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The next edition of *Skyline Shines* will be published on Friday, December 5.

Budget update

I promised to keep everyone up to date on our work on the budget issues produced by the expected state reductions to community colleges and the larger fiscal crisis. As you know from last week's edition of *Skyline Shines*, our College Budget Committee (CBC) is now meeting weekly and the synopsis of yesterday's meeting is provided below. In addition there are several other things I want to mention. The first is that Chancellor Ron Galatolo will be coming to each college for an Open Forum to brief everyone and to take questions on any aspect of our district's approach. Skyline's meeting with him will be as follows:

Open Forum with Ron Galatolo
Thursday, December 11
2:10-4:00 pm, Main Theater

Cañada College will have a similar meeting on Wednesday, December 10, at 2:00 pm in Building 3, Room 142. CSM's meeting is slated for on Monday, December 15th at 2:15 pm (location to be decided). Skyline people are welcome there if that time is more convenient for you.

Second, we are identifying cost reduction and revenue enhancement strategies at both the college and district levels. Those ideas are being addressed in our Management Council, our CBC meetings and in the District Committee on Budget and Finance. Our CBC is building upon our existing list of such ideas, adding new ones and adapting them to the current situation. If you have suggestions, please pass them along to us--no matter how wacky someone may think they are, truly. This is the time for our creative juices to flow, so let us hear from you. To facilitate the process, we have created an anonymous E-Suggestion Box exclusively for budget issues. Here is the link:



You can also access it from the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>. It is right next to our regular E-Suggestion Box.

And finally, if you are interested in communicating with state legislators about the budget situation, here is some information that will be of use to you:

- The names of assembly and senate representatives is available at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>.
- The Community College League of California's website provides legislator phone numbers and budget press releases at www.ccleague.org under "Budget Watch."

Women's soccer team makes the state playoffs

Skyline College has qualified for the first round of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Women's Soccer playoffs. The playoffs are a single elimination tournament pitting the top 32 teams in regional and state

competition. The Trojans finished the year in second place of the North Division of the Coast Conference with an 8-2 mark and were 13-7-1 overall. In the opening round, Skyline will be playing Cosumnes River College who finished the season in third place of the Big 8 Conference with a 7-3-4 mark and were 14-5-5 overall. The match will take place at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento on Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the match site with at \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, staff and children. The members of this terrific team are Faye Zink, Marie Torres, Amanda Downing, Leigh Ann MacMullen, Caitlin Ford, Arleen Winkelbauer, Laura Cremen, Jennifer Alvarez, Simone Torres, Jessica Portillo, Isharene Malave, Natalie Corrola, Nancy Majia, Taylor Hill, Michelle MacMullen, Cynthia Herrera, Roxana Cornejo, Michelle Corrola, Darya Favallou, Jenna Motylewski, Holly Anderson, Melissa Drosi and Brittany Natali. In the photo below, the student in the foreground is Amanda Downing. The student in the background (running) is Natalie Corrola.



Photo by Kevin Corsiglia

Sheriffs donate to Hermanos

Skyline College accepted a \$5000 donation to the Hermanos Club from Greg Munks, Sheriff of San Mateo County, on Wednesday, November 19. South San Francisco Chief of Police Mark Raffaelli, a strong advocate and supporter of the Hermanos program, has secured a \$5000 donation to the Skyline College Hermanos Club from the San Mateo County Sheriffs Youth Foundation. The San Mateo County Sheriffs Youth Foundation is a non-profit foundation supported by the Sheriff's Office, privately funded and managed by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Presenting the check were Mark Raffaelli and Greg Munk. I had the pleasure of accepting the check along with student and staff representatives of the Hermanos Club. Hermanos, which translates to "brothers" in English, is a program that helps Latino male students realize their potential, explore the possibility of higher education and succeed academically and in life. Hermanos mentors struggling Latino students at local high schools. The Hermanos Club is a companion organization on Skyline's campus that supports Skyline students who were in Hermanos as high school students. Here we are accepting the donation. Also pictured are Hermanos representatives Pablo Gonzalez (6th from right), Felix Perez (3rd from right), Adolfo Leiva (2nd from right) and Daniel Tostado (3rd from left) and Hermanos/as Geovanna Ferrara, Jorge Munillo, Noemi Perdomo, Enrique Hernandez, Tony Jara, Jose Zaragoza, Stiv Valencia, Luis Osorio, and Juan Pablo Gonzalez.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

