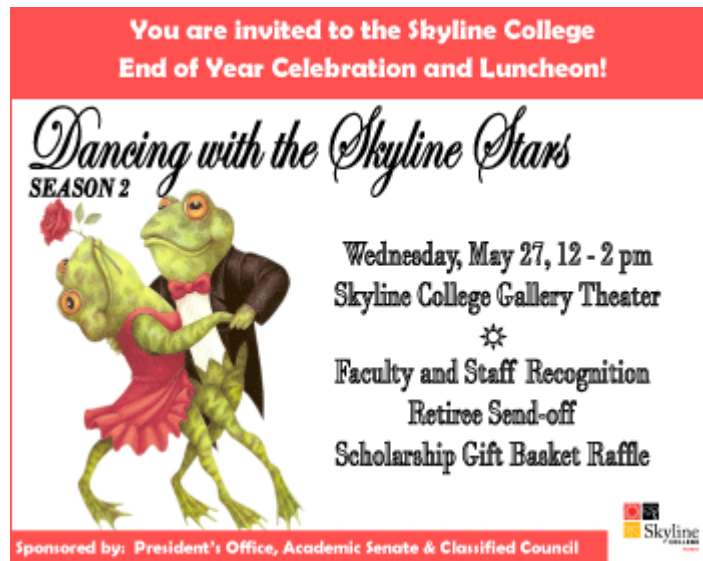




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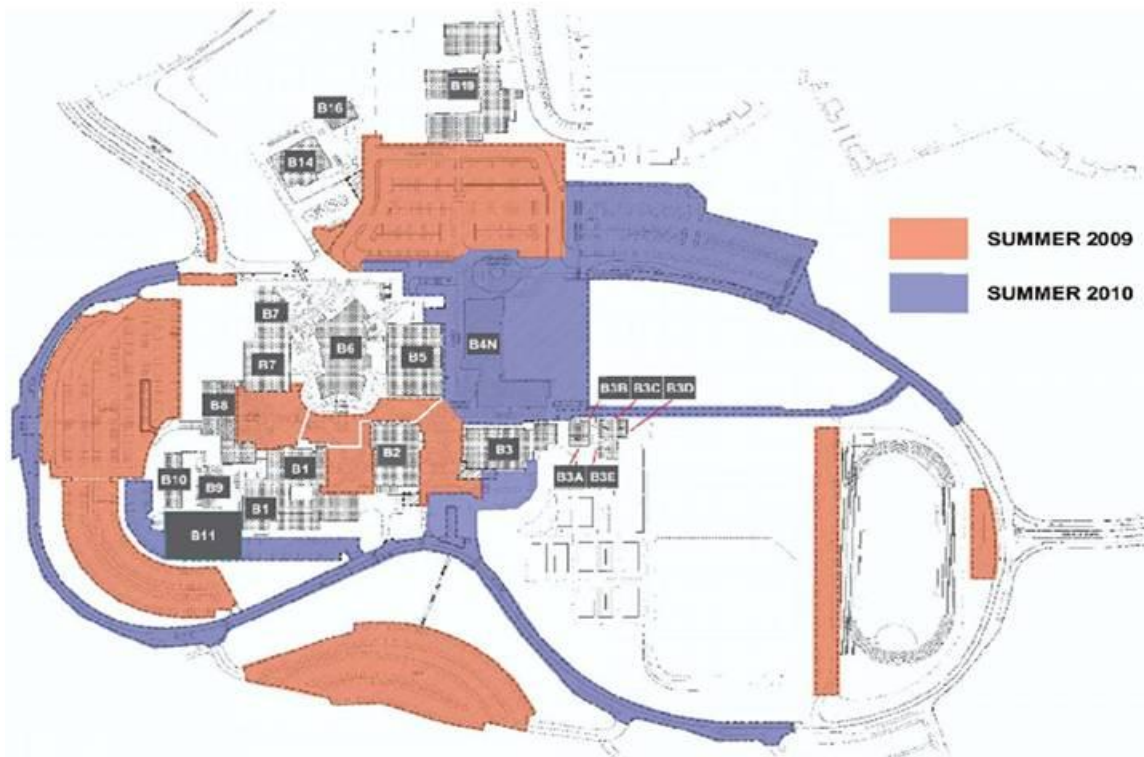
**End of the Year Celebration and Luncheon—Season 2 of Dancing with the Skyline Stars!**

This is always one of the most joyous and most mellow events that faculty and staff enjoy every year. Please be there if you can!



