



Skyline College Receives \$450,000 to Strengthen Biotechnology Education Links Between High Schools, Regional Occupation Programs, and Community Colleges

Skyline College received funding from the California Community College Chancellor's Office to improve linkages between the biotechnology curricula of the public schools and community colleges.

Skyline College leads a consortium called **BIOMAPS**, (Biotechnology Instruction Organizations Map Articulated Pathways for Success). The BIOMAPS consortium includes: Gene Connection, Capuchino High School, Career Ladders Project, San Mateo High School, Carlmont High School, San Mateo County Regional Occupation Program (ROP), Northern California Biotechnology Center, Bio-Link, Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College.

BIOMAPS aligns Biotechnology education curriculum between ROP / High Schools and community colleges and develop articulated courses applicable toward the completion of certificate and degree programs. **BIOMAPS** is working to expand work experience opportunities for students, initiate mentor programs (**BIOMentors**), conduct company tours (**BIOBUS**), and provide hands on activities for students to gain first hand knowledge of the industry. **BIOMAPS** provides high quality, industry driven professional development for faculty, including counselors, that enables them to deliver industry driven instruction, career advisement, curriculum and materials to ROP / High Schools and Community Colleges.

This two year project began June 1, 2006 and will last through June of 2008. For more information, contact William Watson, Director of the Center for Workforce Development at Skyline College William.Watson@smccd.edu. 650-738-7035.