



SKYLINE COLLEGE
EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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APPRECIATION

Congratulations to Jennifer Hughes

Skyline wishes to congratulate Jennifer Hughes, who has been appointed as the Vice President for Student Services at the College of San Mateo. She will be leaving Skyline to assume those duties effective February 5, 2007. Jennifer has served as the Dean of Counseling at Skyline for six years. She has been a tremendously valuable member of the college, and she will be greatly missed. Skyline is planning to engage an interim dean right away, and then to post the vacant position as soon as possible. Members of the division will be involved in those processes.

Student scholarship funds raised

Skyline's Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) staff and the Student Services Division are to be congratulated for their student scholarship fundraising success this month. The Division raised \$2,257 in a live and a silent auction last week, all in one day. The DSPS raffle raised \$2,200. Linda Van Sciver, DSPS Coordinator, organized the auction with a log of help from generous donations and thanks also to Jennifer Hughes who is a gifted and hammy auctioneer. Kudos for the DSPS raffle go to DSPS staff members Sheila Claxton and Chris Weidman.

Skyline "Gift Giving Tree" celebration

On Friday, December 1, the EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs programs held their end of the year "Gift Giving Tree." This annual event allows the Skyline community to bring happiness and joy to the lives of the children of EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs students by "adopting" a child and buying him/her a gift that is then given to the child by Santa. This year the event was a complete success with well over 60 children receiving gifts. Skyline wishes to thank Maria Escobar and the EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs staff for their help in coordinating the event and also Chris Weidman from DSPS who was a very jolly Santa.

SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline prepares for opening of Student and Community Center

Skyline will soon enjoy its beautiful new Student and Community Center with the beginning of the spring semester. The ribbon cutting will be held on February 14 and faculty, staff, students and members of the community will be invited to attend. The Student and Community Center, Building 6, includes the cafeteria – Sky Café – as well as Student Activities, Associated Students, Bookstore, and Security. In addition there are a



Cyber Lounge, a Student Lounge and a Study Lounge. Finally there are six meeting rooms on the second floor, three of which can be combined for a large meeting space. These rooms will be available for campus meetings and community use.

Skyline Shines Awards – Call for nominations

In recognition of individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality, the college makes an award called *Skyline Shines*. Two awards are made annually: one to a member or group of the Skyline employees and one to a member or group from the community. The Call for Nominations for the Skyline Shines Awards has been sent out to all Skyline employees and is being disseminated to the community through both the president's council and via a press release. The Call for Nominations letter includes the criteria for the awards. The awardees would be those who most help the college live up to the college's values, which are: campus climate, open access, academic excellence, community connection and shared governance. The deadline for nominations is April 13, 2007. The Call for Nominations is posted on Skyline's website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skynotes/>.

Student athlete signed at Niagara University

Skyline wishes to congratulate student athlete Aaron Bjorkquist. A pitcher on Skyline's baseball team, he has just been signed to an early letter of intent to join New York's Niagara University baseball team for the 2007-08 season.



PROGRAM NEWS

Skyline Shines on Civic Engagement

Skyline is committed to educate and engage students for a lifetime of active citizenship. One of the institutional Student Learning Outcomes focuses on Global Citizenship. Thomas Ehrlich said a civically responsible individual is someone who "recognizes himself or herself as a member of a larger social fabric, and therefore considers social problems to be at least partly his or her own." The plight of people in underdeveloped countries, religious persecution, and the war in Iraq are some of the issues that affect our global society. The annual Honors Study topic is developed by the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society and the National Collegiate Honors Council (represented at Skyline by the Honors Transfer Program). The seminars are sponsored by the President's Innovation Fund and Skyline's PTK chapter, Beta Theta Omicron and this year's honors study topic is "Gold, Gods, & Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power." The three Gs are taken from 15th century historical references but they are just as relevant to understanding the dynamics of power today. Three seminars will be held this month on topics of global significance. Faculty are encouraged to engage their classes in discussions about these issues and encourage them to attend the seminars. The seminars will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Student and Community Center (Building 6) conference rooms. For details on each seminar, visit <http://skylinecollege.edu/boo/ggg>. The dates and topics are:

February 8: What it is like being a Muslim today.

Ameena Jandali, Co-founder and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Islamic Networks Group

February 15: The world waits while Darfur dies

San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition

February 22: Bridge 2 Peace: The children of Sri Lanka

Amali Tower, Co-founder

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Open Forum on plans for the new buildings, entryways and parking

Skyline will hold a college-wide open forum on Wednesday, January 31 from 2:10-4:10 p.m. Kwan Henmi Architects will 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” have been involved in meetings with Kwan Henmi this fall and now they and other members of the college will have a chance to see the whole package.

First Year Experience survey

During this academic year, Skyline College is one of 16 two-year colleges nationwide and two colleges statewide selected to participate in the “Foundations of Excellence® in the First College Year,” a major first-year self study and improvement planning process. An important part of this process is a survey of new students so that the college will know what is working well and what improvements are needed. The on-line survey began in November and closed on Friday, Dec. 8th. A total of 401 students participated, and to thank students for participating in the survey, a random draw was conducted in which four participants were selected to receive an iPod Nano. The four recipients are:

- Ana Galvan
- Linjie Joylynn Ng
- Rodrigo Cano
- Edgar Allen Manalo

EVENTS

Spring Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Film Festival, February 8, 2007

The award-winning documentary *Big Enough* will be shown at 1:00 p.m. at the Skyline College Theatre on Thursday, February 8. *Big Enough* is a portrait of several dwarfs who appeared in Jan Krawitz and Thomas Ott’s 1982 film *Little People*. Through a “then and now” lens, the characters in the film confront their physical and emotional challenges: dating, marriage, and the decision to have children; the difficulties of living in a world designed for average-sized people; the struggle toward equal opportunity and enhanced self-esteem amidst cultural stereotypes; the future for their community now that dwarfism can be diagnosed in utero through genetic testing. Following the film presentation a panel discussion will be held by filmmaker Jan Krawitz and representatives of the Little People’s Community. The MOT film festival is funded by the President’s Innovation Fund and co-sponsored by Skyline’s

Museum of Tolerance Alumni and Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) Program.

**Making the Connection to College,
February 10, 2007**

Skyline will hold its annual workshop, Making the Connection, Plug into College on Saturday, February 10, 2007. Students will learn about money for college, writing a personal statement, college success, overcoming fear in math, choosing a career path and meet university representatives. Parents are invited to attend the workshops.

