

SKYLINE COLLEGE
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SKYLINE SHINES

WOW! conference is the biggest and best ever

This year's *WOW!* Women on Writing Conference, which was held on March 3 at Skyline College, was a huge success with more than 350 people in attendance. Several members of Skyline's faculty made a special contribution to the success of this event: Katharine Harer, Kathleen de Azevedo Feinblum, Linda Vogel and Evelyn Posamentier who made presentations and led workshops about writing. Skyline wishes to thank Georgia Gero, coordinator, Marijane Datson, creative director, Roxanne Brewer, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman, Anyta Archer, Barbara Ustanko, Bridget Fischer, Steve Cornejo, Steve King, Facilities staff, the *WOW* Ambassadors, and Tiffany Fox, English faculty member who worked with the large group of student volunteers. Thanks also to the ASSC and to the other many sponsors.



WOW! attendees were able to purchase books written by presenters and those hosting workshops and have them signed by the authors. (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)

Black History Month celebration

Throughout February and early March, Skyline celebrated Black History with several dance and theatre performances including an event on March 5 called "Julia Chigamba et Company" in the Main Theatre. They performed traditional songs and dances of Zimbabwe. Skyline wishes to thank History professor Tony Jackson for his role in making all of these events happen. "Julia Chigamba et Company" was sponsored by the Black Student Union and funded by the President's Innovation Fund.



"Julia Chigamba et Company." (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)

President's Breakfast a huge success

The largest crowd ever attended this year's President's Breakfast – well over 300 people, many of whom had never attended before, and all of whom were excited to hear about the great things that Skyline College is doing. The breakfast is the college's annual fund raising event for the President's Innovation Fund (PIF). The deadline for submitting proposals for 2007-08 is April 27, 2007. The guidelines and the proposal form are posted on the Skyline College website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

Skyline has just learned that the President's Breakfast video for last spring has won an award from the statewide Community College Public Relations Officers (CCPRO). The college will find out in April whether it is a first, second or third place award, but in the meantime Skyline wishes to congratulate Sandy Irber, Director of College Development, Marketing and Public Relations, and Bryan Kingston, Chief Creative Officer of KM2 Communications.



2006-07 PIF winners whose projects are under way right now are pictured with President Vicki Morrow. (Photo by Shelly Hausman)

Expanding Your Horizons conference succeeds for the 27th year

More than 1,000 girls participated in Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math (EYH) on Saturday, March 17. This was the 27th EYH conference held at Skyline and attendance has more than doubled since 1980. The girls came from middle and high schools in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara counties. More than 100 women and men volunteered to plan and implement EYH. The Genentech Foundation for Biomedical Sciences helps make EYH possible. Skyline wishes to thank the Planning Committee which puts together this very complex and well designed event: A.J. Bates, Don Biederman, Pat Carter,



Chris Case, Arlene Chang, Pat Deamer, Carla Digennaro, Stephen Fredricks, Mousa Ghanma, Juliya Giverts, Stafanne Haro, Shelly Hausman, Nick Kapp, Sue Lorenzo, Judy McKeever, Julie Mooney, Vanson Nguyen, Tiffany Reardon, Omer Thompson, Kim Touneh, Tadashi Tsuchida, Renata Viera, Ron Van Brusselen, Ellen Williams and Mike Williamson.

Skyline students visit U. C. Berkeley on Multicultural Transfer Day

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of TRIO Counselor Guillermo Villanueva and his colleagues in the Puente and Kababayan programs, 25 Skyline College students attended U.C. Berkeley's 4th annual Multicultural Transfer Day on Sunday, March 4th, 2007. The event, organized by U.C. Berkeley students interested in increasing diversity on campus, included a variety of workshops, a campus tour, and a panel of U.C. Berkeley students who discussed their college and transfer experiences. A special thanks goes to the Skyline faculty and staff who helped make the day a huge success, including English Instructor, Hilda Fernandez; TRIO Counselor, Guillermo Villanueva; TRIO Instructional Aide, Alan David; and Kababayan Counselor, Nate Nevado.

SEED's Fascinating Rhythms events at Skyline



Sam Oludayo demonstrated the various ways that African drums were used to communicate messages over great distances.



