



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

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**President's Report to the Board of Trustees is available online**

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

**Barbara Daley wins state wide Classified Employee of the Year Award**

Barbara has gone all the way! She was Skyline's nominee to our Board of Trustees for this award, she was our Board's nominee to the Board of Governors (BOG) for the California Community Colleges, and now she is one of only five people state wide selected to be recognized at the May 4 meeting of the BOG. Here is how the BOG agenda describes the award:

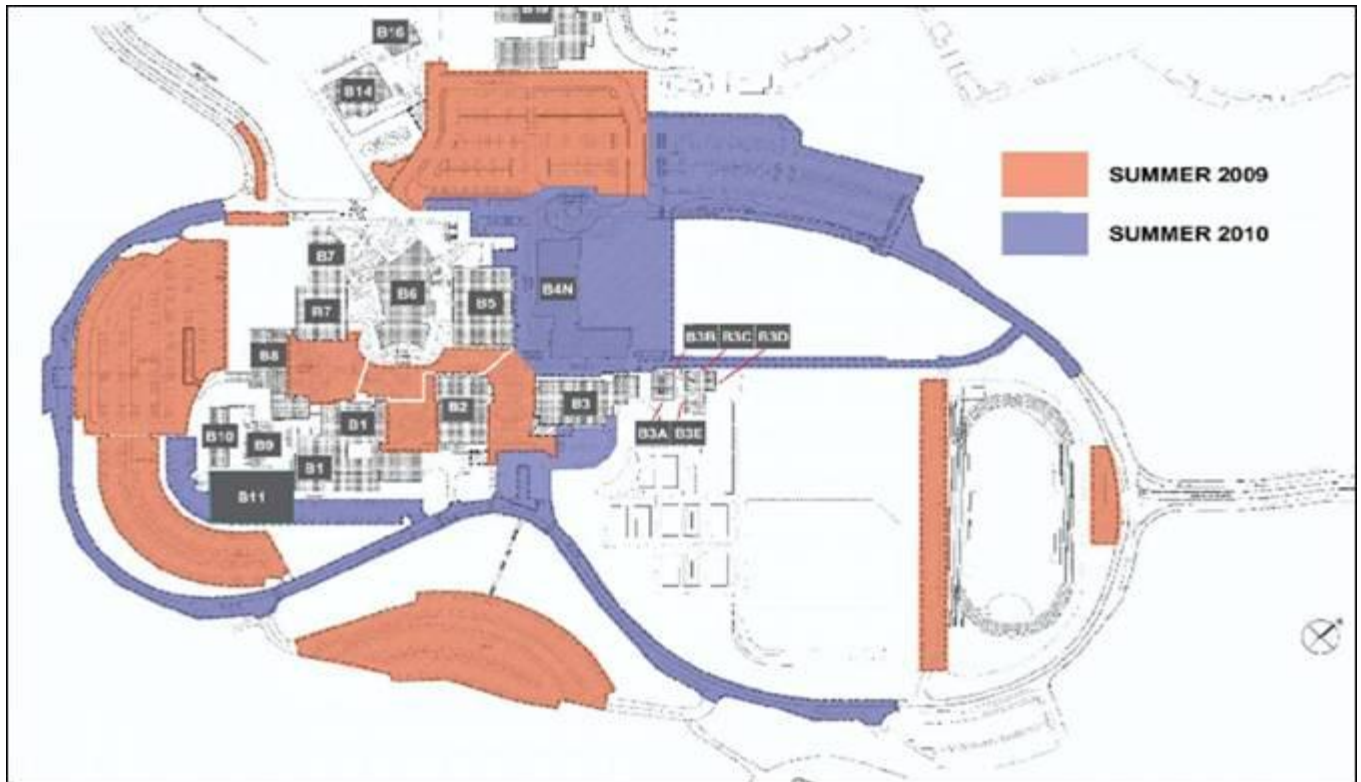
The *Classified Employee of the Year Award* was established through a resolution at the May 2008 Board of Governors meeting. The Award is to be given out annually starting in May 2009 to honor community college classified employees who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. Recipients are nominated by members of their college/district community and endorsed by their local Board of Trustees. Award recipients are selected by representatives of the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, the Chancellor's Office, and the Foundation for California Community College and must have a record of outstanding performance of professional activities, as well as a record of active participation on campus and beyond. The *Classified Employee of the Year Award* is supported through a grant from the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Each recipient will receive a \$500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

Please join me in congratulating Barbara for this well-deserved honor!

**Open Forum on Landscaping, Parking and Sitework**

Yesterday's Open Forum focused upon the work on our campus which will begin this summer, and it included an overview of the site plan for our campus, the landscaping plan, the parking plan, the construction logistics plan and there was plenty of time for comments, questions and answers along the way.

Representatives from Hensel Phelps Construction Company, Gates and Associates Landscape Architects, Swinerton Management Company and our district Construction Planning Department provided the details in each of these areas. I will be providing a more detailed Construction Planning Update on my website soon, but for now here is an overview of what will be taking place this summer and next summer. The demolition work will be conducted during these periods, and the planting of new vegetation will take place during fall 2009. We will also post the detailed PowerPoint presentation used in the Forum on the President's Office website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.



