



## President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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### **SKYLINE SHINES**

#### **Study conducted by Skyline students to be showcased in national conference**

Sociology Professor Mike Moynihan and his students have had a presentation proposal accepted for a session at the national Foundations of Excellence in the First Year Experience conference in San Francisco, which will be held on February 15, 2008. The following students will be part of the presentation: Frances Gilfillan, Elizabeth Demartini, Yajaira Barba, and Anthony Yup. The presentation will summarize the findings of a survey conducted with first year students at Skyline. The survey focused on how well first year students thought they were prepared for college-level work, how these students utilized campus counselors, how aware and informed these students are about Skyline's programs and services, how frequently they use and how satisfied they are with the various programs and services, and whether these students would be interested in a required orientation to college program. By and large, the students thought that an orientation program that provided information about academic components as well as pragmatic components would be especially helpful to their college success.

#### **Skyline staff and students shine**

Staff and students donated several hundred toys to Toys for Tots. The two bins were each filled twice during the Phi Theta Kappa toy drive. The ASSC did an additional push on December 7 and raised more than \$350 dollars for Toys for Tots. In the photo at right, Phi Theta Kappa students Richard Chiang, Christian Ignacio, Marcia Soares, and Elizabeth Parr gather up some of the toys.



#### **Student Services raises more than \$5500 in scholarship funds for students**

The Student Services Division conducted two successful scholarship fundraising events in December. The annual Student Services Auction on December 12 yielded an estimated \$3,200 for student scholarships to be awarded in the spring 2008. Auction items were donated by faculty and staff. The Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) Holiday Raffle earned \$2,325. Prizes for the DSPS Raffle included a Nintendo Wii video game, a 30GB iPod with video and a Nintendo DS Lite. Skyline wishes to thank the Student Services

Division and others who participated in these events for their generosity and commitment to student success.

### Fall season sports wrap at Skyline

Skyline teams and students enjoyed a successful fall sports season. 110 students participated in the fall semester in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. At this time, Men's Basketball is 12-8 on the season and Women's Basketball is 13-6 on the season. Men's Soccer completed the season with a record of 9-9-3 finishing in fourth place in the Coast Conference North Division. Women's Soccer completed the season with a record of 13-6-3 finishing in third place in the Coast Conference South Division. 13 wins set a record for the program and during the season the team was rated as high as 15<sup>th</sup> in the country for small



*Skyline Men's Basketball team with Head Coach Justin Piergrossi (in the white shirt, second from the right) and Assistant Coach Eddy Harris (at the far right).*



*Skyline's Women's Basketball team with Head Coach Trisha Hosley holding the basketball (front, center). Her assistants are Chris Watters (in black sweats at the far left) and Charlene Murphy (at the far right).*

community colleges. Volleyball finished the season with a record of 12-13 and finished fourth in the Coast Conference North Division. 12 wins was the best recorded by the program in the past 15 years. Wrestling finished the season rated 8<sup>th</sup> in Northern California and 13<sup>th</sup> in the state.

Fifteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-Region, All-State and / or All-American selections. The individuals are: Jason Moorhouse (All-State and All American in Wrestling), James Anderson (All-

State in Wrestling), Kelly Burke (All-Conference and All-Region in Volleyball), Mia Borzello (All-Conference in Women's Soccer), Mary Castro (All Conference in Women's Soccer), Cynthia Martinez (All Conference in Women's Soccer), Nancy Mejia (All-Conference in Women's Soccer), Selena Rodriguez (All Conference in Women's Soccer) and Elisa Sanchez (All Conference in Women's Soccer), Eduardo Gaitan (Goalkeeper of the Year and All-Conference in Men's Soccer), Dominic Mitchell (All Conference in Men's Soccer), Steven Renz (All Conference in Men's Soccer), Oscar Rodriguez (All Conference in Men's Soccer), Orion Smith (All Conference in Men's Soccer) and Alfonso Vieyra (All Conference in Men's Soccer). With the exception of one student, all these individuals attended high school in San Mateo or San Francisco County.

### **Stanback-Stroud earns second Master's degree**

Skyline's Vice President of Instruction, Regina Stanback-Stroud, has completed her second Master's degree, in Educational Leadership from Mills College. She is in the second year of her doctoral work there, and her achievements to date have earned her the MA. Her first master's degree is an MS in Human Relations from Golden Gate University. She also holds a BS in Nursing Sciences from Howard University in Washington, DC.