**How will the college look different next fall? Or “What’s with all the fluorescent pink paint?”**

Our April 23 Open Forum on Landscaping, Parking, Gateways and other Sitework covered the changes which will begin this summer. For those of you who will be away until August, you will be returning to expanded parking, new gateways to the college on College Drive and Sharp Park, and the quads will all be restructured. The landscaping will not be complete until later in the fall, but you can get a look at the plans on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/constructionupdates.html>. The slides used in the Open Forum are there. The slide below gives you a rough idea where the big changes will be this summer.



### President's Innovation Fund projects selected for 2009-10

We have just completed the eighth round of President's Innovation Fund (PIF) grants, awarding almost \$70,000 to a wide variety of projects. As usual we had more terrific projects than we could fund, but also as usual, we did our best to align other funding sources to stretch our PIF dollars and bring on the maximum possible number of projects. Skyline College's annual President's Breakfast, as well as the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, raises the financial support for the President's Innovation Fund, which encourages the college's faculty and staff to "dream out loud." You can read descriptions of the projects on our President's Innovation Fund website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>; here are the titles of these great projects:

- Rock The School Bells: Multicultural Hip-Hop Conference
- Performing Arts Showcase
- EOPS & Skyline College: 40 years & Still Fabulous
- A 24/7 Learning Center
- Is the Nintendo Wii Effective in Improving Physical Skills?
- Automotive Department Women's Recruitment and Retention Initiative
- Online Professional Development Program for Counselors
- Hermanas – Building an educational bridge into higher education for young Latina students
- Skyline Reads: *The Mistress of Spices*

### Transfer Student Hall of Fame honorees named

The Transfer Center hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> Transfer Success Celebration & Skyline Stars: Transfer Hall of Fame celebration on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 family, friends, faculty, and staff participated in this event. 2009 transfer students were given a certificate and a gift in recognition of their academic achievements. As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Skyline Stars: Transfer Hall of Fame, five Skyline College alumni were inducted in the Transfer Hall of Fame. The inductees are: Genevieve Fehlbaum-Lam, Carlos Albert Flores Hernandez, Dr. Victoria A. Santa Elena-Hindes, Tricia Sanford, and Sharron E. Thompson. Our inductees were given an award and a certificate. In addition, their names will be included in a plaque outside of the Transfer Center (along side the plaque of our past inductees); as well as have their pictures and biographies

added to the Transfer Center website (Hall of Fame page). In addition, a Transfer Advocate award was given to Coleman Billingslea, UC Davis, TOP advisor, for the tremendous support he gives to our students. In addition to the Transfer Celebration, the Transfer Center hosted three other well attended events within the last four weeks, described below.

### **Transfer Fair (Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Co-sponsored with DeVry University, Transfer Fair: A focus on Private Colleges, was held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4 – 8 pm. With a focus on evening students/the working adult, this first-annual event was aimed at providing our students the opportunities to explore non-traditional colleges tailored to the working adult. Thank you to all the colleges represented: Academy of Arts University, Bellevue University, CA Institute of Integral Studies, DeVry University, Expression (College of Digital Arts), Golden Gate University, Int'l University of Nursing, Life West Chiropractic College, Menlo College, National Collgee, Notre Dame de Namur University, University of Phoenix, William Jessup University, San Jose State University, and California State University East Bay. A special thank you to our DeVry partners - William Minnich, Dean, Devry Daly City; Randy Lapitan, Assistant Director of Admissions, and Joseph Tolod – for extending to us their co-sponsorship support.

