

Death of David Galang

It is with great sadness that Skyline announces the death of David Galang, Instructional Aide in the Cosmetology Program, who died on May 19. The staff, students, and clients in the Cosmetology program will miss him greatly. One of his co-workers, Professor Regina Pelayo, provided a moving tribute to him at Skyline’s End of the Year event. David’s family has requested that expressions of sympathy be made to the AIDS Foundation of San Francisco. The staff and faculty in the Cosmetology Department are working on establishing a scholarship fund for Cosmetology students in David’s name. Those interested in contributing to the fund may contact Josie Glenn, Cosmetology Coordinator, glennj@smccd.edu).

APPRECIATION

Commencement is joyful in the Gym once again

Skyline enjoyed a truly celebratory commencement on May 25, back in the college Gym after two years at the South San Francisco Conference Center, while the Gym was being renovated. During the past year, 527 people earned degrees and 170 participated in the ceremony. The event ended with a lovely reception in the Student Center and many photo opportunities for the grads and their families along with Skyline faculty and staff. It takes many people to carry off such a large and complex event, and many volunteers helped:

Commencement Committee: Amory Cariadus, Loretta Adrian, Kevin Chak, Golda Gacutan, Linda Ghio, Manny Granillo, Jr., Sherri Hancock, Shelly Hausman, Sue Lorenzo, Joseph Morello, Persis Morrice, Theresa Tentes, Richard Tidd

Faculty Marshall: Elizabeth Lindgren-Young

Platform Party: Patricia Miljanich, Karen Schwarz, Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Loretta Adrian, Carla Campillo, Raymond Hernandez, Linda Herda, Luis Padilla, Lorrie K. Goodwin Pineda

Music: Billy Robinson and the Skyline College Jazz Band, Jude Navari



Facilities Department Staff, for the set-up and take down
Security Department Staff, for crowd control and public safety

Volunteers: Erika Torres, Juanita Quintero, Jessica Meraux, Maria Escobar, Marta Cuellar, Kevin Chak, Sandy Irber, Eloisa Briones, Sylvia Martinez, Dennis Tordesillas, Wendy Smith, Danielle Palengat, Silvia Cervantes, Pablo Gonzalez, Félix Pérez, Nancy Argarin, Annie Trinh, Cathy Hasson, Linda Kisich, Kennya Zepeda, Nikki Lefitti, Vanessa Allas, Kristi Parenti-Kurtilla, Lauren Hernandez, Stephanie Nale, Monica Pantoja, Salah Webb

Classified Staff Service Awards luncheon

Skyline enjoyed a wonderful lunch event on May 18 in honor of the college's classified staff, particularly those who have reached the 10, 20 and 25 year points in their service to the district. Service awards were presented to:

10 Year Service Awards: Karen Chadwick-White, David Galang, and Manny Peix

20 Year Service Award: Angela Viviani

25 Year Service Awards: Ellen Lee, Sylvia Martinez and Persis Morrice

Skyline wishes to thank Linda Ghio, Julene Rhoan, Maria Paulson, Theresa Tentos, Media Services staff Kamla Bucceri and John Rezzonico, and the entire Facilities crew. Classified staff appointed Adolfo Leiva as President of the Classified Council, replacing Linda Allen. He will serve as president for the 2007-08 academic year.



Linda Herda handed over the gavel to new Classified Council President Adolfo Leiva.



The Foggerz 3 - Julene Rhoan, Terry Stats and Cass Christian - performed at the luncheon.

SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline student wins Karl S. Pister Scholarship

Skyline College student Silvia Cervantes has won the University of California, Santa Cruz's 2007 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award. Silvia, who resides in South San Francisco, earned the prestigious award that consists of a \$20,000 scholarship, \$10,000 awardable per year over two years, as well as a paid or volunteer summer work experience complementing her academic studies, between junior and senior year. Silvia graduated this spring with an Associate's in Arts Degree in University Studies, and Associate's in Science degrees in Natural Science and Biotechnology. While at Skyline, Silvia was active in the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) as Vice President. She was also involved



Silvia Cervantes

in the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Pre-Medical Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Puente, and MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement). She will attend UCSC in the fall to biology with the goal of becoming a pharmacist.

