



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

February 27, 2009

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

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

### **Skyline Shines Awards: Call for Nominations**

The Skyline Shines Award, now in its fourth year, is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of the Skyline employees and one to a member or group from the community. **Nominations must be made by 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 30** using the official Nomination Form (at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html> under "Skyline Shines Awards"). The nominations must describe the ways in which nominee(s) help the college live up to the college's values (the criteria are included with the form). Nominations should be sent to Linda Ghio, Assistant to the President. They may be mailed, faxed (650-738-4338), or emailed to [ghiol@smccd.edu](mailto:ghiol@smccd.edu). The address is:

Linda Ghio, President's Office

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**Criteria for the award:** The awardees would be those who most help the college live up to the college's values:

#### **Campus Climate**

We value a campus-wide climate that reflects a 'students first philosophy' with mutual respect among all constituencies and appreciation for diversity. Both instruction and student services are dedicated to providing every student with an avenue to success.

#### **Open Access**

We are committed to the availability of quality educational programs and services for every member of our community regardless of level of preparation, socio-economic status, cultural, religious or ethnic background, or disability. We are committed to providing students with open access to programs and services that enable them to advance steadily toward their goals.

#### **Academic Excellence**

We value excellence in all aspects of our mission as a comprehensive community college offering preparation for transfer to a baccalaureate institution, workforce and economic development through vocational programs and certificates, Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, and lifelong learning. We are committed to academic rigor and quality with relevant, recent, and evolving curriculum and well-equipped programs that include new and emerging areas of study. We are dedicated to providing education in a climate that values innovation and freedom of intellectual exploration, discovery, thought, and exchange of ideas for all.

## Community Connection

We value a deep engagement with the community we serve and our role as an academic and cultural center for business, industry, labor, non-profits, government and the arts.

## Shared Governance

We value just, fair, inclusive, and well-understood governance processes based upon open and honest communication.

**Context:** The awards will be made on the college's Opening Day, in August 2009.

### Process for selecting awardees:

- College employee or group: awardee selected by the President in consultation with the College Council.
- Community member or group: awardee selected by the President in consultation with the President's Council Executive Committee.

### It is also time for President's Innovation Fund proposals to be germinating

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2007-08, **the deadline this year is Thursday, April 30, 4:30 pm** in the President's Office. The guidelines and the proposal form, will be on the website by next Wednesday, April 2. You can see last year's version now on the Faculty and Staff page on our website at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html> (under President's Innovation Fund).

### Today is the day for "Black Inventors" exhibit in the Main Theater Lobby

The poster features a black header with the title "BLACK INVENTORS" in white serif font. Below this is a large red rectangle containing the text: "PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EXHIBITION Of OVER 100 INVENTIONS BY BLACK INVENTORS". This is followed by a line of asterisks and the text "MATH ACADEMY", also flanked by asterisks. To the right of the red box is a vertical column of four framed portraits of Black inventors, each with a name tag below: Madama Walker, Garrett Morgan, George Washington Carver, and Dr. Charles Drew. Below the red box is a grey rounded rectangle with the event details: "DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2009", "TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM", "PLACE: SKYLINE COLLEGE MAIN THEATRE LOBBY". At the bottom left is the Skyline College logo, and at the bottom center is a teal rounded rectangle with the text "Sponsored by R. J. Reed".

## **Skyline's Technology Plan adopted by the College Council**

Skyline College now has a comprehensive 5 year technology plan toward developing an integrated state-of-the-art information technology environment. The plan strives not only to support student success and enhance instructional and administrative technology, but to improve communication, help maintain a safe environment and enhance teaching and learning opportunities both at the college and beyond. The plan has a rich underlying philosophy of accessibility, "high tech" and "high touch" while taking great care that the technology serves, not drives the college in its Mission, Vision, Goals and Strategies. All constituent groups played active roles in creating and shaping the plan. Multiple presentations to the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Associate Students, Instructional Leadership Team, Managers Council and College Council were made, gathering and incorporating feedback to create the comprehensive plan. Please join me in thanking the college and district faculty, staff, administrators and student members of the Technology Advisory Committee who led this important work. Nick Kapp, SMT Division Faculty Co-Chair, Regina Stanback Stroud, Vice President, Instruction Co-Chair, Tom Broxholm, Alma Cervantes, Norm Del Prado, Rich Goltz, Sherri Hancock, Tom Hewitt, Margery Meadow, Andrew Lee, Ray Parenti-Kurttila, Felix Perez, Judith Lariviere, Jim Petromilli, Leigh Anne Sippel, Mike Williamson, and Christopher Weidman. The Plan will be posted on our website shortly.