## **PROGRAM AND SERVICES NEWS**

### **Puente students celebrate "Noche de la Familia"**

Skyline wishes to thank instructor and Puente Co-Coordinator Lucia Lachmayr who provided this beautifully written description of the event:

"Puente students celebrated the year's end by having a 'Noche de la Familia' (Family Night), which allowed Puente students to bring their loved ones to see some of the work they have been doing and activities they had participated in this semester. Families were also given a closer glimpse of the Puente Program model via a presentation and students were awarded certificates to commend them for all the effort they had put into their classes. Luis Escobar, Puente co-coordinator, led things off by greeting the families and speaking, in English and then in Spanish, to the families about the importance of school to the students' futures. Contributing to what made the 'Noche' a success this year were Jacquie Escobar, who crafted beautiful programs, and Karen Wong, who helped recognize her former, Phase III (3rd semester Puentista) students, who have, or are preparing to graduate. It was also valuable to have former Puente Coordinators



*Puente students are shown with Puente instructor Lucia Lachmayr at far right. (Photo by Karen Wong)*

Jacquie, Karen, Imelda Hermsillo and Connie Beringer, (Connie, along with Carla Campillo, formed the first Puente team), through the most recent teams, in attendance. Their presence helped to embody a continuity, a living bridge of Puente's history to its present here at Skyline. It was also great having Counseling's Rick Wallace there, since having the deans from both Language Arts and Counseling present made it clear to the families and students that Puente is a valued presence on campus. The TLC (thanks to Leslie Shelton and Kamla Bucceri) kindly let us borrow their lovely poinsettias for the party. *(The poinsettias enjoyed the party so much they came back an even brighter red and asked to hereafter be referred to as Puentesettias).* Also pivotal to the events' success were Kamla, Felix Perez and Jose Perez for helping out with the media setup and operation questions. Without their assistance, we could not have presented the Puente Project history and the class slideshow. And finally, key to the 'Noche' were the faculty who came as mentors and supporters, such as English instructor, Hilda Fernandez, who brought her husband, also a mentor, as well as an important part of our

program, Puente Spanish instructor, Luciana Castro, who has been a continuous and valued supporter of Puente for years.”

### **SWAT training carried out at Pacific Heights**

The North San Mateo County SWAT Team, managed by the Daly City Police Department, consists of Officers from Daly City Police Department, Colma Police Department, Broadmoor Police Department, and Pacifica Police Department. The SWAT Team held two scenario based training exercises on January 14 at Skyline. One exercise was a Hostage Situation in a College setting and the other was an Active Shooter Incident that turned into a Hostage Situation. The trainings include the SWAT Team, Skyline Security and Scenario Role Players. There was an Incident Command Center set up in Building 6 and a Hostage Negotiations Team set up in the North County Mobile Command Center.



### **FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **Facilities Maintenance Center (FMC) is now under construction**

On December 18, demolition of three buildings that formerly housed our Facilities Department began. The groundbreaking will be held on February 1 at 11:00 a.m. The construction of a new FMC should be completed in January 2009. In the meantime, Skyline’s Facilities staff is making Loma Chica their temporary home. A ‘*Demolition Party*’ was held to commemorate this history-making event for the campus. Here is the happy gang celebrating this landmark.



#### **Facilities staff works over the break to keep Skyline shining**

Facilities staff completed a tremendous amount of work over the winter break, in spite of substantial distraction by the stormy weather and its aftermath of cleanup. Here are some examples: thanks to the custodians, the carpets were cleaned in Building 5; classrooms were cleaned and waxed in Buildings 1, 3, 8 and Pacific Heights; the hallways floors were cleaned and waxed in Buildings 1, 2, 5 8, and Pacific Heights, and the various lobby and entryway windows were cleaned. Thanks to Skyline’s Groundskeepers, the huge cleanup required after

the storms of January 3 and 4 was completed; sidewalks and building entrance pathways were pressure washed; disabled access parking spaces were repainted campus wide; and the traffic control markings on the loop road were repainted. Thanks to the Engineers, lighting improvements and restroom partitions were taken care of in the Child Development Center; fire alarm testing was completed campus wide; heating and hot water pipe repairs were done; a Pacific Heights roof leak was repaired and a sewer line break was corrected. Over the three-day holiday weekend, all of these people worked to complete making the campus ready for opening day on Tuesday.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Skyline Phi Theta Kappa chapter reaches out to middle schools**

Beta Theta Omicron brought Operation Green to middle schools in the north county in December to promote recycling and discourage littering. The chapter received permission from cartoonist Jim Toomey to use his Sherman's Lagoon characters to make an original cartoon. Middle school students were asked to fill in the speech bubbles for Sherman and his pals. 200 local students entered the Sherman's Lagoon contest. The winner received \$50 and the winner's class received \$500. Second place, \$250, was awarded to Ms. Khan's class at Parkway Heights Middle School and Mrs. Dwyer's class at Cabrillo School won \$100 (third place). The chapter worked with a total of 11 classes at these schools: Parkway Heights Middle School, Garnet Robertson Middle School, Garnet J. Robertson Intermediate School, Cabrillo Elementary School, Ocean Shore Elementary School, Fernando Rivera Middle

School, and Alta Loma Middle School. At left, chapter president Richard Chiang takes center stage at the Fernando Rivera Middle School assembly on December 17, and the group of happy award-winning students is shown below.