Skyline's End of the Year Luncheon sponsored by the Academic Senate, Classified Senate and ASSC

This annual event is not only one of the most fun events of the year; it is also one of the most important in terms of raising funds for student scholarships. The End of the Year Luncheon was held on May 22 and this year, the raffle of baskets donated by the various offices around the college raised \$1,540 for the annual Staff/Faculty Scholarship that will be awarded next May 2008. The students who benefited from the scholarships awarded this spring due to last year's fundraiser were Sylvia Cervantes and Elisabeth Osai. Also recognized at this event were the following people:

Academic Senate Special Recognition Awards

AJ Bates
Ray Hernandez
Nick Kapp
Christine Roumbanis
Arthur Takayama
Linda Whitten
Karen Wong

Phil Meyer Award

AJ Bates

Faculty Retirees

Paul Goodman
Betty Lindgren-Young

Classified Council Special Recognition Awards

Steve Cornejo
Clydie Rizzo

Classified Staff Retiree

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Talisman 2007 is published

The creative writing talents of Skyline students were on display on May 17 at the 37th annual *Talisman* Awards Ceremony in the Gallery Theater. Skyline is one of the only community colleges in the state to publish an anthology of student writing and artwork for 37 consecutive years, testimony to the support and dedication of the college and to the creativity of the students. *Talisman* Advisor and Creative Writing/English Professor Katharine Harer praised students whose creative writings – poems and short stories – were selected for this year's publication. English Professor Georgia Gero presented first, second, third place and honorable mention winners with a monetary award. Jim Bowsher, short story judge, chose three stories for first, second and third prize. These winners, along with many others, read their works from the journal.



Bri Yee, Ron D'Alosio and Scott Carey read their works from Talisman. Photos courtesy of Virginia Rosales.

Third annual Skyline Stars: Transfer Student Hall of Fame induction

Seven former Skyline grads and transfer students were inducted into Skyline's Transfer Student Hall of Fame on May 14. The President's Innovation Fund provided the means for this new event for the past three years, through the tremendous support of the President's Council, a group of community leaders and Skyline boosters who sponsor the President's Breakfast every year. The "stars" who were inducted into the Hall of Fame were supported in their success at Skyline by the tremendous faculty and staff who work so hard to serve the college's students well, people who truly put students first. Each inductee told a gripping story of what Skyline meant to them and how their experiences here laid the foundation for their subsequent success. It was a deeply rewarding event for all who attended and saw the faculty nominators of the inductees speak about their memories of the students when they were at Skyline. This year's inductees are:



2007 Transfer Hall of Fame inductees

Gilda Guerrero, B.A.
Alexander Khalfin, B.A.
Leticia Silva, M.S.
Hisashi Imura, B.A., B.S.

Dr. Lisa Law, M.D.
Ramona Mitchell, M.S.
Dolores Victor, J.D.

Linda Rosa Corazon, Skyline's Transfer Center Director provided the leadership for this innovation at Skyline.

MESA Director of the Year award for Reardon

At the annual Skyline end of the year banquet and celebration for Skyline's MESA program (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement) on May 10, coordinator Tiffany Reardon was recognized by the state Chancellor's Office for her leadership. Skyline's student transfer number for the 2005-2006 academic year was the highest (a tie with College of the Canyons) among MESA community college programs in the state of California. Lucy Casale, Statewide Director of MESA Community College Programs, in the UC Office of the President, was on hand to present the award. She said, "Your program owes its success to the long hours you put in and the deep empathy you have for your students." She honored Tiffany as a MESA Director of the Year and presented the college's MESA program with the 2006 MESA Center of Excellence Award. Many students there spoke passionately about Tiffany's key role in their success both at Skyline and in finding their way to their subsequent education and careers in math, science and technology fields.

Badminton team members show well at state finals

Skyline College sent four players to this year's State Badminton Finals in San Diego. Each played well enough to finish in the top five. Maggie Ho had a terrific run, making it to the finals in singles before falling to San Diego City College's Shannon Hsu. In doubles play, Ho and her partner, Casey Spinette, fell in the semi-finals to the team from San Diego City College. Skyline's other doubles team of Keshia Yusman and Khin Htwe won the consolation championship over the doubles team from Fresno City College.

Skyline artist featured at exhibit

Laura Siegel, member of the Skyline Art faculty, will have a one-person show at the Montclair Gallery in Oakland, opening June 23 and running through July 31. It is entitled "Landscapes: A Luminosity of Color." Her work is inspired by the beauty of nature. She captures it in her landscape paintings and drawings by using luminous colors and by creating a peaceful mood. Siegel's works have been shown at various galleries in Oakland, San Francisco and Berkeley, among other venues.

