



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**  
August 15, 2008

**Welcome back!** I look forward to seeing everyone in the Main Theater this morning. Here are a few updates on events over the summer and forthcoming events.

### **Jump Start program nurtures success in the class of 2008**

Leslie Shelton prepared this wonderful description of this summer's Jump Start group:

The heavy fog rolling across campus on Thursday evening, July 24<sup>th</sup>, did not dampen the spirits of the twenty-seven rambunctious high school juniors and seniors who gathered with their families and a wonderful team of Skyline College faculty to celebrate the conclusion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Jump Start summer program. Both joy and sadness filled the air as these "unlikely" college students marked a kind of success that few had experienced recently in their high school classes and said goodbye to newfound friends. Along the span of their intensive 6 week journey at Skyline, many were challenged to show up consistently, learn new math and English skills, develop their video expertise, and discover the inner and outer supports available for college success. Few expected to like the experience or see college as a real option in the future. Most just came just to get a bunch of valuable high school credits and gain the possibility of graduating on time. But the Skyline faculty worked its magic, as demonstrated in the students' own words.

*Now that I joined Jump Start I feel like my life has turned around. My experience was unbelievable because I didn't think there was a program that could motivate me to do work and want to stay in class. Most importantly, the teachers were actually teaching me something. Marion*

*When I first came I was shy in the company of others. But, since I had to work in different groups, I had to learn to communicate with people, and I actually learned that I enjoy the company of others. Now I am really excited about college and about learning. Alyssa*

The evening was filled with examples of the students' creations. Awards of Excellence were given to a selected few outstanding students in math, English, video and college success. The celebration culminated with the presentation of the Outstanding Scholar Award exemplifying excellence in all four academic categories. As his stunned family sat in the audience Damion Concepcion, an Oceana High student, was announced as the unanimous winner nominated by all faculty members. Damion's summed up his experience this way:

*What I liked most out of this experience was learning a lot of different things about school, but also about myself. I learned that I underestimate myself all the time when it comes to school, but when I came here, that all changed... This experience has changed me by teaching me that I can do anything if I just put my mind to it. No matter what the situation, work, or problem, I can solve it.*

This is the magic of Jump Start – newly realized potential and renewed hope. Heartfelt thanks go to all the staff and faculty who created the brew that nurtured these students, including Vanson Nguyen, Math instructor; Amy Leonard, English instructor; Viola Lasmana, Video instructor; Daryan Chan, College Success instructor, Eugene Garcia, Math Instructional Aide; and Felix Perez, Study Skills instructor, and Leslie Shelton, Director.

**Library's first ever book discussion group to convene over Eggers' *What is the What***

We heard about it from Tom Hewitt in June, and now we have the date for the first meeting of our Library's first ever book discussion group. It will be on September 25 at 2:00 pm in the Library and the film presentation will be on October 15 at 12 noon in the Main Theater. The book is available in the Bookstore, right on the front counter. I read the book myself over the summer and found it to be fascinating, instructive and very moving. I recommend it wholeheartedly.



As Tom said in June,

As a member of the Peninsula Library System (PLS), Skyline College Library will support the PLS initiative known as *One Book One Community: San Mateo County Reads*, sponsored by all of San Mateo County's libraries. This year, PLS has selected Dave Eggers' *What Is the What*, a lightly fictionalized memoir, whose principal subject is the "lost boys" of Sudan. The event will be open to the entire campus community and to the public.

### **Skyline MESA Director presents at MESA Academy for science and mathematics educators**

About 300 teachers from K-12 schools throughout the state spent the first weekend in August in San Ramon, learning how to foster an interest in math and science among their students. The MESA Academy for Science and Mathematics Educators (MASME) was held at AT&T's regional headquarters. It started Friday and continued through Sunday, offering more than 50 workshops for attendees. Skyline MESA Director, Tiffany Reardon, presented a workshop entitled, "The MESA Continuum" that focused on continuing the MESA Pipeline while in college.

