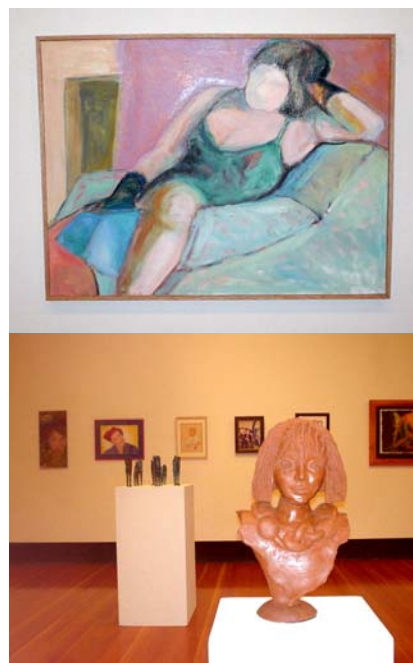
### Week of the Young Child Festival, April 28, 2007

Skyline College's Child Development Center will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Festival celebrating the Week of the Young Child on Saturday, April 28 from 11-3 p.m. Hands-on

activities for young children and quality information for parents will be available. Other activities include a Scholastic Book Fair, a visit by Clifford the Dog, face painting, a petting zoo, live entertainment, raffles and there will be hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks for sale. Admission is free.

#### **Student Art Exhibit, April 26-May 11, 2007**

Skyline will hold its annual Student Art Exhibit from April 26-May 11. A reception for the student artists will be held on Wednesday, May 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This year, there were 147 submissions and 87 works were accepted for exhibition. The juror was Dr. Helayna Thickenpenny from Mission College in Santa Clara, where she is the art department head and an independent museum curator. She just recently worked on an exhibit at Triton Museum in Santa Clara. Skyline Art Professor Bridget Fischer said that Dr. Thickenpenny remarked that the quality of the student art work was exceptionally high and she was impressed by the students' variety of media and subjects. Please contact the Gallery at (650) 738-4267 for more information and for exhibit hours.



#### **Cinco de Mayo celebration, May 2, 2007**

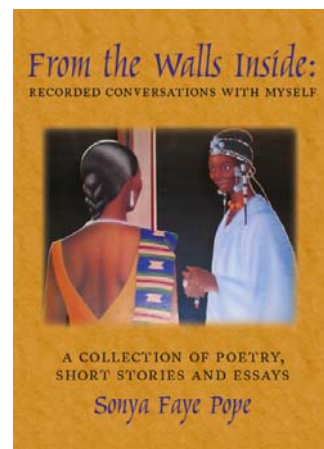
Skyline College will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mariachi, a piñata, a presentation by Ballet Folklórico, and delicious churros. The festivities will be held on Wednesday, May 2 in the Student and Community Center, Building 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Skyline ASSC.

#### **Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony, May 7, 2007**

Skyline College will hold its annual Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony in the Main Theatre on Monday, May 7 from 4-6 p.m. A light reception will be held after the ceremony in the Student and Community Center.

#### **Skyline student book reading and signing, May 8, 2007**

The Skyline College Bookstore will hold a book signing and reading by student author Sonya Faye Pope on Tuesday, May 8 at 10 a.m. in Room 6202 in the Student and Community Center. Ms. Pope was a featured speaker at the March 22 President's Breakfast. A writing class at Skyline led her to write about her traumatic life experiences through poetry, short stories and essays. Her book is entitled, *From the Walls Inside: Recorded Conversations with Myself*. Copies of her book are available for purchase in the Skyline Bookstore.



## COMING EVENTS

- May 10 Early Childhood Education Students Reception, Cañada College, 5-7 p.m.
- May 10 Skyline Concert Choir performance of “We the People...Music of our Land and Its People,” Skyline Main Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- May 11 Skyline Jazz Band Concert, Skyline Main Theatre, 7 p.m.
- May 12 Skyline Concert Choir performance of “We the People...Music of our Land and Its People,” Sanchez Art Center, 1220A Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica, 7:30 p.m.
- May 14 Skyline Stars Transfer Hall of Fame Induction and Transfer Student Recognition, Room 6202, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 18 Classified Staff Service Awards Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 11:30-1:00 p.m.
- May 19 Automotive Awards Banquet, SSF Basque Cultural Center, 6-10 p.m.
- May 22 End of Year Celebration and Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 12 noon
- May 25 Skyline College Commencement, Building 3 - Gymnasium, 5-6:30 p.m.