The audience is standing up as part of the performance, but many in the room stood throughout because every seat in Room 1111 was filled. (Photos courtesy of Shelly Hausman)

Thanks to Rosie Bell and Richard Soyombo for their work in arranging for this first in the spring series of diversity events sponsored by SEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity). The theme for the series is “Who Are We? Fascinating Rhythms.” Samuel Oludayo and Samco Success Ensemble presented African “Talking Drums” to a packed house on February 28. He talked about the drums and their use and performing.

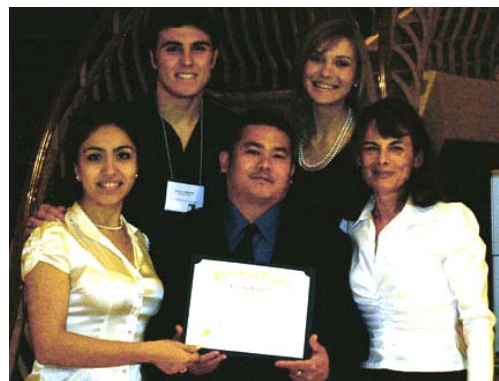
The second event in the series was held on March 14. Skyline History and Anthropology instructor, musician and ethnomusicologist John Ulloa presented a fascinating discussion entitled, “Conversations in Rhythm: Exploring America’s Percussive Roots” in the Main Theatre. Members of his band joined him onstage to perform west coast Latin jazz and some of the music is featured on the band’s latest CD, Rum & Smoke.



John Ulloa

Skyline Phi Theta Kappa excels

Advisor Christine Case and four Phi Theta Kappa student members attended the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention in San Diego on March 9-11, 2007. Beta Theta Omicron, Skyline’s chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, earned five-star status for the eighth consecutive year for implementing outstanding service and scholarship programs. The Chapter received several awards from the Nevada/California Region for the Chapter’s 2007 programs and accomplishments.



Skyline Phi Theta Kappans received several awards at a regional convention. Pictured here are: Top row: Kyle Garrone, Anna Dneprov. Front row: Chapter president Nasim Naderseresht, Richard Chiang, and Chapter advisor Chris Case.

Chapter Newsletter Award
Leadership Award
Scholarship Award

**Outstanding Chapter Award
Website Award**

There are 80 chapters in the Region representing over 12,000 currently enrolled students. Individual Skyline students and faculty advisor Christine Case received the following awards:

Shahrzad Afghani – Regional Scholar
Marcia Soares – Regional Nonfiction Essay
Richard Chiang – Regional Art Award
William Taira – Regional Honors Topic Essay
Christine Case – Most Outstanding Advisor

Skyline wishes to congratulate Christine Case and the student winners, as well as the whole club.

Skyline student receives Commission on Athletics award

The Community College League of California Commission on Athletics (COA) has awarded Skyline College student Rashad Taylor with an Honorable Mention as a Student Athlete of the Month for February 2007. The COA gives the awards in partnership with the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA). Rashad, a sophomore left-fielder who attended Riordan High School in San Francisco, has been an instrumental force in the Trojans' 10-5 record. He leads the team in batting average (.460), hits (23), home runs (4), RBIs (18) and stolen bases (7 in 9 attempts). These statistics either lead the state or are among the state leaders in each category. In addition to his athletic statistics, Rashad also excels in the classroom with a 3.3 grade point average.



Former student sends thanks for his Skyline experience

Former student Mark Fee now lives in Montana and is a journalism student. He called to let us know about his article on Sister Providencia Tolan, a fierce advocate for the rights of numerous Native American tribes. He wanted to say what an impact Skyline had on him. He was injured in an accident (in the '70s) and came to Skyline after other plans fell through. He said he graduated due to the caring and committed educators who worked with him. His article began as an essay here, and since has been published in magazines and listed in historical societies and in the Montana Governor's office.

Leary wins scholarship

Please join me in congratulating Mary Anne Leary, Division Assistant for the Social Science and Creative Arts Division, has just won a Legacy scholarship from the International Dermal Institute. The Institute is recognized world-wide for providing the highest quality of hands-on postgraduate work in the Esthetics field. This opportunity is provided to students who have been in the skin care industry for less than one year. Mary Anne graduated from the Esthetics program at Skyline last May and received her state license soon afterwards. The scholarship

provides 100 hours of education that can be taken at any of the institute's locations throughout the world. The theme of her application was "Why Professional Skincare is My Passion". Her presentation was a DVD submission telling of her passion for the world of nature and how that passion translates into her love for the healing arts. She is particularly proud of this accomplishment since she is the first recipient of this scholarship from Skyline College.