PROGRAM NEWS

Ninth Cohort of the Bio-Manufacturing Certificate Program completes

Since 2003, Skyline has completed nine cohorts of the nationally recognized Bio-manufacturing Certificate Program in partnership with the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, the Central Labor Council and industry. In ceremonies held in Skyline's new Student and Community Center on May 24, 2007, 18 students were recognized with Certificates of Completion.



Mousa Ghanma and Nick Kapp (front center) shown with students that completed Biomanufacturing Certificate Program.

Seven students received honors for completing with an A grade

in this demanding program. Representing the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, Eric Muckel awarded the following Skyline faculty and staff with certificates of appreciation for dedication and commitment to the program: Nick Kapp, Mousa Ghanma, Pat Carter, Evan Leach, Mike Williamson, Adolfo Leiva and William Watson. Also recognized were Rayna Lehman and Raya Zion with the San Mateo County Central Labor Council.

Puentistas celebrate the end of the year

About seventy-five Puente students (a.k.a. Puentistas), family, friends, and mentors came together on the evening of Friday, May 11, to celebrate their accomplishments in Skyline's festively decorated student center while feasting on steaming chicken tacos and traditional Nicaraguan food. The theme of the evening was the landmark court case, "Westminster vs. Mendez," for which the US Postal Service plans to create a commemorative stamp this fall. This court case was filed on behalf of Mexican American families in southern California and succeeded in desegregating schools in 1947, setting an important legal precedent for 1954's "Brown vs. Board of Education." Puentistas today take their nod from these earlier activists, playing an active role in campus governance, high school



2007 Puentistas pictured with Karen Wong and Jacquie Escobar in the top row

mentoring and tutoring, as well as volunteering or working in community agencies. In addition to setting a record for Puente by securing about \$42,000 in scholarships, 17 Puentistas received their AA/AS degrees, and 11 Puentistas are readying themselves to transfer. The ceremony was about as emotional an event as there is, as the graduating Puentistas took the microphone, one after the other, and affirmed their gratitude and, yes, love for the dynamite Puente team – Karen Wong and her counselor-partner, Jacqueline Escobar. It was a wonderful sendoff for this team, as they will pass the torch to the new team in the fall – Lucia Lachmayr and Luis Escobar, who also have the makings of a TNT duo. There were many eloquent speeches to honor Karen and Jacquie, but one that captured the essence of this team’s lasting impression on students was spoken by graduating Puentista, Ivan Martinez: “You gave us what we needed to spread our wings so we could fly...I will always be grateful to both of you for that.”

Skyline’s Gateway Program looks to the future

Skyline College and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) hosted a Gateway Program Recruitment Strategy Luncheon on Monday, May 14, 2007. The luncheon featured attendees from Skyline College, San Mateo County (SMC) Workforce Development Unit, SMC Adolescent Services, SMC Jobs for Youth, San Mateo Adult School, The Career Ladders Project, and Opportunities Industrial Centers West - Youth Program. The Gateway Program is a learning community that includes math, English, reading and career development in a specially designed format of intensive support. It prepares students for further college and careers. Funded by the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative through the WIB, The Gateway Program will be offered in fall 2007 and spring 2008. The first of the information sessions were offered at Skyline College during the last week of June and will continue during the month of July. Attendees may: 1) learn about the program, 2) enroll in services through the federal Workforce Investment Act, 3) complete Skyline placement testing and 4) apply for admission to Skyline all in one stop. For further information about the program and the information sessions, contact William Watson or Adolfo Leiva in the Center for Workforce Development at (650) 738-7035.

Skyline students go to China

Skyline College students enrolled in the *Study Abroad in China* class (BUS. 680 SB) toured Beijing and Shanghai from June 4 through June 18 with their instructor, Dr. Hui Pate. This study tour is intended to be a life-changing business and personal experience for students. The class participants witnessed economic development and business practices in China first hand,

including lectures at local universities, guest speakers, and visits to companies such as the Shanghai Stock Exchange. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to experience Chinese culture, business practices, language, and cuisine. For more information on this Skyline program, visit <http://smccd.edu/accounts/skyasia>.



