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Skyline Shines

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President's report to the Board of Trustees

The report I gave to the Board on Wednesday, August 13, is available on our website at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

Opening Day 2008

The handouts we shared on Opening Day are available, as usual, on our website at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. Here are a few nice photos from our Opening Day event last Friday, including our annual group photo, our Skyline Shines Award winner Tiffany Reardon, and a group of colleagues eating lunch around the fireplace. Thanks to Shelly Hausman for the photos.





Skyline Faculty rock the Door Cards this fall!

When faculty post their door cards electronically, it provides a valuable service for students. This fall, as of only the **second day of instruction, 100%** of the full time faculty have their door cards posted. Adjunct faculty are getting there too, and already 50% of them have their cards posted. Another example of how Skyline shines! Thanks to everyone involved!

Skyline's first "Achieving Success: Let's Get Started" welcome day draws a crowd

More than two hundred students, family members, faculty and staff participated in Skyline College's first welcome and information day on a beautiful and sunny Saturday, August 16, 2008. The program began with welcome remarks from the College leadership: ASSC President Mauricio Hernandez, Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez, Classified Council President Adolfo Leiva, and me. Program activities included a dynamic speaker on the *Ultimate Road Trip: From Campus to Career*, 6 student workshops, a parent orientation, a program fair, entertainment from our own Kababayan Dance Troupe, a free barbecue, campus tours, and prize drawings, which included free books from the Skyline College Bookstore and 49ers tickets from the Security Office. The College Bookstore, Admissions Office, Financial Aid Office, Counseling, Security, and Cashier were open to serve students. The program fair featured our learning communities, student government and student clubs, the Career and Transfer Centers, the Learning Center, Cosmetology, Apprenticeship, Student Services, and many others. Based on both written and oral feedback, the event was a tremendous success, a lot of fun, and was greatly appreciated by students, parents, faculty, and staff. Students wrote:

"Great program, I'm excited to start,"

"Everything was great. Thanks"

"Keep givin' the love and support."

"Was comprehensive, informative. Enjoyed meeting key staff of your college."

"Please offer this program annually."

"The Plenary speaker was excellent and motivational!!!"

"An informative and fun event"

Thanks to the Planning Committee, comprised of Amory Cariadus, Loretta Davis, Rick Wallace, Regina Morrison, Connie Beringer, Leslie Shelton, Sherri Hancock, Sue Lorenzo, Sherri Hancock and Lori Adrian; ASSC; program fair participants

and the many faculty, staff, and administrators who supported this event. Special thanks also the BSI New Students Planning Team whose work provided the foundation for this event: Virginia Padron, Jacquie Escobar, Nate Nevado, Melissa Komadina, Kathleen Feinblum, Imelda Hermsillo, Rachel Bell, and Stephen Hearne.



Photos by Goldie Lee



Photos by Leo Rosales

Case recognized by SACNAS with the Distinguished Mentor Award for 2008

The Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) announced the 2008 SACNAS Distinguished Community/Tribal College Mentor Award, which recognizes scientific achievement, teaching, and mentorship of underrepresented minority students. The individual recognized represents the highest caliber of mentoring and an established record of encouraging minority students to pursue advanced degrees in science, mathematics, and engineering. Christine Case received the 2008 Award. As a student research project advisor, Dr. Case's students have

published their research, presented posters, and received research awards at many scientific meetings. Since 2002, she has sent 27 student research projects to SACNAS. Here is Chris with current Skyline student researchers Joi Cologne and Carmina Harris.



Photo by Pat Carter

Fulbright Scholar joins the Language Arts Division for the year

Skyline is currently hosting a Fulbright Scholar from the Philippines who is working with Kababayan, our learning community that focuses on the Filipino and Filipino-American experience. Marie Christelle Tio, from Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College in Zamboanga City, Philippines, is at Skyline for a year on a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship (FLTA) grant. One of the main objectives of the program is to provide teachers of foreign countries the opportunity to spend a year in the United States. Her work with the Kababayan program includes teaching, tutoring in the Learning Center, assisting in the classroom, tutoring language students in Tagalog, organizing and participating in extracurricular activities, such as the Filipino Student Union, and acting as a cultural representative.