Skyline's EOPS program presents three sessions at 38th annual EOPS conference

Staff from the EOPS program presented three sessions at the 38th annual EOPS conference entitled "EOPS: Legacy of Tradition, Transitions, and Transformation – T³." October 28-30. The sessions presented were entitled, "*The Faces of Transformation*," presented by Pablo Gonzalez, EOPS Program Services Coordinator; "*Do you speak EOPS? Habla FAFSA? Communication between EOPS and Financial Aid*" moderated by Maria Escobar, EOPS and Financial Aid Director, and on which Regina Morrison, Program Supervisor for Financial Aid served as a panelist; and "*EOPS Scholarships thru Song and Dance*" presented by Jeff Acidera, EOPS counselor/coordinator, and Javier Urena, CalWORKs counselor, where they shared the results of the successful first EOPS international spring festival that was funded through the President's Innovation Fund. This session also included EOPS students Lesbia Duarte, and Jonathan and David Mailangi as panelists.



Photos by Pablo Gonzalez

Great American Smokeout event draws a crowd

Lung assessments and blood pressure readings were conducted by our Respiratory Therapy students yesterday. The event was sponsored by the Skyline College Health Center. There were also 15 minute stop smoking interventions done by Breathe California and information and brochures on smoking and smoking cessation were available.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

Skyline MESA students network with industry leaders

Last week students from Skyline College's MESA Program attended the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers SHPE National Conference in Phoenix, AZ. SHPE Conference is the major event for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Inc. and the largest technical and career conference for Hispanics in the country. Each year, the SHPE Conference attracts nearly 5,000 engineering professionals, students and corporate representatives. The conference is an opportunity for engineering companies and corporations to recruit top talent from SHPE membership. It also provides educational, technical and career opportunities for professional and student engineers. At the conference, three Skyline students were awarded scholarships based on their level of SHPE involvement and Academic Merit. Skyline's SHPE Chapter was founded in 2002 by MESA Director Tiffany Reardon. Today alumni from MESA who were active in the SHPE Chapter are now SHPE Professionals at such industries as Shell, Pacific Gas & Electric and Boeing. The students pictured are, in the back row: James Chan, Jack Torres, Rystian Cabellon, Luis Bill, Omar Abi-Chahine, and Tyler McLaurin. In the front row, along with Tiffany Reardon, are Marcus Wong, Kelnia Moloney, Margarita Gutierrez, Director Tiffany Reardon, Gebby Rodezno, and Leo Szeto .



Photo by Skyline alumnus Alvaro Martinez

Dia de Los Muertos honored at Skyline with a film and a panel

A celebration of El Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead was held on November 3 in Skyline's Main Theatre. There was a panel discussion led by instructors Lucia Lachmayr, Félix Pérez, John Ulloa and Luciana Castro on the meaning of the

holiday. A film “La Ofrenda” was also shown. In the theatre lobby, members of Skyline’s Puente and the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) sold T shirts, Mexican pastries and hot chocolate. A display of photos and Dia de los Muertos artifacts was set up in the lobby.



BIOBus tour brings local high school students to Skyline

Skyline College and San Mateo High School sponsored a BIOBus Tour of South San Francisco’s Biotechnology Industry, this Wednesday, November 19. Fourteen San Mateo High School students, along with their teachers Jimmy Ikeda and Elynn Daugherty, toured what is arguably the largest concentration of Biotechnology companies in the world. The tour included a stop at Genentech where students were greeted by Genentech’s Paige Lloyd. The tour ended at Skyline College where Skyline faculty Dr. Nick Kapp, Dr. Melissa Michelitsch, and Pat Carter led experiments to provide the students with experiential learning in biotechnology. Skyline’s Kenny Gonzalez met the students and provided an orientation on attending Skyline. Coordinated by Skyline’s Adolfo Leiva, the activity is part of a grant managed by Skyline’s Center for Workforce Development and funded by the Chancellor’s Office, California Community Colleges, to enhance Career and Technical Education connections between high schools, regional occupation programs and colleges.



Photo by Adolfo Leiva

Fall Student Art Show continues through next Wednesday

If you have not had a chance to visit the show, you still have a chance next Tuesday from 1:00-7:30 pm. Here are a couple of photos to whet your appetite. The first one is Xiomara Quevedo who received *Recognition Of Artistic Merit* for "Teapot: Into The Deep", with Virginia Rosales, Photography Club President and district student trustee. The second is from Wednesday night's reception for the artists, sponsored by the Photography Club.