## ***WOW! conference and Kababayan featured on the radio***

Skyline's *Women on Writing (WOW!) Conference* and the Kababayan Program were recently featured on the Filipino American Radio Show! The radio program, which has a listenership of 80,000 in the Bay Area, aired on KVTO 1400AM. On February 14, the show featured *WOW!* workshop facilitator, author, and Skyline English Professor, Kathleen de Azevedo. Discussion focused on creative writing classes at Skyline, literary careers for women, and *WOW!*'s dynamic conference program. The following week Liza Erpelo, Kababayan Program Coordinator and English Instructor; Nate Nevado, Counselor; and Alex DeGuzman and Fred Fontelar, Kababayan students, gave a lively interview on what it's like to be a Filipino American student at Skyline and what inspired the Kababayan Program. The group was able to promote and invite everyone to the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball being held on Saturday, February 28. The Filipino American Radio Show is hosted by Caroline Ocampo, Skyline's Interim Public Information Officer.

## **Skyline holds an emergency preparedness exercise**

On Tuesday and Wednesday, several members of Skyline College participated in a Table Top and Functional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Exercise. The scenario was a major earthquake which collapses a campus building and creates a hazmat situation in a chemistry lab. In this scenario there were a number of casualties which did facilitate full activation of the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and provided a number of tasks that were managed by the Crisis Action Team and EOC Emergency Response Team. The scenario was realistic and facilitated excellent training. We completed the classroom instruction on Tuesday, February 24th. All Emergency Response Team members (Crisis Action Team and EOC Emergency Response Team) attended this training. This training covered Emergency Operations using the National Incident Management System (NIMS) / Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS - 2 hrs) and EOC Documentation and Procedures (2 hrs). On Wednesday, February 25 we completed the 1.5 hr Table Top Exercise from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM with the members of the Crisis Action Team. At 2:30 PM we activated the Functional EOC Exercise for all members of the Crisis Action Team, EOC Emergency Response Team and the Simulation Team. The training was a success and will be followed by further training for other members of the college. Here is a peek into what went on.





*Photos by Jose Nunez*

#### **Two Skyline students intern with Hensel Phelps on Building 4**

Hensel Phelps Construction Company, the firm which is handling our Design Build Project (new Buildings 4 and 11 and extensive sitework and landscaping) has two Skyline College student interns working with them on the Building 4 project. Both are Engineering students. The students are Kahlil Dabeet and Maher Dabit.

#### **Time for the Transfer Student Hall of Fame nominations!**

Since 2005, the Skyline College Transfer Center has sponsored the Skyline Stars: Transfer Student Hall of Fame ceremony. The vision for this project was to have a means of recognizing and honoring former Skyline College students who had gone on to achieve exceptional and career success. This year's nominees will be inducted during the ***Transfer Success Ceremony*** scheduled for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Building 6, Cafeteria. Students inducted in the Transfer Student Hall of Fame will receive an award & certificate, and will have their name and picture added on to a plaque. Students will also have their biographies and pictures added to the Transfer Center's Skyline Stars webpage. Plaques of all nominees are presented for viewing outside of the Transfer Center.

The 2009 Nomination form is available from Jacquie Escobar or Caroline Ocampo. We ask that you to nominate any former Skyline College student(s) that you know have gone on to exceptional educational and career success. You may nominate more than one individual (please use a separate form for each nominee). **Nominations forms must be submitted by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please submit your form(s) to Mrs. Goldie Lee at the Transfer Center, Building Two, Room 2227 or email your nominations to [glee@smccd.edu](mailto:glee@smccd.edu). All nomination forms received will be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from the Skyline College community. Three inductees will be selected to receive this honor.

## Web site update—keep those cards and letters coming!

We are reading your comments and suggestions. Feedback is quite positive overall. We're fixing broken links, making sure the pdf documents work correctly, and bringing over information from the old site that we missed in the initial migration. If you have additional advice, please use the e-suggestion box link <http://remark.smccd.edu/cgi-bin/rws4.pl?FORM=B72-WebsiteFeedbackSurveyv1>.

## Thanks to those who brought us the Groundbreaking/Ribbon Cutting last week

Thanks to Sandy Irber, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ray Al-hubaishi, Maher Dabit, Ray Parenti-Kurttila, Xenia Giolli, Joyce Young, Caroline Ocampo, Glenn Claycomb, Kanjana Srisupatpongsa, Richard Inokuchi, Kamla Bucceri, Jose Perez, Mike Celeste, Zak Conway, Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor, Amory Cariadus, Mike Williamson, and Ray Hernandez for helping make the Groundbreaking and Ribbon Cutting last Thursday such a positive celebration! Our guests appreciated the warm welcome given by our ASSC student volunteers and personal transportation from our Facilities department. Thank you to all who made the Open House of the Science and Allied Health building so fun and inviting.