#### **Hermanos program wins Kent Award**

Skyline's Hermanos program at South San Francisco High School has been selected to receive a Kent Award for 2009. The San Mateo County School Boards Association initiated the J. Russell Kent Award Program in the 1980-81 school year. The Kent Awards are designed to recognize and publicize outstanding programs that are being implemented in a school district, county office of education, or in the community college district in San Mateo County. The Award is named after the past County Superintendent of Schools for San Mateo County, J. Russell Kent. The Hermanos program was created by the Latinos Unidos group at Skyline, including Pablo Gonzalez, Jacquie Escobar, Felix Perez, Kenny Gonzalez and Adolfo Leiva. Hermanos, which means "brothers" in Spanish, is a pilot program that addresses the academic, psychological and social needs of Latino males through academic support, mentoring, and family support. The goal of Hermanos is to work with male students to address issues of poor motivation, lack of academic skills, college readiness; and to enroll these students in college upon high school graduation. In 2008-09 South San Francisco High School and Capuchino High School will offer a Hermanos Program. The program has been funded for three years by the President's Innovation Fund, and Hermanas was added to it in the current year. The coordinator for Hermanos/Hermanas is Daniel Tostado. The Kent Award will be presented at a banquet on May 11.

#### **The juried Student Art Exhibit and mural dedication are coming next week**

This spring's Student Art Exhibit will open on April 28. We will gather at 5 pm to dedicate the Gallery Theater's new external mural and then the reception for the juried student art exhibit will begin at 5:30. Join us if you can! The piece below is by Ramses De Guzman and its title is "Octopus."



2009 SKYLINE JURIED STUDENT ART EXHIBIT  
GALLERY THEATRE      APRIL 28 - MAY 14  
RECEPTION: APRIL 28, 5:30-7:30 PM

### **Skyline recognized at the International Phi Theta Kappa convention**

Beta Theta Omicron, Skyline's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society earned top honors for 2008. Chapter officers and members worked hard to develop and implement scholarship programs using the Honors Study Topic, Paradox of Affluence, and service programs consistent with the service topic, Keep America Beautiful. The chapter won the Scholarship Hallmark Award and the Service Hallmark Award. The chapter was one of only 10 chapters in the world to earn the Continuing Excellence Award, for being a Distinguished Chapter for three consecutive years. One other California chapter, from Butte College, earned the Continuing Excellence Award. The Distinguished Chapter award is given to the 25 chapters that earn the highest scores for their Leadership, Scholarship, and Service programs. Chapter awards are on display outside room 7106. Skyline students also won the USA Today Case Study Challenge, which involves developing a lesson plan that includes background information, implications for society, and study questions on a current event related to the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic. From June 2008 through February 2009, Skyline students Kelnia Moloney and Jessica Lau worked on the case study "Sustaining natural capital in an affluent society: will more become less." The case study won the USA Today challenge. Skyline students have won this national competition six out of seven years. The chapter is indebted to the Skyline Librarians and Library Staff for their ongoing support for the case studies. Recent case studies are on the USA Today website at <http://www.usatoday.com/educate/college/student-home.htm>. All Skyline case studies can be read at [http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/boo/case\\_study.html](http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/boo/case_study.html). Beta Theta Omicron president, Ashley Good, won the Distinguished Chapter President award. Pictured below in the first photo are Skyline students Derrick Hau, Mauricio Flores, Aiyman Hadi, and Jessica Lau holding the chapter's awards in Dallas, April 17-19. In the second photo, Jessica Lau accepts the Case Study Challenge Award.



*Photos by Chris Case*

### **Two key roles in the College Success Initiative are now filled**

Math Faculty member Michael Hoffman has been selected to be the Achieving College Success (ACS) Coordinator. ACS is a learning community made up of English, Math and Counseling courses. It is designed to provide a holistic approach to education, fostering academic excellence and success with a strong social component. The mission of ACS is to improve beginning college experiences through academic achievement and creating a sense of community and connectedness to college; to increase student success and retention rates; and to provide a foundation upon which future academic and career goals are built. Michael will provide leadership for the development and coordination of a comprehensive First Year Experience program. More information about the ACS Learning Community can be found at [http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/office\\_instruction/college\\_success\\_initiative/acsLearnComm.html](http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/office_instruction/college_success_initiative/acsLearnComm.html)

Math Faculty member David Hasson will be working with the College Success Initiative and the English Language Institute to facilitate the development of Contextualized Teaching and Learning (CTL) strategies and curriculum. David will work with the faculty in English, ESOL Math to and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs to form a network of faculty interested in interdisciplinary, integrated contextualized education. David and the Skyline College faculty engaged in contextualized education will connect to broader CTL initiatives and strategies on the regional and state level.