Photos by Leo Rosales

Skyline students win national award

MESA students Constance-Joi Calonge (on the left in the photo below) and Carmina Harris undertook a research project with Chris Case in Biology 230 during the Spring 2007. Joi and Carmina continued their project during the summer in Biology 690. On November 6, 2008, Joi presented the research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, in Orlando, Florida. Their research won the microbiology award.



Photo by Chris Case



“Greenify Skyline” event spreads information about green practices

Students from Phi Theta Kappa, The Honors Club, The Environmental Club and the Honors Transfer Program handed out reusable shopping bags, T-shirts and energy saving light bulbs in addition to literature aimed at raising environmental awareness.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

Skyline students shine at PTK Induction

With friends and family in attendance, 80 Skyline students and 41 Cañada students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for the Fall 2008 semester. On November 7, Beta Theta Omicron hosted the Induction ceremony for new members of Phi Theta Kappa from Skyline and Cañada Colleges. It is the tradition of our two chapters that Beta Theta Omicron hosts the Fall Induction and Cañada's Beta Zeta Nu hosts the Spring induction. Tyler Hammer, Executive Director of Sustainable San Mateo County, gave the keynote address and commended the members on their academic achievement and their commitment to Operation Green. Professor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, Paul Spakowski, called each inductee to the stage to sign the roster. Christopher Hagerman, Nevada/California Regional Vice President swore in the 2008-09 officers for each chapter. Beta Theta Omicron officers are pictured in the top left.



Photos by Chris Case

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008.

1. **Estimated 2008-2009 budget reductions:** Per the CBC's request, Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services, revised the Budget Reduction estimate to show what the district's and Skyline's share would be if the state budget deficit this year is \$11 billion or \$12 billion. Discussions ensued around Skyline's share of the budget reductions, considering its high productivity and load.
2. **District wide list of budget saving suggestions:** The District Committee on Budget and Finance did not meet as scheduled but Kathy Blackwood, district CFO, sent the list of budget saving suggestions submitted to the DCBF to date. Eloisa and Anyta shared this with the CBC. Committee members raised questions about how some of these suggestions will be implemented and how savings will be allocated to the sites. President Morrow responded to questions on managed hiring and informed the committee of the discussions between district staff and unions on retirement incentives and managed hiring. Skyline VPs have met with their deans to review their budgets to identify areas where reductions can be made. The committee talked about the approach that CBC will use in reviewing, prioritizing and assessing each of the recommendations, weighing pros and cons of each one, as well as consequences and impact on programs and service levels.
3. **Skyline budget reduction and revenue enhancement strategies:** The committee reviewed the status of the suggestions that were gathered to assist the college in balancing the 2008-09 budget, and added to this list new ideas and strategies submitted to the committee. A budget e-Suggestion box has been developed so anyone can anonymously submit suggestions for consideration by the CBC and DCBF. President Morrow will post a link to the Budget e-Suggestion box in *Skyline Shines*. A Skyline Share Point will be available soon for all employees which will contain budget updates as well as suggestions to increase revenues and reduce costs.
4. **Next Meetings:** December 4 at 2:10 to 4:00 p.m. in room 5131 (regular meeting); December 11 at 2:10 to 4:00 p.m. at the Main Theater (Chancellor's Open Forum); December 17 at 2:10-4:00 pm in Room 5131.

Coming Up ...

Friday, November 21

- Fall Student Art Show through Nov. 26, Gallery Theatre
- The Human Condition - The Paradox of Affluence Week, 11 am, Room 1306
- Freestyle Friday Open Mic presented by ASTEP, 12p – 2pm, Bldg. 6 Quad
- Men's Basketball at Skyline, 5 pm

Saturday, November 22

- Rock the School Bells Hip-Hop Conference, 9am - 4 p.m., Bldg 6
- Wrestling at Cal State Fullerton, 9 am

- Women's Soccer State Playoffs, 2 pm, Cosumnes River College
- Rock the School Bells Concert, 7 – 10pm, Main Theatre

Tuesday, November 25

- Women's Soccer Regional Playoffs 2nd Round, TBA
- Women's Basketball at Santa Rosa Jr College, 4 pm
- Men's Basketball at Skyline, 7 pm

Wednesday, November 26

- Declared Recess-Evening Courses Only
- Women's Volleyball NorCal 1st Round, TBA

Thursday, November 27

- Thanksgiving (holiday)

Friday, November 28

- Declared Recess

You can see the event calendar at www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html
 To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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