



# President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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## SKYLINE SHINES

### Welcome Week a huge success

Students were welcomed back to Skyline with several events during the first full week of classes from August 22-29. ASSC and Student Services staff staffed a welcome booth and information table. On Friday, August 24 students enjoyed a free barbecue, Pepsi giveaways, and other activities, including an electronic bull. Spirit Day where students could come and support Skyline's athletic teams was held on Tuesday, August 28.



*Welcome Week BBQ photos courtesy of Roxanne Brewer*



Welcome Week concluded with a fantastic Pancake Breakfast, an annual tradition. Volunteers served fresh, hot pancakes to more than 500 people. The volunteers who made students feel welcome at Skyline were:

ASSC: Amory Cariadus-Advisor, Lauren Hernandez-President, Anastasia Kuzina-Vice President, Wendy Smith-Commissioner of Publicity, Kristi Parenti-Kurtila-Commissioner of Public Record, Robert Alberts-Senator, Vanessa Allas-Senator, Ekaterina Semonchuk-Senator.



*Skyline staff are great cooks too! Regina Morrison (foreground), Minerva Velasquez and Adolfo Leiva take charge of cooking pancakes. In the back row are Sherri Hancock and Donna Bestock. (Photo courtesy of Shelly Hausman)*

Staff/Faculty: Nancy Lam, Richard Inokuchi, Mike Celeste, Maria Escobar, Karen Wong, Adolfo Leiva, Golda Gacutan, Sandy Irber, Lucia Lachmayr, Kathy Blackwood, Janet Webber, Cass Christian, Sita Motipara, Theresa Tentes, Roxanne Brewer, Julene Rhoan, Regina Morrison, Donna Bestock, Minerva Velasquez and Pat Deamer.

### **Student Services and Club Fair draws a crowd of over 250 students**

“Get Connected” was the theme of the first Student Services Fair and Club Rush which was held in the Building 6 Quad Area on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Financial Aid Office and the Associated Students of Skyline College, the event’s goals were to increase student awareness about Skyline’s programs and services and to connect students with college resources. Program participants included students, faculty and staff from the following areas: Admissions and Records, ASTEP, Bookstore, Career Center/Transfer Center, Child Development Center, Christian Fellowship Club, Cosmetology, Counseling, EOPS/CARE, Calworks, Filipino Students Union, Financial Aid, Honors Transfer Program, International Students Program, Kababayan Program, MESA and Puente Program, Photography Club, Security, Student Activities/ASSC, SPACE, TRIO/STAARS. Well over 250 students attended the fair. Students received a free lunch for visiting at least five program tables and if they took a brief survey they were entered in a prize drawing. The Planning Committee members who organized the event were: Amory Cariadus, Golda Gacutan, Maria Escobar, and Patty Mendoza; the Student Services Leadership Team, Pacific Dining, and the Bookstore and others who donated prize drawings.



*More than 250 students participated in Skyline’s first-ever Student Services and Club Fair*



*Patty Mendoza talks with a student at the Counseling booth. (Photos courtesy of Shelly Hausman.)*

### **Going the extra mile to help students find their way to Skyline**

In addition to the numerous district wide efforts to attract students (Futures project, concurrent enrollment, and waitlisting), a great many different people at Skyline have also gone out of their way to make students at Skyline feel welcome. Here are a few examples of the kinds of things people did that made a difference.

- Skyline offered about 40 additional sections this fall, providing greater access to students. The division deans were responsible for identifying those and Regina Stanback-Stroud coordinated and lead that process.