2007-2008 ASSC Governing Council is elected

Here are the results of this year's elections to our student government, the Associated Students of Skyline College's Governing Council:

President: Lauren Hernandez

Vice President: Anastasia Kuzina

Commissioner of Activities: Anjelica Gacutan

Commissioner of Publicity: Wendy Smith

Commissioner of Public Records: Kristi Parenti-Kurtilla

Commissioner of Finance: Melody Hisatake

Senators: Robert Alberts, Vanessa Allas, Lindsay D'Amico, Sarah Figueroa, Mauricio Hernandez, Ekaterina Semonchuk

Nine Senator positions remain open and appointments will be made in the fall. Fall appointments will be nominated by the ASSC President and must be approved by 2/3 of the ASSC Governing Council.

Concert Choir adds to the spring SEED series

The SEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity) Advisory Committee focused on a look at American culture and peoples through music presentations this spring.

In that vein, the Skyline Concert Choir performed at the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica and their program included rich threads of American history and diverse cultural traditions, including Native American, African American, Japanese, Mexican, Filipino and more.

Thanks to Jude Navari for his leadership for the choir and the program.

Skyline College to offer Sports Medicine Camp

From July 16-20, Skyline will offer a Sports Medicine Camp for high school and community college students and youth sports coaches. The camp will be led by Jo Silken, Head Athletic Trainer for Skyline College, in collaboration with the Golden State Warriors Professional Basketball team.

Automotive Program Annual Banquet

As usual, this year's celebration of the certificate and degree completions in the Automotive program was inspiring and a lot of fun. The Basque Cultural Center was crowded with family, friends, faculty and staff to recognize the students and their accomplishments. Thanks to Perry Dair and to Clydie Rizzo for their vital roles in making this annual event, and the program as a whole, the success that it is.



Several of the faculty are pictured with students who were honored. From left to right: Rick Escalambre with Jose Vasquez; Tom Broxholm with Tommy Yu; and Paul Spakowski with Randall Shannon.

Aloha Bash succeeds

Skyline's Polynesian Student Union (PSU) had its 1st Annual Aloha Bash on May 4 in the Student Center. It was a great success! Skyline wishes to thank the ASSC for funding the event, the Filipino Student Union for volunteering and supporting the group, Facilities for set up and clean up, Media for set up, with a special thanks to Kamla Bucceri for being there and "making it happen." Last but not least, thanks to the emcee, Mr. Nate Nevado.

OUTREACH

Hermanos Program's first End of Year Celebration

Hermanos, which means "brothers" in Spanish, is a pilot program that addresses the academic, psychological and social needs of Latino males at South San Francisco High School through academic support, mentoring, and resources. On May 18, more than 70 Hermanos students, family members, friends, mentors and community members attended the first Hermanos End of Year Celebration to celebrate the tremendous achievements of the Hermanos students and the commencement of their higher education. This memorable event was held in the new Student and Community Center and included Folklorico performances, moving student speeches and a dynamic keynote address by Dr. Jeff Andrade of San Francisco State University.



Luis Escobar (back row, center) is pictured with the first class Hermanos students

The event was a true collaboration between the students and their families, the community and Skyline College. The strong presence of the students' family members was indicative of the interest that Latino parents have in their children's education and of the importance of family to the success of Latino students. In addition, the presence of South San Francisco Police Department Captain, Mike Mazzoni, and Vice Mayor of South San Francisco, Pedro Gonzalez demonstrated community support of the students and Hermanos program. Vice Mayor Pedro Gonzalez presented a South San Francisco City proclamation declaring May 18th the official Hermanos day. A special thanks to all of the Hermanos students for all of their hard work throughout the year, the Latinos Unidos Taskforce comprised by Jacqueline Escobar, Pablo Gonzalez, Adolfo Leiva, Félix Pérez, and Kenny Gonzalez for the initiative, support and effort that was needed to make the Hermanos program a reality and then a success, and to Program Coordinator Luis Escobar for his work with the students. Most of them will be coming to Skyline as students in the fall. The President's Innovation Fund and the Peninsula Community Foundation provided the funding to make this dream of some creative Skyline faculty and staff a reality.

Concurrent enrollment student information night

On June 13, about 60 students and their parents attended an information seminar about concurrent enrollment. A short video presentation was provided to give an overview of what the program means for students now and for their future. It was a wonderful opportunity for Skyline staff to answer questions posed by the students and their parents. All the students are first time Skyline students, so we hope to nurture and guide them for future semesters.

GEPP reaches new heights – Skyline’s Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program

The Guaranteed Enrollment Priority Program (GEPP) is a particularly important part of Skyline’s outreach efforts. This year, 286 students participated via four different GEPP sessions.

