



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

August 21, 2009

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

I gave my monthly report to the Board of Trustees Wednesday night, August 19. It is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> annual Skyline Shines Awards honor Dino Nomicos and the President's Council**

The annual award 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 given each year at the college's Opening Day Celebration, one for an employee or group of employees (selected by the College Council) and one for a community member or group (selected by the President's Cabinet). This year the employee winner was Dino Nomicos. The community winner was the President's Council. Congratulations to them all!

#### **Faculty Door Cards hit 100%**

One more clear indication that Skyline Shines—100% of faculty door cards are available on our website! They are a valuable tool for many students as well as for colleagues seeking to make contact or schedule meetings. They help the college run smoothly, and I am grateful to everyone for giving this a priority and getting them out there right at the beginning of the fall semester. Thanks!

#### **Opening Day materials are available on our website**

Each year we post online the materials which are in our Opening Day packets. They can be found at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

#### **How many students do we have now, really, and where are they going to park?**

Every one of you knows what you are seeing in terms of student demand in your classrooms and in your offices. Our enrollment is up 16.5%, and we now have 10,180 students—a record high. The consequences are numerous, including unprecedented parking pressure in spite of the addition of 61 student spaces. As a result, some overflow parking areas are being created which should be ready by Monday morning, one behind Loma Chica and one near the College Drive/Loop road intersection. Signage will be adjusted and there will be people directing traffic to help students locate available spaces. In the longer term, we hope to add parking in the place of Pacific Heights once it is demolished and we are seeking state funding to help with that.

#### **ASSC's Welcome Week activities are announced**

The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) has announced activities for students this week and next. All activities will be held in the Student Center, Building 6.

Wednesday, 8/19	5:00pm-7:00pm	Pizza Night
Friday, 8/21	11:00am-1:00pm	Welcome BBQ
Monday, 8/24	9:00am-1:30pm	Club Fair
Tuesday, 8/25	5:00pm-7:00pm	Coffee Night
Wednesday, 8/26	7:30am-10:30am	Pancake Breakfast

The ASSC needs servers for the Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday, August 26. If you would like to help, please email Amory Cariadus at [cariadusa@smccd.edu](mailto:cariadusa@smccd.edu).

### **What is Skyline going to look like?**

If you want to get a better idea of what the campus will look like when the construction and sitework and landscaping are complete, you can get an idea from a PowerPoint presentation which was provided at an Open Forum we held last April and which is posted on our website at this address:  
<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/constructionupdates.html>

### **Smoking policy takes effect**

I would like to repeat here a message from Ray Hernandez to all faculty concerning the new smoking policy taking effect this fall:

Skyline College has implemented a new Smoke Free Policy. This policy restricts smoking in designated parking lot smoking areas. In an effort to raise awareness of the new policy the Academic Senate is encouraging all Faculty to share this information in their syllabi and review during the first class meeting to help make students aware of this change. You may use the following excerpt:

“Smoking is now only permitted in designated areas in parking lots around campus. Areas are clearly marked and equipped with ashtrays. The active participation and cooperation of all students, faculty, staff and guests in promoting a healthy and safe environment at Skyline College and guests are expected to observe the smoking policy. Tobacco-free resources are available in the Student Health Center, located in Building 2, room 2209, (650) 738-4270, and on the Skyline College website.”

This change also provides an opportunity to educate students about the policy by integrating assignments into your class. Faculty are encouraged to develop assignments that have students address the new smoke free policy and issues surrounding smoking.

Please feel free to contact any of the following people who have been participating on the Smoke Free Taskforce should you have questions, comments or suggestions:

Lori Adrian, VP Student Service	<a href="mailto:adrianl@smccd.edu">adrianl@smccd.edu</a>
Donna Elliot, Health Center	<a href="mailto:Elliott@smccd.edu">Elliott@smccd.edu</a>
Ray Hernandez, Respiratory Therapy Program	<a href="mailto:hernandezr@smccd.edu">hernandezr@smccd.edu</a>
Regina Morrison, Financial Aide	<a href="mailto:Regina.Morrison@smccd.edu">Regina.Morrison@smccd.edu</a>
Emily Risk, Health Center Nurse	<a href="mailto:riske@smccd.edu">riske@smccd.edu</a>