### **Skyline students shine in the community**

During the summer, our Phi Theta Kappans volunteered their time for the local community. They picked up litter at the Sweeney Ridge trailhead on Skyline's campus. And they raised money to fight cancer by walking continuously for 24 hours in the Pacifica Relay for Life. Additionally, Jessica Lau and Denis Ivanchenko attended the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute where they were immersed in the honors study topic, The Paradox of Affluence. In the first photo on Sweeney Ridge are, from left, Kelnia Moloney, Jessica Lau, Bianca Llarena, and Ashley Good. In the second one, Relay Team, from left: Denis Ivanchenko, Ashley Good, Margarita Gutierrez, and Jessica Lau.



### **Asian Culture Week is coming!**

Asian Culture Week will take place between September 15-20, 2008 in the Skyline College Main Theater. The Asian Culture week has been arranged by Hui Pate and is hosted by the Skyline College Asian Studies Program and China Dance School/Theater. It is sponsored through the DOE's Title VI A grant, – Bay Area Chinese TV Station KTSF, two Chinese newspapers and our Physical Education Department. The highlight of the event – Chinese Dance Performance will take place on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. You will hear more details as the date approaches, but here is a quick peek at the planned events.

# Asian Culture Week

**亚洲文化周**  
**September 15-20, 2008**  
Main Theatre, 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066



**An American in China free film**  
一个美国人在中国  
Monday, September 15 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
The meeting of two rich and of water ways is a gateway to another world, yet a world that is its own way, just the same as our own. Politics, cultural differences and business cannot change the fact that we all share the same common humanity and the same basic desire to be loved and loved.



**The Postmodern Life of My Aunt free film**  
姨姨的后现代生活  
Wednesday, September 17 • 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
A film about a woman's life growing up in the U.S. when most her parents, Chinese, thought of her as a young generation growing up in the "west" China through the eyes of the older generation.



**Chinese Food Fest**  
September 15 & 17 • 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Quad  
Food for purchase. Donor partial scholarships for Skyline College Study Abroad in China Program.

**China Dance School & Theater performance**  
Saturday, September 20 • 7:30 p.m.  
China Dance School & Theater, directed by world renowned Chinese master, Business Yin.

**Tickets:**  
Advance sales: \$18  
At the door: \$20  
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## New walkway between Buildings 5 and 6—no more fence jumping needed!

This week, construction is being done to create a walkway around Building 5 so faculty, staff and students do not have to walk around the back of Building 5 or through Building 5 to travel between the parking lots/Pac Heights and the central campus. Thanks to the Facilities staff for their work to develop a solution to this barrier and to get it implemented in time for fall.

## Skyline Student wins TAP Scholarship for UCLA

Kai Ke Bill Wu transferred to UCLA from Skyline and has just been identified as one of only 64 outstanding students to receive a Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) Scholarship for the forthcoming year. He was part of our TAP Honors/Scholars program here. His selection entitles him to an academic scholarship of at least \$5000 per year. It is renewable for a second year based on grade point average, progress and participation in undergraduate research or an off-campus internship. He grew up in San Francisco, attended Lowell High School and then came to Skyline. He's a Business major at UCLA.

## Skyline running class crosses the Golden Gate

Here is a picture of Mike Fitzgerald's summer running class at the Golden Gate bridge. The entire class made it over and back without stopping. As part of the class they also all jogged to Tanforan Mall; some of them ran all the way back.



### **Antonae Robertson joins Office of Instruction**

Please join me in welcoming Antonae Robertson to the Office of Instruction, substituting for Theresa Tentes as the Administrative Secretary during the Fall semester. She comes to us with experience as an Administrative Secretary and Administrative Assistant at California Pacific Medical Center and Bayview Property Management respectively. Antonae also has experience working as a clerical aide at City College of San Francisco. She began on August 11.

### **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/>.



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- 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/>

**Skyline Shines** is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.