- Students who applied but had not yet registered were phoned to invite them to complete the process. Of 437 students who were on that list, 130 of them, or about 30%, ended up registering for classes. That hands-on process was possible thanks to the efforts of Cathy Hasson and Sherri Hancock to create the data match, and to Maria Paulson, April Quok and Kris O’Neil for making the phone calls.
- Skyline placed an advertisement on MySpace, and 27,618 people clicked on that ad during the month of August, a “click rate” of 2.5%, considered an extremely good rate. We averaged 1000 click-throughs to the site on each day of the first week of class. Thanks to Sandy Irber and Shelly Hausman for making that happen.
- Skyline sent not only the newly redesigned class schedule to all households in the service area; the college also sent a reminder postcard to everyone. Those who contributed to the class schedule included the Fresh Look Advisory Group, the divisions, the Office of Instruction, Student Services, Campus Ambassadors, ASSC, Office of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness and the Office of Development, Marketing and Public Information.
- Many different outreach efforts were undertaken last spring and this summer which brought Skyline more student athletes, more ASTEP students, and more ESOL students.
- A “students first” philosophy was exemplified by Skyline’s One Stop student services faculty and staff in the ways in which they facilitated students’ access to services in order to complete enrollment. For example, counselors graciously accommodated as many students as possible through scheduled appointments, walk-in and drop in. Heavy student traffic and high demand for services were triaged and addressed collaboratively by the faculty, student assistants, and staff in the Financial Aid Office, Admissions Office, EOPS/Care/CalWorks, DSPS, International Students Program, Veterans Services, Career and Transfer Center, Health Center, Puente, Kababayan, ASTEP, Hermanos, and the Cashiers’ Office.
- Student Activities, in collaboration with the Associated Students, provided a warm welcome to students and staff by holding a free barbeque, giving out free coffee and doughnuts, and hosting the annual pancake breakfast.
- The Security Department improved signage and communication regarding parking enforcement dates and increased their visibility around the campus. These allowed students to feel a sense of safety on campus, to conduct their business during the first weeks without worrying about parking tickets, and to purchase their parking permits on time.

Skyline did shine as the college began the fall semester. This is only a partial list of the many efforts which contributed.

#### **Whitten named to state wide Academic Senate advisory committee**

Linda Whitten, professor of Business, has been named to the Course Identification Project Advisory Committee for the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges. She joins colleagues from the Community College system as well as the California State University and the University of California.

## Escalambre takes Auto Tech training to New York

In August, Rick Escalambre from the Automotive Technology Department traveled to Brooklyn, New York to conduct a two night workshop. The workshop topic was On-Board Diagnostic II systems that are standard equipment on all 1996 and newer model vehicles. In attendance were forty seven automotive technicians from a variety of New York City boroughs.



## Basketball players visit the Children's Center

Justin Piergrossi describes it this way: "We are hoping to build a relationship with the children's center. I know the children will really enjoy their time with the players, but I think it will be an equally rewarding experience for my team. There's always such a natural connection between athletes and kids. With the children's center right here on campus, we wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to have a positive impact on some kids. We will host the kids at the gym a couple of times each semester. We would also like to have some of our players go over and read to the children a couple of times as well." The photos below say it all.



*Photos courtesy of Justin Piergrossi*

### **President's Council Browsing Library launched**

Skyline's President's Council is made up of community leaders who raise funds for the college's President's Innovation Fund, a resource that has been vital in allowing Skyline to do a great many innovative and powerful things for students. This year the group has added something new to their service to the college: they have established a Browsing Library in the Student Center, on the second floor in the large lounge overlooking the Sharp Park Road entrance to the college. The Browsing Library is based upon the "Book Crossing" concept, defined in the Concise Oxford English Dictionary as "the practice of leaving a book in a public place to be picked up and read by others, who then do likewise." (If you want to know more about that, go to <http://www.bookcrossing.com/>.) Thanks to Tom Hewitt for helping the college think through how to do this, to Sandy Irber for her work with the Council members in donating books, and to Jamie Fong, new Council member and proprietor of Fong and Associates, who donated the sign near the bookshelves.

### **PROGRAM AND SERVICES NEWS**

#### **Center for International Trade Development hosts Andean political leaders**

Skyline College's Center for International Trade Development (CITD) hosted a group of young diplomats and political leaders from the Andean countries of Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela on September 6, 2007. Skyline faculty, staff and students, as well as the public, were invited to meet the group and join in the discussion about



*CITD Director Richard Soyombo (left) with members of the Andean delegation held a discussion about trade, politics and diplomacy at Skyline.*

diplomacy, trade and politics. The CITD is partnering with the Institute for International Education to host this delegation. Skyline College CITD and the Institute for International Education have been partners on global affairs since 1998, and Skyline College has hosted several similar delegations from all over the globe.