*Photos by Mauricio Flores*



## **PLANNING AND RESEARCH**

### **Handy reference to Skyline Plans and Year-End Reports**

Cathy Hasson, Director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, has just updated the College Plans and Year-end Reports webpage to include Skyline's major plans and new "Integration Matrices" that describe how the plans connect to each other:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/planning/Plans.htm>. These tools are helping the college to take maximum advantage of the excellent, thoughtful work that has gone into Skyline's Accreditation Planning Agendas, the Educational Master Plan, the Enrollment Management Plan, the First Year Experience Project, the Integrated Marketing Plan, and the Student Equity Plan.

**Design Build Project Open Forum: Wednesday, January 30, 2 pm, Room 2306**

Skyline has reached another critical turning point in its Design Build Project. The project is slated to include two new buildings—Building 4N (Multicultural Center, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness Center) and Building 11N (Automotive Transmission), as well as redesign of the central quad, landscaping, paving, parking, and enhanced entrances to the college. The December 14 Open Forum provided a review of the proposal from Hensel Phelps Construction Company and the detailed examination of that proposal is well under way. The basic design presented by Hensel Phelps will continue to be available for your faculty and staff comments on the front page of Skyline's website through February 1. In addition, the posters describing the proposal will again be available in the Student Center, along with comment forms, from January 23 through February 1.

One thing that is already clear, however, is that the proposal exceeds Skyline's budget for the project. The college will figure out how to close that gap in the same way it did in the fall semester, including the development of a number of alternative scenarios, a college wide meeting early in the term to review and evaluate them, and then a final decision on exactly how Skyline will revise the project to make it affordable but as close to the college's dreams as possible. President Morrow posted on the website an updated "Design Build Project Briefing."

An **Open Forum** will be held the second week of the semester on how to close the gap between the scope of the project and the budget. This event will take place on **Wednesday, January 30, 2 pm, in Room 2306**. The college hopes to have identified and disseminated several alternative approaches to addressing the gap between the project scope and the available budget before that date, so that participants in the Forum have an opportunity to think them over. The most important guide will be the same "Criteria for Revising the Design/Build Project Plan" that was used in September, which are attached at the bottom of the "Design Build Project Briefing."

The kinds of things Skyline is considering at this point include the following:

- Simplification of the landscaping and paving work
- Removal of the large staircase to the third floor of Building 4N (Multicultural, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness)
- Repurposing some existing college space, such as the large conference space in Building 6 (Rooms 6202-6204-6206 and the Student Lounge on that floor) and moving the Multicultural Center from Building 4N into that space
- Reduction of the square footage of the two new buildings
- Eliminating some spaces from the plan
- Relocating the buildings onto flatter sites

The college is working now to identify the potential cost savings of these various approaches and will then map out alternatives to be considered at the Open Forum.



Uriza Holthe, “When the Elephants Dance” and “The Five-Forty-Five to Cannes”; and Carol Lem, “Shadow of the Plum,” “Shadow of the Bamboo (CD),” “The Hermit,” and “Don’t Ask Why.” The conference includes 17 workshops ranging from fiction, script-writing, and poetry as slam performance. WOW! admission is \$60 before January 31, \$85 by February 22, \$100 at the door, and \$25 for students. Registration may be made by calling 650-738-4324 or by downloading a form from <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skywow>

### **Expanding Your Horizons Conference, March 15, 2008**

Skyline College’s Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference prepares today’s girls for tomorrow’s careers. Hundreds of girls from San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties will have the opportunity to make hand lotion, be a disease detective or a crime scene investigator during the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference on Saturday, March 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Skyline College, 3300 College Dr., San Bruno. Sixth through 12th-grade girls are encouraged to participate in hands-on workshops to learn about career opportunities in math, science and engineering from professionals in the field. The event, which marks the 28th time that Skyline has hosted the conference, will feature Sarah Gerhardt, chemist and big wave surfer, delivering the keynote address. Other presenters include marine biologists, engineers, chemists and molecular geneticists during this all-day hands-on exploration of science, math and engineering. EYH is sponsored by the Genentech Foundation for Biomedical Sciences. Skyline College has donated the facilities for the conference, and presenters and planners volunteer their time and expertise. The \$15 admission fee includes lunch and workshop materials. Registration is required by March 7 and may be made by downloading a registration form from [www.skylinecollege.edu/eyh](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/eyh)