### **Second Annual Welcome Day offered for new students**

On Saturday, August 8, Skyline College hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Welcome Day for new students, parents, and families. About 200 students and their families participated in informative and interactive workshops such as *Surviving Your First Year: A Student Panel*, *Preparing for Transfer*, *Funding Your Future*, *How to Do College: Teachers' Perspective*, and *How To Do Online Courses*. The day kicked off with welcome remarks by Vicki Morrow, President; Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President; Adolfo Leiva, Classified Council President; and Denisse Gonzalez, ASSC President. The attendees were then treated to an energetic and inspiring opening talk about college success by Greg Lewis, a presenter from MakingItCount.com. After two sessions of educational workshops, the attendees participated in a variety of activities: the Program Fair which highlighted different programs, services, and learning communities; live entertainment by the talented Kababayan Dance Troupe, small group discussions with faculty and staff, free lunch, campus tours, and prize drawings. Parents and Families were treated to a Parent/Family Orientation. Based on evaluations and remarks from attendees, this year's Welcome Day was an informative and fun event for all. This success would not have been possible without the help of faculty, staff, students, and administration. Huge thanks to ASSC and Student Activities, AV, the Bookstore for the free bags and donating one semester of books, Central Duplicating, the Counseling Department, District IT, Facilities, Financial Aid Staff and Campus Ambassadors, Marketing and PIO, Program Fair participants such as EOPS/CalWorks, PE/Athletics/Dance/Adaptive PE, Honors Transfer, Puente, Surgical Technology and Allied Health, Kababayan Program, ASTEP, Center of International Trade, Cosmetology, TRIO/STAARS, DSPS, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Transfer Center, Counseling

Division, Skyline Concert Choir, Theater Club, and Early Childhood Education; Skyline Events Staff, Workshop Presenters and Facilitators, Swinerton Construction Management, Pacific Dining, and Administration. Please join me in thanking all of the Skyline College students who came out and volunteered for the event and also participated in the Student Panel discussion; Virginia and Leo Rosales for providing photography for the event; and most of all to the planning committee who met throughout the summer to provide a great event for our new students: Connie Beringer, Nate Nevado, Jocelyn Vila, Maria Escobar, Patty Mendoza, Regina Morrison, Amory Cariadus, Adolfo Leiva, Leigh-Anne Sippel, and Alice Erskine.



### **E-Books service being piloted by the Bookstore**

Skyline's Bookstore is piloting the sale of e-books at Skyline College this fall. If the program is successful as we hope it will be, it will be rolled out to all three colleges in the spring with many more titles. Kevin and his team will be evaluating the sale of this digital content and any related issues that arise. Please let Kevin Chak know if you have any questions.

### **Kababayan holds first Leadership Retreat**

From July 30 through August 2, the Kababayan Program held its first Leadership Retreat in South Lake Tahoe, attended by 22 student leaders from the Filipino Student Union, Pilipino Cultural Night, and Kababayan Dance Troupe. The retreat, primarily funded by a Trustees' Grant, was organized by Kababayan Program advisors Liza Erpelo, Nate Nevado, Marisa Mariano, and Melanie Espinueva with assistance from counseling intern Kent Gomez. On this retreat, students learned about the history of the Kababayan Program and participated in workshops that helped them develop skills in leadership, communication, assertiveness, effective facilitation, personal responsibility, conflict resolution/problem solving, and fundraising/outreach strategies. The students also coordinated some of the activities, including icebreakers, energizers, bonding activities, and entertainment. These skills will help the students prepare for their 2009-2010 activities, including the Filipino Student Union's 5-Year Anniversary BBQ in September, the Kababayan Dance Troupe's folk dance showcase in October, the Pilipino Music Showcase in November, and the 6th Annual Pilipino Cultural Night next April/May. This training will also help them in preparing for taking on other leadership roles in the future as well and help them be

successful in college and life in general. Here are a few peeks at the event.



Photos by Liza Erpelo and Kent Gomez

### Asian Culture Showcase coming to Skyline

Once again this year we will have the opportunity to witness a spectacular performance by the China Dance School & Theater here at Skyline, as part of Asian Culture Week. The performance will be Saturday, September 26 at 7:30 pm in our Theater. The ticket and information numbers are provided below.

**Skyline College**  
**Asian Culture Showcase**  
CHINA DANCE SCHOOL & THEATRE  
2009 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

September 26, 2009 7:30PM  
Skyline College Theatre  
3300 College Drive  
San Bruno, CA 94066

For Tickets & Info  
[ChinaDanceTheatre@yahoo.com](mailto:ChinaDanceTheatre@yahoo.com)  
or call 415-279-8938  
415-279-5250

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### **Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant joins Skyline this fall**

Alawi Canlas is the 2009 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA). She works with the Kababayan Program with its coordinator, Liza Erpelo, primarily assisting with the Filipino language and English classes. The FLTA is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education. Alawi has been teaching English and Speech classes in the Philippines for almost 9 years. She finished her B.A. in Speech Communication from University of the Philippines-Diliman and Master of Arts in Education with a major in English from Pampanga Agricultural College. She also has a diploma in Language Studies for Teachers from the UP Open University.



### **Commencement date will be May 28**

This year's Commencement will be Friday, May 28, at 5 pm.

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

#### **Friday, August 21**

- ASSC BBQ, Quad, 11-1

#### **Sunday, August 23**

- Men's Soccer vs. Marin at Skyline

#### **Monday, August 24**

- ASSC Club Fair, 10-2

#### **Tuesday, August 25**

- ASSC Coffee Night, 5-7

#### **Wednesday, August 26**

- ASSC Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10:30am
- Speaker, former student and NFL player: **Pasha Jackson**

#### **Thursday, August 27**

- Technopia Art Exhibit, runs through Oct. 3
- Women's Soccer vs. West Hills, Skyline

**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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