#### **Common Ground offers "Mixed Feelings"**

Skyline College had an opportunity to view the documentary film, "Mixed Feelings," on September 13 in the Gallery Theatre. The film provides "a personal look at growing up in America...from the perspective of mixed race Asian Americans." Common Ground arranged the film showing and the President's Innovation Fund provided the resources to do it.

#### **Automotive Technology program's NACAT conference**

The North American Counsel of Automotive Teachers (NACAT) held its annual conference July 16-20 on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. The event was co-sponsored by the California Automotive Teachers (CAT) and Skyline played an important role in the success of this

event. Clydie Rizzo and Rick Escalambre were responsible for the conference registration, which saw a record 240 instructors in attendance. In addition, Tom Broxholm and Rick Escalambre conducted two workshops each for their peers. Not only was there a great deal of learning and networking during the week, everyone had a chance to enjoy the long history of the Queen Mary. The conference banquet was attended by 375 instructors, their families, and industry partners. It was a terrific week for everyone involved with the conference. Skyline College's Automotive Department will host the annual spring CAT Conference on April 25 & 26, 2008. This event will bring approximately 180 automotive instructors from California to Skyline College for a weekend of training, tours, and family fun.

### **ASTEP Math Academy off to a great start**

Great news from the ASTEP Math Academy, a learning community aimed at a discipline which has been called a "critical filter" for a huge array of other disciplines and career opportunities. Professor Pat Deamer has given her 60 students their first exam and the group achieved a 90% pass rate, a tremendous start to an important and promising project, funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Working with Pat and the students are counselors Pauline Weatherington and Murrell Green. They did a tremendous job of outreach to these students. Tim Dupree assisted and Tony Jackson provided leadership.



*Math professor Pat Deamer works with ASTEP students*

### **Scholarship Fund Established for WOW! Conference**

The legendary 8-year-old Poetry & Pizza (P&P) series, held September 7th in the Escape From New York Pizza Parlor in San Francisco (333 Bush Street at Montgomery), hosted a reading in the memory of writer and WOW! presenter Isabelle Maynard. The "In The Spirit of Isabelle" evening raised over \$300 to establish a new scholarship fund to support deserving Skyline students to attend the annual WOW! conference. Seven writers from different aspects of Isabelle's multi-talented life read poetry, monologues, short stories and performed short theatre pieces, some written by Isabelle herself and others written by the readers. Skyline English and Creative Writing professor, Katharine Harer, along with poets Clive Matson and Glenn Ingersoll coordinate Poetry & Pizza. WOW! Creative Director and retired Skyline English professor, Marijane Datson, helped co-coordinate the September 7th reading; both Katharine and Marijane read their own work.

### **"Challenges to the Constitution" presented**

Constitution Day was September 17 and Skyline Political Science Instructor Dr. Jeff Diamond presented a video entitled "Challenges to the Constitution." It was followed by a discussion on topics including the Patriot Act, student rights and the War on Drugs.

### **Kababayan kicks off third annual mentorship program**

The Kababayan Program had its third annual Kapatiran Mentorship Program Meet & Greet on Thursday, September 14th in the Student Center. Over 40 students participated in the event, the largest group of mentors and mentees ever! The Kapatiran Mentorship Program (Tagalog for “brotherhood/sisterhood”) pairs up first-semester Kababayan Program members with a peer mentor who is a current Skyline College/Kababayan student and has taken or is currently enrolled in a Kababayan course. Mentees are welcomed into a family of mentors and other fellow mentees and receive crucial support and guidance. These familyas replicate the cooperative nature of the Filipino culture, emphasizing collective responsibility and guidance for one another through an extended family network. Mentees often return in the following years to become mentors themselves. The peer mentorship program is coordinated by Nate Nevado, with assistance from student interns Paul Victoria, Nikki de Rivera, and Denver Sevillena; visiting Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Warly Caturay; and Kababayan Program coordinator Liza Erpelo.