## College Council update

The group met last Monday. Minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

1. **Budget update:** Vicki Morrow provided a brief synopsis on the budget signed last week by the governor. She noted that further details would be available when the College Budget Committee meets later in the week. (See those notes below.)
2. **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning:** Sandy Irber, Director of Marketing, Development and Public Relations, invited participants in the planning group for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated beginning with Opening Day and continuing throughout the year. She noted that suggestions have begun to come in via the eSuggestion Box, available via the front page of our new site; there is a link there to all of our eSuggestion Boxes.
3. **Plus/minus grading pilot:** Ray Hernandez, President of the Academic Senate, reported that a pilot project is planned for the fall 2009 semester, with the idea that faculty would submit regular grades but would also indicate what the plus or minus grade would have been. That would allow the three college senates to analyze the resulting data and use it in their future discussions of this proposal. The details are yet to be worked out.
4. **Student Equity Committee update:** the committee has been formed and held its first meeting on February 17. A briefing on their initial work was provided in last week's *Skyline Shines*.
5. **Smoking policy implementation plan:** Lori Adrian, Vice President for Student Services, briefed the Council on the plans being developed for implementation of the policy in fall 2009, including publicity, resources, and enforcement. A subcommittee of the Health and Safety Committee is being formed to deal with the planning in detail.
6. **Technology Plan adoption:** The Council acted to approve the Skyline Technology Plan and expressed appreciation to the many people involved in developing it. Thanks were given to Regina Stanback Stroud for her thorough process of presenting it to the college's governance groups.
7. **Board of Governors' Classified Employees Award:** There were five nominees for the first annual award and the Council met last week to select the winner as Skyline's nominee to the district's Board of Trustees: Barbara Daley. Barbara and the other four nominees were also recognized in last week's edition of *Skyline Shines*: Pat Carter, Pablo Gonzalez, Linda Herda, and Sue Lorenzo.

## College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on February 26, 2009. Prior minutes are archived at <http://skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/index.html> under "Governance and Committees."

1. **Kathy Blackwood presentation:** District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood briefed the CBC on the highlights of California's budget for the remaining months of 2008-09 thru 2009-

10. There is no provision for COLA. The deferral of apportionments has caused significant cash flow problems for community colleges across the state, including SMCCCD. Apportionments will also be deficiated due to the shortfall in property taxes. There is no increase in student fees. While it appears that community colleges fared very well, it is important to note that the state budget was built on some proposals that will go into the May 19 ballot. Depending on the outcome of the election, there may be changes to the current state budget at the May Revise. Of the three scenarios Kathy presented to the Board of Trustees recently, she announced that the district is facing the "best case" scenario she had presented, with \$4 million in cuts. These result from the current state budget, the lost interest income and opportunity costs due to the deferral of apportionments and loss from the Lehman Brothers collapse. There are still a number of unknowns that will affect the district's budget. Kathy also discussed the proposal to charge other post employment benefit (OPEB) costs for permanent employees to the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. In the long run, savings in the general unrestricted fund will be generated as grants and restricted funds carry their OPEB costs. There was discussion around the impact this will have on categorical funds. Kathy requested the college's input before the plan is implemented in 2009-10.

2. **Budget crisis:** George Wright invited CBC to participate in the statewide public workers conference on March 15th at Sacramento City College that aims to lay out effects of the economic and budget crisis on public services and workers, and develop strategies to address the crisis.
3. **Enrollment update:** Regina Stanback Stroud briefly went over the Productivity Report which shows Skyline's FTES and load this year exceeding target goals, despite some changes from implementing revisions to hours by arrangement.
4. **New grant awards:** One of the CBC's budget balancing strategies is to seek external funding through grants. Regina briefed the CBC on Skyline's \$2 million grant by the Department of Labor and a state Career Tech Education grant to establish an English Language Institute. Vicki Morrow commended the individuals who developed the grant proposals. .
5. **Next steps:** Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones will update the budget reduction scenarios that the CBC approved. There still remains a lot of ambiguity around the state and district budget. The site allocations will be presented to the committee as soon as this information is made available.
6. **Next meeting:** March 12, 2009.

### **Photo credit for last week's *Skyline Shines***

The photographer for the Groundbreaking and Ribbon Cutting was Vic Valbuena Bareng, who took photography and art classes at Skyline.

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

#### **Friday, February 27**

- Exhibit of paintings and drawings by San Francisco based artist Stephen Namara (through Feb. 28), Gallery Theatre

#### **Saturday, February 28**

- Baseball vs. Cañada College at Skyline, 12pm
- Kababayan 5-Year Anniversary Ball, Janet Pomeroy Center, 6pm-12am

#### **Monday, March 2**

- WOW! conference registration deadline extended for faculty, staff & students

#### **Tuesday, March 3**

- Baseball vs. Monterey College at Skyline, 2pm

#### **Wednesday, March 4**

- Hospice Care & Philosophy presentation, Rm. 2306, 12:10 pm

#### **Thursday, March 5**

- Baseball vs. Cabrillo College, 2pm

#### **Saturday, March 7**

- WOW! Conference, Main Theatre, 8am to 4 pm

**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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