OUTREACH

New look to Skyline's class schedule

The summer class schedule has a new look. As part of the Fresh Look Project, the college undertook a close examination of the class schedule with an eye to making it work better for students as well as to be a better marketing tool for the college. Skyline wishes to thank Sandy Irber, Director of Development, Marketing and Public Relations, for her leadership for this effort, Maria Norris for her work on the academic content of the schedule, as well as the following people who made important contributions to the new approach: Shelly Hausman, Cathy Hasson, the Fresh Look Advisory Group, the Outreach Committee, ASSC, and the Student Ambassadors.

Skyline College Day at Serramonte

Skyline College has embarked on a partnership with the Serramonte Shopping Center to create the first ever "Skyline College Day" from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Serramonte. There will be a variety of Skyline informational tables and performances throughout the mall. Mall guests will be able to:

- Apply for classes.
- Learn about transferring to a four-year university, earning an associate's degree and upgrading job skills.
- See demonstrations of career, technical and cultural programs.
- Meet knowledgeable, caring, helpful professors and staff.
- Learn how they can afford college.

This partnership also affords Skyline publicity opportunities, such as the college logo posted on the large electronic signboard on Interstate 280, and access to hundreds of Serramonte shoppers through the center's email newsletter.

PROGRAM NEWS

MESA program connects students with their futures

- **2007 Genentech Scholar:** MESA Student Amanda Quiroga was selected as this year's Genentech Scholar. Amanda, a Chemistry Major, will receive a \$7500 scholarship, a research mentor, and a summer position at the Biotechnology facility in South San Francisco.
- **Stanford MESA Day:** Friday, February 9, was the 2nd Annual Community College MESA Day. Skyline's MESA Program was selected to oversee the project. More than 150 students from community college MESA programs throughout the state were invited to Stanford and were given the red carpet treatment. Students toured labs not open to the general public and were given information about graduate and summer research programs in the sciences. In addition, Stanford has committed to one slot for

one eligible Skyline MESA Student to receive a research position at the Center for Polymer Interfaces and Macromolecular Assemblies this summer.

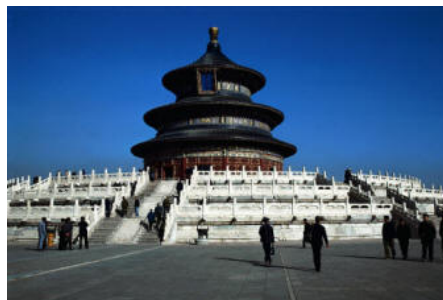
- **18 Guaranteed Research Positions slated for Skyline MESA Students this summer:** San Francisco State University's (SFSU) Bridges to Baccalaureate Program, an NIH funded grant has committed to 18 slots for Skyline's MESA students majoring in such fields as Biology, Bio Chemistry, and Chemistry. Twelve of Skyline's MESA students will participate in Directed Research at SFSU. Students will participate in a six-week program and receive a stipend of \$1800. During the first portion of the program, students will participate in an academic success workshop conducted by Frederick Moore, Ph.D., and author of the book "Finding Your North" <http://www.findingyournorth.com/index.htm> Six students will participate in Independent Research and will receive a stipend of \$2400. Biology instructor Dr. Christine Case will be the research mentor for the independent research. Students from her Biology 230 course will be selected to engage in research and be given a stipend of \$2400. These students will then submit their abstracts to present at either Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science conference (SACNAS) or the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). Tracy Bailey, MESA Student and President of Skyline's Black Student Union was selected for the BA Star Program, a five-week summer program at Chico State focusing on Physics. Skyline wishes to thank Chemistry Instructor AJ Bates, Biology Instructor Christine Case, MESA Faculty Sponsor Stephen Fredricks and to MESA Coordinator Tiffany Reardon for their work on the program.

Skyline alum returns to talk to honors students

A Skyline alumna was on campus to talk to honors students on March 14. Akillah Wali, a former Skyline honors student, talked about her experiences transferring to Columbia University in her presentation entitled, "A Close-up and Personal Guide to Transfer." Following her presentation, there was time for students to ask questions and a discussion.