*Fall 2007 Kapatiran Mentorship Program participants. Photos courtesy of Liza Erpelo*



*“It’s all in the family!” Siblings Yab and Jill Cruz are mentors and brothers Daryle and Denver Sevillena are mentee and mentor.*

### **Active Shooter training provided as part of Skyline’s emergency preparedness efforts**

Mike Celeste, Chief of Security, arranged a terrific workshop for Skyline on September 18 on the “active shooter” protocols that police use and on ways the college can best incorporate planning for such incidents into its emergency preparedness. 45 people came together to hear Pacifica Police Sergeant Dave Bertini provide the training. Also present were Pacifica Police Chief Jim Saunders and San Bruno Detective Sergeant Tim Mahon. The district has already provided a system by which students and employees will be able to provide, voluntarily, their cell phone numbers for use to provide text message notification in case of an emergency. The district’s Office of Information Technology Services will be publishing an announcement soon about how to do that if faculty and staff choose to participate. The official rollout will coincide with spring registration. In addition, the college will have another new mechanism for getting out an emergency message on campus; in addition to email and phones, there will be an electronic carillon – a public address system. Skyline expects that to be installed within about a month. Skyline is in the process of updating its Emergency Preparedness Plan and the college will hold a live emergency drill sometime later this year. The Active Shooter training was videotaped and CDs of it will be available shortly. There will also be a repeat training.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Skyline Early Childhood Education (ECE) Department to host outreach event**

On October 17, Skyline College will hold "Pathways to Your Future," Career and College Pathways in Early Childhood Education (ECE). It is an evening of information and resource sharing and the purpose of the event is to attract the people from the local area to Skyline College and provide information on the ECE program, classes, certificates, degrees, and how to transfer to San Francisco State University to earn a four-year degree. Other topics include financial aid, counseling, placement testing, career opportunities in the ECE field and the need for people to fill these openings, and how working professionals can upgrade their skills to take advantage of the available opportunities. The event is similar to one that the ECE Department at Canada held in spring 2006. ECE Program Services Coordinator, Sue Eftekhari, who comes to Skyline to work with ECE students a few days a week and Skyline's ECE Coordinator Kate Browne, are coordinating the event. The event is sponsored by Skyline College, San Francisco State University, Preschool for All San Mateo County, and Child Care Coordinating Council. "Pathways to Your Future" will be held on October 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Skyline College's Building 6, Room 6202.

### **Strengthening partnerships**

Skyline College hosted two separate meetings with the principals and vice principals of the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD) and the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD). The meetings, which are the first of two for the 2007-2008 academic year, are designed to promote ongoing dialogue about current partnership programs as well as to generate new ideas for future initiatives. Ultimately, these dialogues are designed to facilitate the successful transition of high school students to Skyline College. Present during the meetings were Skyline President Vicki Morrow; Mike Crilly, Superintendent of the Jefferson Union High School District; Barbara Olds, Superintendent of the South San Francisco Unified School District; Cheryl Miner, Associate Superintendent SSFUSD; Adele Berg, Principal, El Camino High School, SSFUSD; Michael Coyne, Principal, South San Francisco High School, SSFHD; Robert Beauchamp, Principal, Baden High School, SSFUSD; Christine Baumgardner, Supervisor of Assessment and Research, SSFUSD; Samuel Butscher, Principal, Oceana High School, JUHSD; Tom Minsher, Principal, Terra Nova High School, JUHSD; Lou Silberman, Principal, Jefferson High School, JUHSD; Brenda Morgan Davis, Vice Principal of Guidance, Terra Nova High School, JUHSD. Skyline College and San Mateo College District staff included: Jing Luan, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services; Regina Stanback Stroud, Vice President of Instruction; Lori Adrian, Vice President of Student Services; Rick Wallace, Dean of Counseling and Matriculation; Kenny Gonzalez, Outreach Counselor; Sue Lorenzo, Assistant Registrar; and Leslie Shelton, Director of the Learning Center. These meetings will be followed by focused meetings on specific initiatives, the high school counselor breakfast, and personal visits to each of the high school sites.

