



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

March 27, 2009

### **President's report to the Board of Trustees**

The monthly report I gave to the Board last Wednesday is available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

### **President's Breakfast draws the biggest crowd ever**

Our ninth annual breakfast took place in a challenging economic context, and the President's Council decided to confront the challenge by bringing more people than ever to the breakfast. As a result we had 330 people at the event, the highest number ever. Professor Pat Deamer knocked it out of the park as our faculty speaker, telling the audience about how the President's Innovation Fund made the ASTEP Math Academy possible, and the outstanding success of the students who have benefitted from that program. Student Alfredo Rivera talked about how the *Rock the School Bells Hip Hop Conference* changed his life and developed his leadership potential. The funds raised at the breakfast will be vital to our President's Innovation projects for 2009-10. Thanks to all of you who joined us at the breakfast. And please join me in thanking Sandy Irber for her leadership on this important effort. If you are thinking of submitting a PIF project proposal, the **deadline is April 30 at 4:30 pm**, submitted to Linda Ghio. The guidelines and proposal form are at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>. Now here is a taste of the event, thanks to our Student Trustee Virginia Medrano Rosales: the crowded banquet room at the South San Francisco Conference Center with Skyline staff standing to be recognized, student speaker Alfredo Rivera and his mother Patricia Rivera, Pat Deamer doing what she does, Breakfast Co-Chairs Cherie Napier and Denise Miles, President's Council Chair Susan Brissenden-Smith, and Alfredo flanked by Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado.





**Plans for renovation of the gateways, quads and landscaping at Skyline**

The majority of the site work at Skyline will not begin until summer, but one element has just begun. As part of preparing the site for new Building 11N—our Automotive Transmission building, eight large trees were removed yesterday. This was done in order to clear the site and adapt to the new grade in that area, which will include some fill. It was necessary to remove some trees that were outside the actual footprint of the building because the height of the fill required would have adversely impacted their well being. Here is the footprint of the new building and the grading work that will be involved.



The new landscaping around Building 11N will include new trees and additional plant material. As plans and the timing firm up for the rest of the site work for our quads and gateways, I will preview that for you.

**PTK invites you to participate in a very short survey on the use of plastics—give it a look!**

Skyline's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Theta Omicron, is investigating the possibility of reducing the use of plastics on campus. They would appreciate your participation in a very short survey, available online at this address: <http://remark.smccd.edu/cgi-bin/rws4.pl?FORM=B108-BiodegradableSurveyv1>. Thanks to Rob Johnstone for helping the club set up the survey online.

**Skyline's President's Breakfast Video to win statewide award**

We work hard to ensure that the annual President's Breakfast Video really captures the spirit of Skyline and of the innovative projects that the President's Innovation Fund makes possible. Four times in recent years our video has won a statewide award from the community college public relations organization, CCPRO. I am proud and pleased to announce that last year's video, which many of you saw on our Opening Day last fall, will be given the 5th such award. Please join me in congratulating Sandy Irber, KM2 Communications, Bryan Kingston and Anthony Crivelli. The crowd at the President's Breakfast Thursday morning gave rave reviews about it, and my personal view is that it is even better than its five prize winning predecessors.

**Student Services is raising money for student scholarships**

It is not too late to support the fundraising efforts of the Student Services folks who are raising money for student scholarships. The drawing will be April 1.



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**Win Spring Baskets!**  
Proceeds go to Student Services scholarship



**Tickets are \$1.00 each**  
Drawing on April 1  
Spring Baskets on display in A&R

*Tickets available in counseling, student activities,  
financial aid, EOPS and DSPS and A&R*

**Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) draws over 1000 girls to 29<sup>th</sup> annual event**

The college was abuzz last Saturday morning with over 1000 girls and their parents here for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual EYH conference. About half the crowd had attended before. The day-long event began with an outstanding keynote address by Titina Ott, Vice President for Organizational Effectiveness for Oracle Corporation and co-founder and Managing Director for Oracle Women's Leadership (OWL), aimed at cultivating and retaining female talent at Oracle. There were countless hands-on workshops for the girls and informative sessions for their parents as well. The Planning Committee responsible for the event included AJ Bates, Don Biederman, Shari Bookstaff, Pat Carter, Christine Case, Arlene Chang, Pat Deamer, Carla Digennaro, Stephen Fredricks, Mousa Ghanma, Shelly Hausman, Nick Kapp, Wendy Kim, Evan Leach, Sue Lorenzo, Wendy Lum, Melissa Michelitsch, Julie Mooney, Vanson Nguyen, Maria Paulson, April Quok, Cindy Parfet, Tiffany Reardon, Pat Tyler, Ron Van Brusselen and Mike Williamson.

There were also several dozen student volunteers whose assistance was key to the success of the event. The Genentech Foundation for Medical Sciences provided critical support once again. These photos will give you a great sense of the day, and they were taken by Skyline students Derrick Hau and Gary Cheang.



### College Council update

The College Council held its regular meeting last Wednesday. Prior minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/collegecouncil/index.html>.

1. **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning:** Sandy Irber, Director of Marketing, Development and Public Relations, encouraged the members of the Council to identify people interested in serving on the Task Force which will be planning the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events for next year. She will be sending out an invitation college wide, including the link to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary eSuggestion Box. Suggestions and ideas can also be put in the general eSuggestion Box or emailed to Sandy. The links to both are at the bottom of this edition of *Skyline Shines*.
2. **District Shared Governance Council (DSGC) update:** Adolfo Leiva, Classified Council President, provided an update on recent action by the DSGC, including approval of student fee policy revisions, the student fee collection procedures, the procedures for application of payment and parking fees. They also approved changes to the district mission statement.

3. **Smoking policy implementation plan:** Lori Adrian, Vice President for Student Services, briefed the Council on the recent work of the Smoking Policy Implementation Task Force and invited feedback. Their recommendations are in four categories (with detailed recommendations within each): specific designation of smoking areas within the parking lots, clear and visible signage, an educational and communication campaign, and enforcement. There will be a notice about the new policy on the back cover of the Fall Class Schedule as well.
4. **Possible campus shutdown on Monday, April 6:** Vicki Morrow, President, briefed the Council on planning for a possible campus power shutdown on Monday, April 6. The date is not certain yet, but work is underway to ensure the feasibility of the shutdown. If the shutdown occurs, staff who ordinarily would have worked that day will have several options: work at another location within the district, take a vacation day, use comp time, or work a flex schedule to make up the time.
5. **Plans for August Opening Days:** Vicki reviewed initial plans for next fall's Opening Days, which will fall on Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18. The district's event will happen as usual on Monday, and Skyline will hold our Opening Day event on Tuesday, as we have done for the past couple of years. The two afternoons will be available for division meetings and professional development activities.
6. **Textbook Cost Task Force:** Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, reported that the Task Force is partially populated and it will begin its work before the semester is out.
7. **Classified Council update:** Adolfo reviewed plans for the Classified Retreat and indicated that Classified Senate elections coming up next month and both he and Linda Herda will be stepping down from their roles and President and Vice President of the Senate. The Council expressed appreciation for their active participation and leadership on the College Council.
8. **District Compressed Calendar Committee update:** Adolfo provided an update, indicating that there will be a college wide survey related to this proposal in May.
9. **Next meeting:** April 22

#### Coming up...

##### Friday, March 27

- Nature Insideout- works by Ronit Arnon, Eliza Barrios, and Patricia K. Kelly through April 3, Gallery Theatre

##### Saturday, March 28

- Baseball at City College of San Francisco, 12pm

##### Tuesday, March 31

- Baseball vs. West Valley College, 2pm
- Badminton at Mission College, 3pm
- Career Networking Night, Building 6, 5:30-9pm

##### Thursday, April 2

- Baseball at Gavilan College, 2pm
- Badminton vs. Fresno City College, 3pm\

#### Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **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/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website:



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



And for ideas about Skyline's **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration next year, 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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