Study abroad program in China, June 2-16, 2007

Skyline College is offering a short-term, intensive learning experience in China this summer from June 2-16, 2007. Students will travel to China and experience first-hand the businesses, economy, language, and culture of China. Study Abroad in China (BUS. 680sb) is a two-week, three-credit course which includes mandatory pre-departure and post trip meetings, lectures at the local universities,



visits to Chinese businesses, culture tours, and an individual research paper. More information is available on the Skyline web site at <http://smccd.edu/accounts/skyasia>

M.E.E.T on Common Ground training at Skyline

In response to interest by Skyline faculty and staff, SEEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity) is sponsoring in collaboration with the district a train-the-trainers workshop for M.E.E.T. on Common Ground diversity training. M.E.E.T. (Make time to discuss; Explore differences; Encourage respect; Take personal responsibility) is a two-part workshop which will be held at Skyline on March 22nd and March 29th from 1:00-3:00 pm each day. Gerry Frassetto, district diversity coordinator, is the facilitator of the workshops.

The Diversity Training Program was instituted by the SMCCD Office of Human Resources as a response to requests from staff and faculty of the district's colleges to provide practical strategies to create a respectful, inclusive workplace. The program's ultimate goal is to develop a team of trainers at each college to offer on-going workshops and related activities promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation of diversity among all individuals in the workplace.

Basic Skills Lab enhances tutoring services

A new service is being provided in Skyline's Learning Center to assist students who want to improve their core math skills and/or their grammar, spelling, writing and editing skills. While tutoring in math and writing have been offered in the Learning Center for many years, the Basic Skills Lab provides a more creative, hands-on approach to teaching and learning that engages more of the student's intelligences, focuses on the building blocks of core skills, and assists with individual student challenges. Students can drop in for math problem solving sessions or writing assistance during posted tutoring times or attend one or all of the short courses for writing skills assistance. Skyline wishes to thank the Learning Center Director Leslie Shelton for her leadership, instructors John Chavez and Vanson Nguyen for math assistance, and instructor Rachel Bell and instructional aides Kelly Hagen, Jason Bulger and Valerie Meier for grammar and writing assistance.



Kelly Hagen (right), Instructional Aide in the Basic Skills Lab, works with ESOL students on sentence building and vocabulary.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Skyline students part of a national study of innovative bookstores and how they serve students

The National Association of College Stores (NACS) came to Skyline on February 15 as part of a comprehensive research project to provide insight into today's college students. NACS chose four universities/colleges that are known for the innovative work they are doing in merchandising, marketing and/or campus outreach. Students were recruited to participate in group interviews, in-store interviews and participation in a video. The results of the study will be presented at the NACS national convention in March and will be made available to the bookstore staff as well as Skyline's research office.

Update on plans for renovation of the central quad

The redesign project for Skyline's central quad, which was planned to begin during the spring break and be completed by summer, has been changed. Instead, the quad redesign will be undertaken as part of the whole Design Build Project which will take place over the next few years. There are several reasons for the change in timeline: the tightness of the original timeline, the need to maintain accessible paths of travel, and Skyline's interest in ensuring

that the quad design fits in well with the other changes in the look and feel of the campus that will take place as part of the Design Build project. The college is also hoping to include a water feature that is beautiful and that is not overly burdensome or costly to operate and maintain. The change in timeline will help ensure that all of these issues are addressed.

Results back from new student media preferences survey

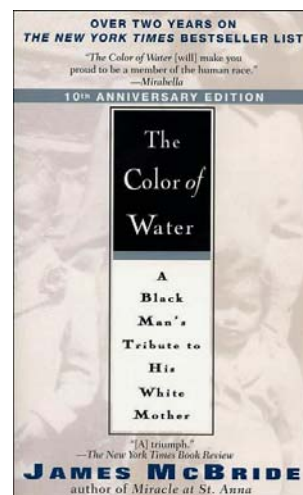
During the fall semester of 2006, Skyline College participated in a national study of community college students and their media preferences. Nearly 35,000 students, including 874 students from Skyline, participated in the on-line survey. The survey was designed and conducted by Interact Communications of Onalaska, Wisconsin. The results from the survey were intended to provide colleges with important data on internal communications, college publications, webpage design and importance, internet access, lifestyle activities, radio, television and newspaper preferences, and contact preferences. The information will be used to determine strategies appropriate for future marketing and communications to our students and the community, and will be incorporated into discussions on the college's web development and design. The full report may be viewed on Skyline's Planning and Research Office website at: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html>.

EVENTS

Skyline Diversity events through April 19, 2007

Book Raps to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride on the following dates:

- **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.



Who Are We...Fascinating Rhythms

- **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.