

**APPRECIATION**

**Skyline’s new facilities blessed by a lion dance**



Good fortune and prosperity were bestowed upon Skyline College by the Hung Sing Lion Dance Team during the college’s Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Valentine’s Day. The event focused on the Science Building, the Business and Language Arts Building, and the Student and Community Center. More than 250 attended the afternoon festivities.



*Members of Skyline’s President’s Council as well as SMCCCD Board Member Dave Mandelkern attended the Student and Community Center Sneak Preview on February 7.*

**Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Film Festival brings another powerful program to Skyline**  
 On February 8 faculty, staff and students had the opportunity to view the documentary “Big Enough” as part of the MOT “Diverse-ability: Culture and Community” film festival. The Museum of Tolerance Alumni Group and Disabled Students Program & Services sponsored the



*Panelists at the MOT film presentation were from left to right: Ethan Crough, President of the Bay Area Chapter of LittlePeople of People; Linda Van Sciver, Director of DSPS; and Jan Krawitz, Filmmaker.*

screening of “Big Enough,” a portrait of several dwarfs who appeared in Jan Krawitz and Thomas Ott’s 1982 film “Little People.” Afterward there was a discussion with filmmaker Jan Krawitz. Ms. Krawitz, a professor of documentary film and video at Stanford University, has won major awards internationally for her impressionistic documentary “Styx.”

### **Black History Month celebrated at Skyline**

Throughout the Month of February, events honoring Black History Month were held at Skyline. The events were sponsored by the Adewole Project, led by Professor Tony Jackson, and the Black Student Union which helped fund the projects along with the President’s Innovation Fund. The special events included:

- **Unforgivable Blackness: the Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson**

A showing of the film Unforgivable Blackness: the Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson, directed by Ken Burns was held on February 13. The film was followed by a panel discussion led by Skyline Instructor Michael Moynihan (Sociology), Professor James Wong (History and Geography) and Professor George Wright (Political Science).

- **Before Kobe and LeBron: The First Black NBA Players**

The Journalism Club and the Black Student Union presented a talk by Author Ron Thomas titled *Before Kobe or LeBron: The First Black NBA Players* on February 23 in the new Student and Community Center. Ron Thomas, a Bay Area sportswriter for 30 years, talked about his book, *They Cleared the Lane: The NBA’s Black Pioneers*.



*Nigerian artist Yinka Adeyemi presented his works at an exhibit and discussion at Skyline.*

- **Internationally acclaimed Nigerian artist presents at Skyline**

An art exhibit and discussion was held on February 21 by Yinka Adeyemi, a Yoruba artist from Osogbo in Southwestern Nigeria. His sophisticated and uplifting artwork evokes the cultural mores of his people.

- **Unique one-act play comes to Skyline**

In honor and celebration of Black History Month, Skyline held a special event in the Main Theatre which featured Charles Curtis Blackwell and J.J. Rush in a one-act poetry and spoken word presentation depicting segments of Black life in the 40's, 50's and 60's. Challenges of love and economics were expressed through songs from Joplin, reflecting the 1900s to Be-Bop and the Jazz of the 60's.

### **SKYLINE SHINES**

#### **Skyline student honored**

Former Skyline Journalism student Diana Diroy has been named a Chips Quinn scholar. She is the second Skyline Journalism student to be honored with this award, the first being Giselle Velazquez who now works for the Ventura County Star. Chips Quinn is a prestigious

nationwide program that, according to their web site, provides “opportunity, training and voice to young journalists of color” in part by placing these journalists in newspaper internships around the country. Diana, a current San Jose State University student, has been placed at the Oakland Tribune for spring 2007.

### **Skyline faculty member has short story published**

John McDaniel, Biology faculty member, had a short story published in December, 2006. It was a story about his family's motorcycle tour through Baja two years ago, and was published in the December 2006 issue of Off Road magazine, volume 40, No.12, [www.off-roadweb.com](http://www.off-roadweb.com). The story is titled, "Baja dirt gets under your helmet: Baja is best left unscripted."