April 21 st	98 students
May 5 th	95 students
May 12 ^{th*}	19 students - DSPS
June 9 th	74 students

Each year, Skyline continues to make strides to become more effective with the GEPP sessions and this year the college implemented many new ideas which made the transition from high school to Skyline College much easier. These included revision of the Skyline high school website, GEPP registration online, online application workshops at feeder high schools, and pre-registration for the GEPP session. The college also moved one of the GEPP sessions from March to June at the request of the high school counselors. In addition, Skyline’s outreach efforts helped potential concurrent enrollment students better understand the Futures initiative and how to get an early start on their college education. Here are the key people who made this year’s GEPP such a big success:

Coordinators: Sherri Hancock, Kenny Gonzalez, Mandy Liang, Sue Lorenzo, Linda Van Sciver, Sheila Claxton, Carlene Gibson, Maria Escobar, Dennis Tordesillas

A & R staff: Kennya Zepeda, Cass Christian, Sylvia Martinez, Stephanie Haro, Terry Stats

Testing Staff: Chris Weidman, Angelica Gorostiza, Andy Smith, Minerva Velasquez, Nadia T.

Campus Ambassadors: Elisabeth Osai, Stephanie Nale, Dan Radovich, Luis Padilla, Kristi Parenti-Kurtilla, Vanessa Allas, Nikita Lefiti, Eileen Wong, Lucy Alvarez.

Counselors: Nate Nevado, Tim Dupre, Murrell Green, Jackie Escobar, Don Beiderman

Outreach: Pablo Gonzalez

Hospitality: Amory Cariadus

Special thanks to: Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber

Skyline College Serves Dislocated Workers at the 2nd Annual *Life after the Layoff Campaign*

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2007 "Dislocated Worker Month" in San Mateo County. On May 30, 2007, Skyline College and other education partners in San Mateo County worked with PeninsulaWorks Daly City Career Center to offer mini-orientations and an educational networking event targeting dislocated workers. Skyline’s Leigh Anne Sippel, Adolfo Leiva, and William Watson met with approximately 200 people in transition who expressed interest in educational opportunities including programs in English as a Second Language, Surgical Technology, Biotechnology, Para-legal Studies, Telecommunications, degree programs



Leigh Anne Sippel telling the Skyline story

leading to transfer, and more. The event featured Skyline’s new promotional video and a showcase of Skyline’s new facilities. Thanks to all those who helped prepare for this exciting service event including: Connie Beringer, Roxanne Brewer, Kenny Gonzalez, Sherrie Hancock, Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber, Adolfo Leiva, Sue Lorenzo, Margie Meadows, Leigh Anne Sippel, and Mike Williamson.

Elementary school students learn biology from Skyline’s Phi Theta Kappans

During the semester, Skyline Phi Theta Kappans led Bottle Biology workshops for students at Sunset Ridge Elementary School. The workshops provide teachers with hands-on laboratory experiments, using inexpensive plastic bottles – and recycle the plastic bottles. This third grade class made Mother's Day terraria at the last spring workshop.



Skyline students in the back row are Anastasia Kuzina, Eugene Bible, Denise Owen, Paige Fulmer, Emi Matsuura and Richard Chiang. (Photo courtesy of Christine Case)

Summer Outreach Initiative and a virtual tour of Skyline on our website

Skyline College is engaged in a district-wide effort to get out the word about the district’s terrific colleges, particularly to high school juniors and seniors. That effort involved a brochure mailed to their homes, a special focused website for them (called “Futures”), and expedited procedures to get them involved in the college of their choice. As part of that effort, a “virtual tour” of Skyline College has been created, thanks to Shelly Hausman. Thanks also to Fermin Irigoyen for the narration on it. It can be accessed through the college website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.

PLANNING & RESEARCH



E-Suggest - An Electronic Suggestion Box for the Skyline College Community

This summer, Skyline will be piloting a new way for the college to collect on-going feedback from students, employees and the community. From the college website, comments and suggestions can be submitted via the electronic suggestion box, [E-Suggest](#). Feedback is welcome and will be distributed for review by the appropriate constituency groups or individuals on campus. The college anticipates that constructive responses will be a useful tool for college-wide planning, improvement and decision making.

Fresh Look Advisory Group on website redesign begins its work

The Fresh Look Advisory Group met in May to discuss the website redesign project. The committee has representatives from the Academic Senate, Classified Council and ASSC as well as members with web expertise. The website redesign process will be launched next fall. A link to the Fresh Look Project website redesign project, including information and initial meeting notes is at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypio/freshlook/index.html>