For their endless support in helping organizing the Transfer Center events, the Transfer Center would like to acknowledge the following *Friends of Transfer*: Virginia Padron, Andy Davis, Loretta Davis, Angelica Gorostiza, Adolfo Leiva, Jocelyn Villa; Student Assistants Lori Batioco, Yee Chan, Nyo Hla, Yesenia Morales, Grace Swint, Dina Valdelomar; Counseling Interns Carlos Romero, Jose Gutierrez, and Janelle Tillotson. All Transfer Center events are coordinated and organized by Goldie Lee and Jacquie Escobar.

### **SFSU Day (Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>)**

The first annual SFSU Day was a huge success. Representatives from SFSU'S Colleges of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Business, Education (Teacher Preparation), Engineering, Ethnic Studies, and Health and Human Services, along with the Student Service Departments (EOP; Financial Aid; Student Outreach Services). The college and department representatives were on campus to meet with our students and to answer their questions regarding their respective colleges. Thank you to Dr. Frieda Lee, Director of Outreach Services from SFSU, for helping us sponsor this event on behalf of our students.

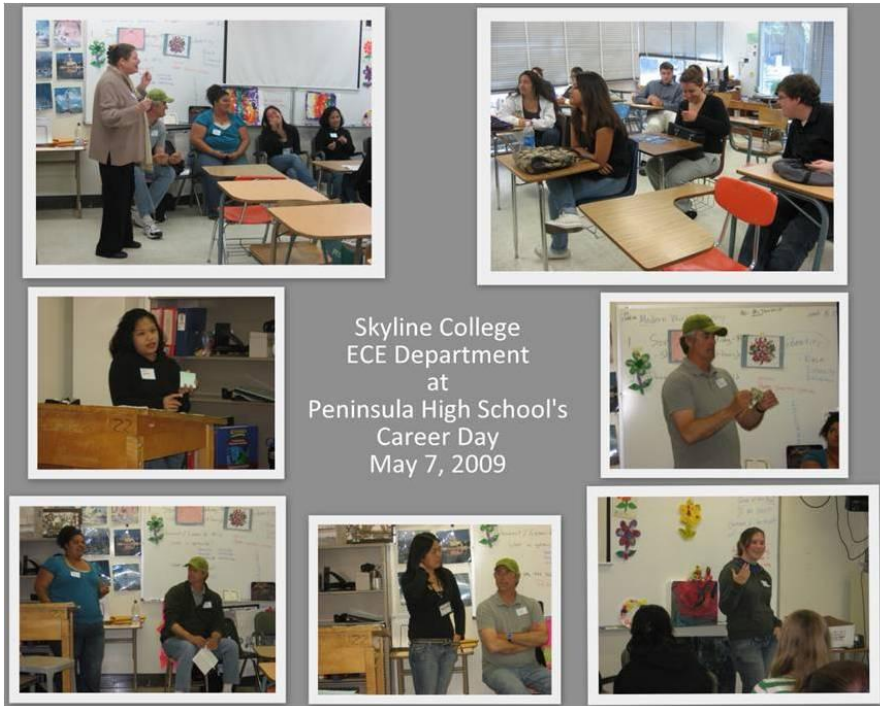


### **Business Networking Night (Thursday, April 23<sup>RD</sup>)**

Co-sponsored with Golden Gate University, Business Networking Night gave students the opportunity to participate in a panel presentation with professionals in the field of Accounting and Finance to hear them discuss their backgrounds and the profession. Over 27 students and staff participated in this well attended event. A special thank you goes to David Javate, Assistant Director of Outreach Enrollment Services, Golden Gate University, and for all his work in putting together this event and for his sponsorship support. Thank you to accounting professor, Linda Whitten, for offering her students extra credit for participating in this panel discussion.