### **Skyline faculty member contributes to ESPN Classic show**

Dr. George Wright, Skyline history professor, contributed research and interviews to a national program to be shown at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 15 on ESPN Classic. The show, entitled “Top Five Reasons You Can’t Blame Tommie Smith for the Black Power Salute,” covers black athletes in the Mexico City Olympics in 1968. His contribution mirrors research he did for a book on Stan Wright, Olympic sprint coach for the 1968 U.S. Olympic team.

### **Fitzgerald wins speech contest**

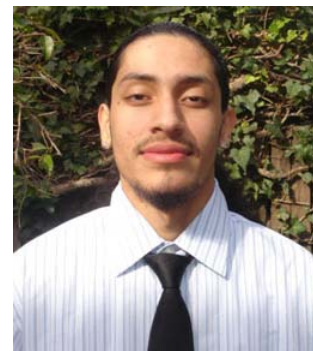
Mike Fitzgerald, Physical Education faculty member, won a speech competition recently at Stanford University sponsored by the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA). The USPTA selects 17 tennis teaching pros from different parts of the country to compete in the National Seminar Contest happening this September in Florida. Mike will be representing the Northern California Division. This is the third time Mike has won the competition. Three years ago he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Best of luck to Mike!

### **Phi Theta Kappa All California Academic Team winners from Skyline**

Two Skyline College students were recently selected for the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team: Javier Giron and Emi Matsuura. The All-USA Academic Team program annually recognizes 60



*Emi Matsuura*



*Javier Giron*

outstanding two-year college students. Phi Theta Kappa, *USA TODAY*, and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the All-USA Academic Team program annually. To be eligible, a student must post a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and be eligible to graduate with an associate’s degree.

### **Skyline faculty member provides radio commentary**

Skyline’s Speech Professor Fermin Irigoyen was featured on Silicon Valley’s 1590 am KLIV radio station on January 31. Irigoyen was interviewed and gave an analysis on President Bush’s State of the Union Address.

### **Skyline student publishes**

Former Skyline student Sonya Pope has recently published a book of poetry, short stories and essays entitled "From the Walls Inside: Recorded Conversations with Myself."

### **OUTREACH**

#### ***Making the Connection – Plug into College* event draws a crowd**

Approximately 150 students and parents visited Skyline on February 10 for this second year of the *Making the Connection – Plug into College* program. It was created and coordinated by Erika Torres, Karen Chadwick, Liza Erpelo, Vanson Nguyen, and Tiffany Reardon and Skyline appreciates their dedication to student success. Many other Skyline students, faculty, staff and administrators were involved as presenters on a wide range of topics of value to people thinking about going to college and figuring out how to do it and how to fund it.

#### **Skyline reaches out to local elementary and middle school students**

On February 3 a group of Skyline people were judges at the Jefferson Union Elementary/ Middle School science fair: Mike Williamson, Dean of the Science/Math/Technology Division, MESA Director Tiffany Reardon, math faculty member Stephen Fredricks and the following students Michelle De Mesa, Joane Jo, Rystian Espeleta, Angelina Mollina, Khalil Dabeet, Maher Dabit, Keirsha Baron and Karamjit Kaur.



*Jefferson Elementary Superintendent Barbara Wilson (at far left) and Skyline Dean of Science/Math/Technology Mike Williamson (at far right) are pictured with Skyline faculty and students, and science fair winners.*

#### **Skyline's ESOL partnership a success**

The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) department at Skyline is pleased to report success this semester through a new partnership with the Community Learning Center of South San Francisco. Responding directly to the Center's requests for college courses in a two-unit format, the ESOL department created and offered two conversation courses. The classes have been full and Skyline's relationship in the South San Francisco community is growing.

#### **Skyline professors on TV**

Professor Liza Erpelo and Counselor Nate Nevado recently had the opportunity to showcase the Kababayan program on KTSF TV Channel 26/Cable 8. They were guests on the "Filipino Journal" show hosted by Joy Dodds and talked about Kababayan, the Filipino Student Union, Pilipino Cultural Night, and the Filipino youth in the Skyline College service area. It was Nate's first appearance on the show, and Liza's second. The show aired on January 27<sup>th</sup>.