“Dear Skyline College Family” open letter is sent to all of us

Skyline student Malorie Brewster sent this letter to us. I want to quote the whole thing, because it is really directed to so many people here, including financial aid staff and others.

Dear Skyline College Family,
My name is Malorie Brewster and I am a member of the ASTEP program, Black Student Union, and Women’s Basketball Team here at Skyline. I just wanted to say “Thank You” from the bottom of my heart for your support in assisting me in furthering my education. These efforts shown by financial aid administration and staff have really taught me not to give up on my goals in life and that dreams can come true if I just continue to believe.

Being the first person in my family to attend college, it has always been my personal aspiration to attend a Historically Black University (HBCU). As I graduated from high school almost ten years ago, I never thought that I would have the opportunity to attend a Historically Black College/University. I will be transferring to Albany State University in spring of 2009. I just wanted to once again let you know that I sincerely appreciate all of your efforts and I want you to know that this experience will never be forgotten.

Facilities staff kicks it during the summer

The Skyline Facilities Team takes extra pains during the short summer periods between sessions to get essential work done. Here are some examples of what they were able to accomplish this summer:

- Cleaned all carpeted areas in Bldg 5 and Portables 3B, 3C, 3D & 3E
- Cleaned and waxed classroom and hallway floors in all buildings
- Detail cleaned restrooms in all buildings
- Campus wide shrub pruning
- Washed tennis courts
- Groomed all three synthetic fields
- Freshened 2,000 parking lot stripes in parking lots
- Campus wide weed abatement
- Campus wide signage check
- Coordinated lighting improvements in Staff/Visitor Parking Lot 7 with Atlas Electrical
- Repaired furniture in the Gallery Theater
- Coordinated LOTS of periodic service of equipment all over the college, including chillers, furnaces, and air handlers as well as service and safety inspections on all Facilities vehicles
- Coordinated fire alarm device testing campus wide
- Supported ongoing construction efforts

This is just a partial list, but you get the idea. Please join me in expressing our appreciation for their special efforts.

Remember the Learning Center as a vital resource for your students

I would like to repeat here the information Leslie Shelton sent out earlier this week.

The Learning Center is here to support you and your students as you kick off the Fall Semester. Our hours are: 8 am to 8 pm Mon.–Thurs. & 8 to 4 pm on Fri.

We have many services that can enhance your students' learning, including:

- Individual and small group tutoring
- 4 – week short courses in core reading and writing skill building
- Workshops on many topics
- Study skills courses
- Tutor training
- Instructional materials

We would appreciate your help in letting students know about the Center. You can bring your classes to us or we'll come to you. Our staff is happy to lead a short tour for your classes in the Learning Center or we'll make a class visit to your classroom to give a brief 5-minute presentation. To set up a tour or class visit please contact the following Lab Coordinator:

- Writing and Reading Lab: Jeff Westfall X4330 westfall@smccd.edu
- Math Lab: John Chavez X 4490 chavezj@smccd.edu
- ESOL Lab: Leigh Anne Sippel X4408 sippell@smccd.edu
- Science, Psych & Other: Felix Perez X 4140 perezf@smccd.edu

We look forward to serving you and your students. If you have other needs or questions, please don't hesitate to call!

Skyline Students conduct scientific research over the summer

This summer twelve MESA students conducted independent scientific research under the NIH-funded Bridges Program at San Francisco State University. Six of the students conducted their research at Skyline with Dr. Christine Case. On August 6, the students presented their research for SFSU faculty and students at the SFSU Summer Research Symposium. Tiffany Reardon, Pat Carter, and Chris Case attended the symposium. Here are their projects and a photo of the students:

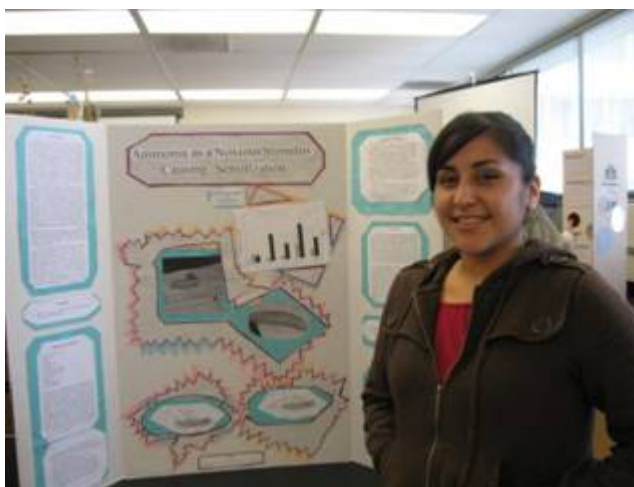
- Claudia Allison Briones and Jonathan Tolentino, "Antibacterial Activity of Herbal Extracts Used in Native American Traditional Medicine"
- Michael Hofler-Bridges, "Testing for the Presence of Antimicrobial Compounds in Native American Folk Remedy Plants"
- Constance-Joi Calonge and Carmina Harris-Bridges, "Evaluation of the antimicrobial activity of Eriodictyon californicum in laboratory media and food"
- Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas - Bridges, "The antimicrobial effects of Aframomum melegueta"
- Jose Luis Gomez-Bridges, "Should we drink water from bottles stored in our cars?"

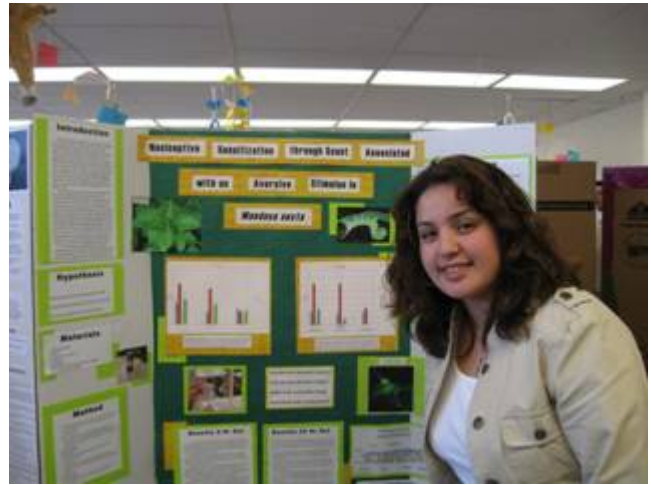
Pictured are (from left) Claudia Briones, Michael Hofler, Carmina Harris, Jose Luis Gomez, Constance Joi Calogne, Jonathan Tolentino, and Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas.



Photo by Chris Case

The remaining five students participated in the directed research portion of this program which is designed to give students introductory research experience so that they may return again the next summer to conduct independent research. Here are Danzel Cohen, Jessica Gonzalez, Estella Gomez and Cristy Gomez, and Cristina Urista:





Welcome to Lillian Hamilton

Please join us in welcoming Lillian Hamilton, Office Assistant II, to the Evening Educational Services Office. Lillian comes to us having served as a Resident Assistant at Florida A&M and with over ten years of customer service experience with the City of San Francisco and AT&T/SBC responding to calls and providing information or assistance to the general public. Lillian holds a Bachelor of Arts-Administration of Justice with a minor in Child Development from Texas Southern University. She will be located at the information desk in Building 2 Office Assistant on Monday – Thursday 5:30 – 10 p.m. in Building 2. Please stop by and welcome her to Skyline College. Many thanks to Bryan Besnyl, Sandy Bianchi and Arden Hamilton for the great work they have done in the interim and for the support and orientation assistance for Lillian as we make the transition. Many thanks to Eloisa Briones and Richard Soyombo for their leadership as Evening Administrators in Charge (AIC's).

Coming Up ...

Saturday, Aug 23

- Women's Volleyball at Los Altos, 11am
- Women's Soccer at Skyline, 11am

Wednesday, Aug. 27

- ASSC Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m., Quad
- Puente/LASO Night at the Giants game, 7:15 pm, AT&T Park, SF

Friday, Aug. 29

- Last Day to Add a Semester Length Class
- Last Day to Drop Semester Length Classes with Partial Refund
- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 1 pm
- Women's Soccer at West Hills College, 3 pm

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 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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