## **EVENTS**

### **Skyline presents "The Other 49ers: Untold Stories from the California Gold Rush"**

Skyline College will host a speakers series titled "The Other 49ers: Untold Stories from the California Gold Rush" this fall as a complement to the San Mateo County Reads - One Book One Community events. The talks will be held in the Main Theatre at Skyline College. Certificates of participation will be available.

SKYLINE COLLEGE PRESENTS

# “The Other 49ers: Untold Stories from the California Gold Rush”



## SPEAKER SERIES

Complementing the San Mateo County Reads —  
One Book One Community events.



MAIN THEATRE, 3300 COLLEGE DR., SAN BRUNO



Thursday, September 27, 2007, 12:30 p.m.  
*“Chileans in the Gold Rush”*  
Former Menlo College President Carlos Lopez



Wednesday, Oct 10, 12:00 p.m.  
*“Where Hawaiians Met the Donner Party:  
Early Immigration into California.”*  
James Houston, author of *Snow Mountain Passage*  
and *Bird of Another Heaven*



Tuesday, October 23, 11:00 a.m.  
*“A Portrayal of Yee Fung Cheung”*  
Actor/musician Charlie Chin portrays Dr. Yee Fung Cheung,  
a Chinese herbalist



Monday, November 12, 11:00 a.m.  
*“Women of the Gold Rush”*  
Ruthanne Lum McCunn, author of *Thousand Pieces of Gold*



Monday, November 26, 11 a.m.  
*“African Americans, Slavery and the Gold Rush”*  
Skyline Professor Dr. George Wright



*“The Foreign Miner’s Tax: Anti-Latino and Anti-Chinese Legislation”*  
Skyline Professor Masao Suzuki

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or call (650) 738-4311.



**Culture Comes Alive presents Josefina Lopez, October 4, 2007**

Writer and actress Josefina Lopez is most well known for her screenplay and supporting role in *Real Women Have Curves*, a Latina coming of age film about body image and conflicting ambitions. Set in a seamstress shop, *Real Women Have Curves* is what Elvis Mitchell, critic for the *New York Times* calls “a love song to full-figured women everywhere.” Her latest screenplay is *A Girl and A Ball*, a satire on the quinceañera that she plans to direct in January. Meanwhile, she continues to write and is involved in Latina issues, including the continuing investigation of the brutal maquiladora murders in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. She is an currently an artist-in-residence at the Brava Theatre Academy in San Francisco, and her play, *Boyle Heights* starring youth actors from the Summer Brava Theatre Academy, opened in August 2007. Ms. Lopez will present in the Skyline College Gallery Theatre on October 4, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Relationship Violence Awareness, October 4, 2007**

Skyline College Health Center and Psychological Services is presenting an ongoing panel discussion and question and answer session on Relationship Violence Awareness. Speakers from San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center, Youth & Family Enrichment Services, La Casa de las Madres, San Francisco Police Department, Vice Crimes Division and Skyline’s Joe Morello, Dean of Physical Education will participate in the ongoing panel discussion. The discussion will be followed by a question and answer session. Participation certificates will be available to students and the event is set up so students can come late or leave early. Resource agencies will have informational booths. The event will be held on October 4, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon in Building 6, Room 6206.

**Cameo Appearances, October 6, 2007**

Skyline Music Professor Jude Navari will perform with Meghan Dibble and SMCCD faculty Elizabeth Ingber, Ann Yi in a new music concert entitled *Cameo Appearances* on October 6, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at Cañada College. Music by Cañada Music instructor David Meckler, Jude Navari and Chopin will be presented. The event is free.



**Transfer Day, October 19, 2007**

Skyline will hold its annual Transfer Day on Friday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria in Building 6. More than 30 university and college representatives will be on hand to provide information to students.

**Dances of Chile, October 25, 2007**

Skyline will host "Dances of Chile," a performance related to the San Mateo County Reads - One Book One Community events, on Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. Chilean folk dance troupe Araucaria will present a sampling of dances representing Chile's diverse geography and culture. This free series of programs is funded by the college’s President’s Innovation Fund. For information, call (650) 738-4311.