*Skyline Counselor Nate Nevado and Professor Liza Erpelo in the studio at KTSF.*

#### **BIOBus Tours bring local high school students to Skyline**

Skyline College and Carlmont High School sponsored a BIO-Bus Tour of the South San Francisco Biotechnology Industry, Friday, February 2, 2007. Twenty-seven Carlmont

Students toured the area with stops at Genentech and Cell Genesys for on-site tours. The tour ended at Skyline College with activities in the new Science Facilities and lunch in the new Student and Community Center. Skyline biology professor, Dr. Nick Kapp, along with Pat Carter, led experiments to provide the students with experiential learning in biotechnology. BIO-Bus is part of a special “Quickstart Project” (SB70) called BIOMAPS, funded by The Chancellor’s Office, California Community Colleges, to enhance Career and Technical Education links between high schools, regional occupation programs and colleges.



*Students performed experiments under the supervision of Skyline Professor Nick Kapp, pictured at left.*



*A Carlmont High School student receives assistance from Skyline biotech student, B. L. Robinson.*

### **Skyline builds a world-wide reputation**

In October 2006, Skyline’s Center for International Trade Development (CITD) won a contract with one of the largest and oldest financial institutions in Africa, the only African Bank with offices in the USA: United Bank of Africa. The grant’s purpose was to develop and implement a marketing strategy and trade mission on their behalf. The Trade Mission/Road Show took place November, 16-18, 2006 and was a sell-out. It visited three cities and generated a lot of interest in both the CITD and Skyline College. As a direct outcome of this Trade Mission, the CITD has received additional requests from other financial institutions across Africa. Throughout the event, Skyline College was prominently featured to further expose the college to international audiences.

### **PROGRAM NEWS**

#### **Culture Comes Alive Reading a success**

Skyline College had an opportunity to watch and hear a group of talented and excited students who were involved in a celebration of the spoken word as they participated in reading their poetry and other creative writing on February 22. English Instructors Katherine Harer and Marijane Datson, creators of “Culture Comes Alive,” brought the group of students together in the lobby of the Main Theater. Some of their pieces will appear in the next edition of Talisman.



*Skyline student James Andrews read an original poem to the audience and student Sabrina Park.*

### **Gold, Gods, & Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power – the last in a series of three presentations**

The third in this series of programs on global issues was funded by the President's Innovation Fund and sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, under the leadership of Christine Case. Amali Tower presented "Bridge 2 Peace: The Children of Sri Lanka." Bridge2Peace is a non-profit, non-governmental, organization operating in the United States and Sri Lanka. The mission of Bridge2Peace is to empower the children of emerging countries and their families so they will become informed resourceful self-reliant leaders able to shape a peaceful world for themselves, and those around them.

### **Skyline offering reading and writing assistance to students**

In an effort to promote assistance for reading and writing across the disciplines, Skyline English faculty now offer students reading and writing assistance for classes in any subject. English Professor Rachel Bell, coordinator of the Writing and Reading Across (WRAD) the Disciplines lab, hosted by Skyline's Learning Center, works with faculty in all disciplines to provide assistance on writing and reading assignments. Faculty and students can also get online assistance through the VWRL (Virtual Writing & Reading Lab). The WRAD has additional information on its website at [http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skytlc/wrl\\_wrad.asp](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skytlc/wrl_wrad.asp).

### **Curriculum Committee jazzes up its website**

The Curriculum Committee website has a new fresh look. The site was designed by Business Professor Christine Roumbanis with graphic help by CAOT's Instructional Aide, Teresita del Castillo-Brown. The website address is:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycurr/>

### **Cosmetology Career Faire**

Skyline's Cosmetology Department hosted its Career Faire and Open House on February 26. Students had an opportunity to meet with potential employers, cosmetology partners, alumni, and other friends and sponsors. Food was served and there was a silent auction. Skyline wishes to thank Cosmetology Coordinator Josie Glenn and Cosmetology Club Advisor and Instructor Laurie Biagi for organizing the faire.