### **Early Childhood Education Department presents at Peninsula High School's Career Day**

On Thursday morning, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Skyline Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator, Cece Rebele, and five of Kate Browne's students participated in Career Day at Peninsula Continuation High School (PHS). The students were Harvey Althaus, Sierra Gilmore, Rachel Hudson, Bonnie Yeung and Jan Gotera. They all spoke about careers in the Early Childhood and daycare field and brought their own personal experiences and stories. Judith Heldberg, Skyline's Child Development Center (CDC), provided the group with artwork from the Skyline CDC that graced the classroom. During the two career sessions, over 30 PHS students heard stories of how panel members became interested in working with young children, how the courses at Skyline have brought meaning to the development of children in their personal lives and how they hope to move forward in teaching and promoting quality child care with their careers. Two students came from entirely different backgrounds in former careers and decided to make a change; some are just starting out in college and all of them exhibited their enthusiasm about Skyline College and becoming ECE professionals. The program included the progression throughout Skyline, Cañada and the San Francisco State University BA Degree program in Child and Adolescent Development and Harvey even shared a few magic tricks! Cece and the panel helped explain the various courses, the Child Development Permit and what that means in terms of teaching young children in the various age groups. Cece also promoted the Concurrent Enrollment Program throughout the SMCCCD. Thanks to everyone for their participation in this rich program! Thanks to the ECE students for these photos, and to Jocelyn for the collage.



### **Skyline's music students perform**

Last Friday evening, Skyline's Concert and Jazz Bands performed exciting programs to an enthusiastic audience here at Skyline. On May 25th, some of the brass and percussion players in our Skyline College Community Band will be participating in a special Memorial Day Ceremony at Golden Gate National Cemetery. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Jazz Band will also perform at Skyline's Commencement on Friday, May 29. Thanks to faculty members Billy Robinson, and Russ Ferreira.

### **Future Skyline students celebrate "Butterfly Graduation"**

The children in our Child Development Center who are about to go off to kindergarten participate in a graduation from "caterpillars" to "butterflies." The ceremony is held in our Theater and is attended by the younger children, many family members and Skyline faculty and staff. The experience is an important rite of passage for them, and it is part of ensuring that these children see college as part of their future. Here are a few shots to give you the feel of it—very fun!



### **PEP (Priority Enrollment Program) brings high school seniors and parents to Skyline**

On Saturday, May 9, Skyline hosted our third Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) session to 75 graduating high school seniors from high schools in the San Mateo County and San Francisco County school districts. PEP provided graduating high school seniors with "one-stop" services that included assessment testing, orientation and scheduling a counseling appointment. PEP students are granted priority registration for Summer and Fall 2009. Parents were also given an orientation. Both students and parents were very impressed with the many innovative programs and services that we provide here at Skyline College. Many faculty, staff, and students made this event possible for our future students. Jocelyn Vila and her student assistants, Grace Swint and Yesenia Morales, did an exceptional job in coordinating and preparing the necessary materials for the event. Thank you to Kenny Gonzalez and Nate Nevado for providing leadership for PEP. A special thank you to the following staff and students who took the time to help out with PEP: Minerva Velasquez, Loretta Davis, Andy Davis, Nadia Tariq, Janelle Tillotson (Counseling Intern) and Goldie Lee.

### **Honors Program Symposium**

I had the pleasure of attending last Wednesday's Mini Symposium at Skyline to hear some of our students present their research projects from the Second Annual Community College Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University held this April. Board President Karen Schwarz was there as was member Dave Mandelkern and honors student and student Trustee Virginia Medrano Rosales. The projects presented were these:

- Omar Cubillos and Bruce Thompson, "Asexual Mussels and Hermaphroditic Fish"
- Daniel Filous and Melba Madrigal, "The Last Option: An Investigation into the Stigma Associated with Community College"
- James Chan, Leo Szeto and Jon Weiner, "Creating a Robot Mouse."
- Ashley Good, "Sweat Fetish."

Here is the whole group of Honors students who went to Stanford for the Symposium, along with faculty Katharine Harer, Karen Wong and Luciana Castro.