### **Wells Fargo partners with Skyline's Fashion Merchandising program and local Chambers in neighborhood renovation project**

Thanks to a \$10,500 grant from Wells Fargo, Skyline College's Fashion Merchandising students will be working on a Small Business Neighborhood Renovation Project, supervised by Professors Michael Murphy and Ally Nuschy. The college has partnered with the San Bruno and South San Francisco Chambers of Commerce and Renaissance/Start Up to identify and renovate five small businesses in the cities of San Bruno, South San Francisco, Redwood City and East Palo Alto. Each team will have a \$2,000 budget to design and implement improvements to each business storefront. In mid- May, Small Business Appreciation Month, a team of judges will visit each of the stores, and the winning team of students will be awarded \$500.

### **National Library Week brings cake, readers and books together**

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of the nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. The theme this year was "*Worlds connect @ your library*". Skyline Library kicked off the weeklong celebration (April 12-18) with a display featuring books that have changed lives throughout history, including:

- The book that changed my life: 71 remarkable writers celebrate the books that matter most to them.
- Shelf life: how books have changed the destinies and desires of men and nations.
- Worldly wisdom: Great Books and the meanings of life.

And for those of you who are putting together your "bucket list":

- 1001 books you must read before you die.

The Library had a great turnout for their coffee and cake reception on Wednesday, and gave away hundreds of library-themed pens, pencils, notebooks, wristbands, bookmarks, and puzzles. They concluded the celebration on Friday, with a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Bookstore. Student Elliott Spear was the lucky winner.



*Photos by Caroline Ocampo*

**PEP sessions are a bonus for prospective students and parents**

On Saturday, April 18, we hosted our second Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) session to graduating high school seniors from high schools in the San Mateo County and San Francisco County school districts. We were able to provide placement testing and orientation to 130 students. Parents were also given an orientation which also included a viewing of this year's President's Innovation Fund video. They were very impressed with the many innovative programs and services that we provide here at Skyline College. The energy and enthusiasm of the students were evident as many of them responded that "they cannot wait to

start classes at Skyline College.” Many faculty, staff, and students made this event possible for our students. Jocelyn Vila and her student assistants, Grace Swint, Madeline Stark, and Yesenia Morales, did an exceptional job in preparing the necessary materials for the event. Thank you to the following staff and students who took time on a beautiful sunny day to help out with PEP: Minerva Velasquez, Loretta Davis, Andy Davis, Nadia Tariq, Janelle Tillotson (Counseling Intern), Goldie Lee, and Lillian Hamilton. We even had parents graciously help us out with serving lunch. Thank you to Kenny Gonzalez and Nate Nevado for providing leadership for PEP. This event is yet another reason why Skyline College shines!

### **College Council update**

The College Council held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, April 22. Minutes of prior meetings are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

- 1. Budget update:** Vicki Morrow provided an update on the deteriorating state budget situation. The key factors are the declining revenue estimates (compared to those used in balancing the budget for 2008-09 and 2009-10) as well as the strong possibility that the May 19 ballot measures upon which the balance depends will not be approved by the voters. She noted that the College Budget Committee (CBC) will meet next week to discuss this and that they may well be a mid-May Open Forum for the college on the subject.
- 2. District Shared Governance council update:** Adolfo Leiva, Classified Council President, reviewed the topics discussed, including the District Strategic Plan evaluation process, the plus/minus grading proposal and the district budget.
- 3. Smoking policy implementation plan:** Lori Adrian provided an update on discussions of the implementation plan with the Academic Senate. Specific areas within the parking lots are being designated so that ash trays can be provided there and smoke can be concentrated away from the flow of foot traffic. The Task Force will be touring the proposed sites. The group is also recommending that there be signage and indication in the pathways on the ground to show when people are entering the smoke free zone..
- 4. Compressed Calendar Committee survey draft:** Adolfo Leiva reported that Skyline’s draft survey is near completion, and that Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness is assisting Skyline’s representatives to this district committee with the design of the survey. It is currently slated for electronic distribution at Skyline during the first week of May.
- 5. ASSC update:** Mauricio Flores, ASSC President, reported that 40 Skyline students participated in the March 16 budget rally in Sacramento. ASSC elections will be held May 18-22 and will be done online.
- 6. Classified Council update:** Adolfo Leiva reported on the Classified Council Retreat coming up next week.
- 7. Next meeting:** The last meeting of the year on May 27 will include selection of the Skyline Shines award winner for this year.

### **Coming up...**

#### **Saturday, April 25**

- Baseball at San Jose College, 12pm

#### **Monday, April 27**

- Annual Student Art Exhibition (Shows through May 14)

#### **Tuesday, April 28**

- Baseball vs. Monterey College, 2pm
- Gallery Theatre Mural Dedication, 5pm
- Reception for the Annual Juried Skyline Student Art Exhibit, Gallery Theatre, 5:30-7:30pm

#### **Wednesday, April 29**

- San Francisco State University Day, Cafeteria, 10-1pm

#### **Thursday, April 30**

- Last Day to Withdraw From Semester Length Classes Only

- Baseball at Ohlone College, 2pm
- Deadline for Skyline Shines Award nomination, 4:30pm
- Pilipino Cultural Night “Brownout” - Preview Night, Main Theatre, 7pm

**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/>

**Skyline Shines** is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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