*Students Martin Lee, Jenny Niekrasz and Jessica Seisa talk with a potential employer at the Cosmetology Career Faire.*

## **PLANNING & RESEARCH**

### **Open Forum on plans for new buildings, entryways and parking**

On January 31, Kwan Henmi Architects met with the Skyline College community to present their work on the "bridging documents," the work that will provide the foundation for requests for proposals for design/build teams (architects plus builders) to carry out the actual design and construction for the college. The people who are part of the "building user groups" were involved in meetings with Kwan Henmi in the fall and at the open forum they and other members of the college had a chance to see the whole package. The architects also presented plans for the renovation of the central campus – the quad between Buildings 1 and 2, and the stairs and ramp to the quad between Buildings 7 and 8.

### Accreditation update

Skyline completed its second draft of the college's accreditation self-study in January and the writing teams have finished making refinements. In late February it was published for college-wide review and discussion.

### EVENTS

#### Skyline College presents "Native Daughters: California Landscape Paintings," February 20-March 3, 2007

This exhibit, now in the Gallery Theater, features local artists Diane Stevens and Jessica Dunne. The theme of "Native Daughters" is the contrast between pastoral and urban landscape painting.



Summer Solstice by Jessica Dunne



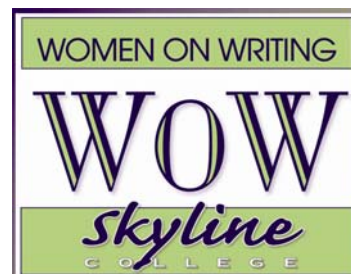
After the Second Bridge by Diane Stevens

Diane Stevens

and Jessica Dunne are native Californians whose work reflects their environments, the worlds of coastal California and the city – San Francisco. The show is presented in cooperation with the WOW! Women on Writing conference. A reception will be held on March 3 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the WOW! Conference.

#### WOW! Women on Writing Conference, March 3, 2007

Novelist Ayelet Waldman, *Love & Other Impossible Pursuits*, will deliver the WOW! Women on Writing keynote address entitled. "On Being a Bad Mother." Featured authors on an afternoon panel will be Kauai Hart Hemmings, *House of Thieves*; Skyline's own Kathleen de Azevedo, *Samba Dreamers*; and Adair Lara, *Hold Me Close, Let Me Go* moderated by author Michelle Tea.



#### Skyline Diversity Days' events, February through May 2007

The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEEED) Advisory Committee assists Skyline College in fulfilling its commitment to celebrate the intellectual, educational, and social benefits of diversity. To that end, SEEED is working on Diversity Days, a celebration of Skyline's diversity on April 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The title of the event is "Who Are We – Fascinating Rhythms." As part of the event, the college has invited guest speakers and musical presentations throughout the semester. Additionally, the SEEED committee will be asking the Skyline Community to think about the question "Who Are We" through a photo collage and writing assignment. With the assistance of the Academic Senate, SEEED has chosen a book that explores diversity, *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Diversity Days events include:

### **Celebrating Rhythm:**

- **February 28:** Sam Oludayo & Samco Success Ensemble Presents “African Talking Drums” on Wednesday, February 28 in Room 1111 from 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.
- **March 14:** Skyline instructor, musician and ethnomusicologist John Ulloa will present “Conversations in Rhythm: Exploring America’s Percussive Roots” on Wednesday, March 14 in the Main Theatre from 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.



### **Book Rap to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride:**

- **March 28:** Join moderator Professor Phyllis Taylor on Wednesday, March 28 in Room 6206 in the Student Community Center from 12:15-1:15 p.m.
- **April 11:** Join student moderators Cynthia Arena, Valerie Evangelista and Laura Martinez in Room 6206, Student Community Center, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **Diversity Days, April 18-19, 2007**

- **April 18:** John Santos, Afro-Latin percussionist, ethnomusicologist and CSM instructor and his quartet will perform in the Main Theatre from 12:45-2:15 p.m.
- **April 19:** Hafez Modirzadeh, ethnomusicologist and professor at San Francisco State University will speak about the roots of his music and perform in the Main Theatre, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

### **Seventh Annual President’s Breakfast, March 22**

Each year Skyline’s President’s Council hosts a complimentary breakfast in support of the President’s Innovation Fund. Several hundred members of the community gather to hear about the college’s wonderful innovation projects and to hear Skyline students talk about their experiences at the college and the difference that Skyline, and the innovation projects, has made in their lives. The event is held at the South San Francisco Conference Center at 7:30 on March 22.