### **Classified Breakfast draws a cheery crowd**

The breakfast at Skyline last Monday for Classified Employee Appreciation Week was a huge success, with 41 classified employees attending. The event was hosted by the Classified Council and CSEA Chapter 33 as part of Classified Employee Appreciation Week. Thanks to Chris Weidman for these great photos!



### **Open Forum video now available on the iTunesU website**

I mentioned in last week's edition of *Skyline Shines* that the video of our Open Forum on the Budget would be on the website soon. It is now available at <http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu/>. Click on "Take me to SMCCD.EDU at iTunesU" and then scroll down to Skyline's section. Click the Budget Updates tab. The video is in two 39 minute segments. It includes Kathy Blackwood and Jim Keller providing the update on the state and district budgets, and Ray Hernandez and Eloisa Briones describing the impacts on Skyline and what the College Budget Committee is doing to address them. Harry Joel described the managed hiring process which will be utilized for those whose positions are defunded.

## **College Budget Committee (CBC) update**

The College Budget Committee met on May 21, 2009. Minutes of prior meetings are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

1. **The May Revise and early analysis of impact on SMCCD:** Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones gave the committee the highlights of the Governor's May Revise which proposed severe cuts to community colleges for the current year and 2009-10. As a result of the defeat of ballot initiatives in the May 19 special election, California faces a total deficit of \$13.98 billion in 2009-10. The Governor's proposal included more deferrals of apportionment payments to districts, across the board cuts to categorical programs, property tax shortfalls that will not be backfilled, and only 1% enrollment growth. These amounts are subject to change as the Governor's proposal will still go to the Legislature before the final state budget is passed. Community colleges will suffer a disproportionate share of cuts if the proposed budget is passed. Eloisa noted that at the recent meeting of ACBO (Association of College Business Officers) there was very strong support reported for the passage of AB 551 which would take away this district's chance of moving to basic aid status. District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood's preliminary assessment of budget cuts to SMCCD's apportionment and categorical programs is estimated between \$13.8 and \$14.6 million for 2009-10.
2. **Preview of proposed cuts to categoricals:** Eloisa presented a budget chart from Scott Lay of the Community College League of California that shows the proposed changes for 2008-09 against the 2008-09 Revised Enacted Budget, and the proposed changes for 2009-10 against the 2009-10 Enacted Budget. Proposed reductions to categorical programs are 14.7% and 57.2% respectively, for a total of 71.9%. Eloisa presented a matrix based on this analysis that showed the impact of the proposed reductions to Skyline's categorical programs. If passed, these reductions will have a very detrimental impact on categorical programs considering that a significant portion of each program's funds are budgeted in salaries and benefits for permanent employees.
3. **Next steps:** Due to the magnitude of the cuts, more drastic measures will need to be identified to ensure that the district remains solvent. The college will continue to work over the summer to identify additional cost-cutting measures, collaborating with the district office and the other two colleges as needed. CBC will hold monthly meetings in June and July; participation will be voluntary. Co-Chairs Eloisa and Ray will keep the committee up to date via email with state and district budget information as these are received.
4. **Next Meeting:** June 25, 2009.

## **Coming up...**

### **Friday, May 22**

- Final Examination Begins for Day Classes through 5/31

### **Monday, May 25**

- Campus Closed- Memorial Day

### **Tuesday, May 26**

- Solo Voice Class Recital, Gallery Theatre, 7pm
- Final Examination Begins for Evening Classes through 5/31, except Monday Evening classes

### **Wednesday, May 27**

- Faculty and Staff End of Year Celebration, Gallery Theater, 12-2pm

### **Thursday, May 28**

- Solo and Ensemble Voice Class Recital, Gallery Theatre, 12:30pm

### **Friday, May 29**

- Day Classes End
- Commencement, Gym, Door opens at 4:15pm, Commencement starts at 5pm

**Monday, June 1**

- Final Examinations for Monday EVENING Classes only

**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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