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President's Report to the Board of Trustees

My monthly report to the Board, made Wednesday night, is available online at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

Skyline students, faculty and staff join the budget rally on the Capitol steps



About 120 of us from Skyline--students, faculty, classified staff and administrators--went to Sacramento last Monday, March 22, for the annual March on March--the community college budget rally on the steps of the Capitol building. We joined our counterparts from colleges all over the state to express concern about the severe underfunding of higher education and the threat of rising student fees being considered by the Legislature. The Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC) arranged for buses to carry most of the crowd from the college to the Capitol, and others of us drove there to meet at Raley Field. From there we made the one mile walk across the Tower Bridge, up the Capitol Mall and onto the grounds of the Capitol building itself. Estimates of the crowd size indicate that many thousands of people were there. Here is what ASSC President Denisse Gonzalez said about the reaction of the student participants to the event:

Many students expressed feeling inspired to continue advocating on behalf of higher education. Several students were astonished upon realizing the magnitude of the budgetary crisis we face across the state. Students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to experience such a powerful scene. With the May revise around the corner, the ASSC is exploring advocating at both the local and state level. We realize there is still a lot of work ahead of us!

Above are a few glimpses of the event with the photographers in parentheses, including the crowd at the Capitol steps (Scott Lay); the students, led by ASSC President Denisse Gonzalez (a friendly passerby); a Skyline banner, the biggest and most visible one at the event (Tadashi Tsuchida—photos copyrighted); Sue Lorenzo and me, with Sue's husband Vince (Lori Adrian); the big Skyline banner with Nina Floro, Michael Hoffman and Lori Adrian (Tadashi); Rakefet Avramovitz (Tadashi); and Amory Cariadus and Maria Escobar (Lori Adrian).

Skyline PTK students win state and national awards

I reported in early February that two Skyline students—Derrick Hau and Ashley Good—had been selected for the 2010 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team. PTK is the Honor Society for the community colleges and this particular PTK program recognizes these honorees through awards and scholarship opportunities. I attended the awards luncheon in Sacramento with them last Monday, after the budget rally. Both of them earned further honors: Derrick Lau was named a member of the Second Academic Team and Ashley Good was named a member of the First Academic Team. In addition, Ashley was selected as a 2010 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar, based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She will receive an award of \$1,500. Please join me in congratulating them, and their PTK advisor, Chris Case. Thanks to Sarah Perkins for this photo of us at the luncheon—myself, Derrick, Ashley, Chancellor Ron Galatolo, and the Canada award winners with President Tom Mohr.



30th EYH Conference draws 900 girls

I was proud and happy to be a very small part of the 30th edition of our fabulous Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference at Skyline last Saturday. This conference provides an opportunity for 6th through 12th grade young women and interested adults to learn about career opportunities in math, science and technology. The day was enjoyed by over 900 girls and was filled with fun, hands on activities from a wide array of disciplines, all presented by experts who volunteer their time. The keynote speaker was Frances Dinglasan, Traffic Anchor for the ABC7 Morning News, and scientifically trained in industrial engineering and operations research.

It takes a huge array of talent to pull this off every year, and the event is always extremely well organized. Please join me in thanking the Genentech Foundation for their sponsorship, as well as Wells Fargo and the Soroptimists of Northern San Mateo County. The people who put it all together were those on the Planning Committee: AJ Bates, Don Biederman, Shari Bookstaff, Pat Carter, Christine Case, Arlene Chang, Pat Deamer, Stephen Fredricks, Mousa Ghanma, Mike Hoffman, Nick Kapp, Wendy Kim, Christine Mann, Melissa Michelitsch, Julie Mooney, Vanson Nguyen, Cindy Parfet, Pat Tyler, Ron Van Brusselen and Mike Williamson. Take a look at these girls as they hold a human brain, learn about making drugs from rain forest plants, look through a microscope, make a peep explode and hold a whale vertebra. The first five photos were taken by Skyline student Rena Aiken and the last one by Shari Bookstaff.



Library hosts “Books Change Lives” drawing for \$50 gift card

As part of its National Library Week celebration (April 12 – 16), Skyline Library is inviting students, faculty, and staff to name a book that has inspired, influenced, or changed their lives. Is there a book that changed your way of thinking, provided a role model or unforgettable life lesson, inspired a life-long love of literature, or was simply a joy to read? If so, name that book and be automatically entered in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Simply complete the online form available at the library’s home page, or stop by the library in person and fill out an entry form. The drawing will be held at Skyline Library on Friday, April 16 at noon. You do not have to be present to win. The purpose of this event is to promote reading and call attention to the power of books to change and influence lives. It is just one of several activities Skyline Library will be hosting during National Library Week. Complete details about all National Library Week activities at Skyline will be announced in the next issue of *Skyline Shines*.

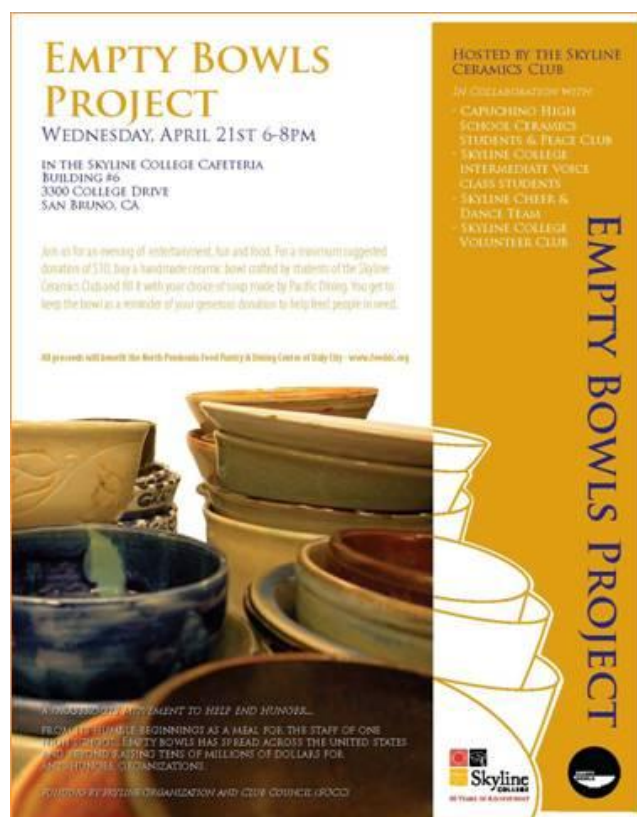
Transfer Fair brought 22 colleges to Skyline

On Wednesday, March 17th, the Skyline College Transfer Center hosted its second annual *Transfer Fair—A focus on private colleges and universities*. Twenty two colleges from throughout the state participated in the event. Students had the opportunity to meet with the college representatives to ask questions regarding admissions policies, financial aid, majors, housing, campus life, and more. Overall, the event was a huge success, both from the student and college representative perspective. In evaluations, college representatives consistently give Skyline College high ranks for its transfer events, including the overall event organization, hospitality, and student preparation. Thank you to all who supported helped organize and support this event: Nadia Tariq, Virginia Padron, Janet Weber, Counseling Interns Jessica Lopez and Lorraine Ferguson, Student Assistants Dina Valdelomar, Kelvin Cheah, Yee Ying Chan, Yamileth Verdin, and students James Rodriguez and Alex Sevhel. A special thank you to DeVry University and National University for their sponsorship of this event.

Empty Bowls project coming in April

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots movement aimed at fighting hunger. Skyline College Ceramics students have donated handmade bowls for a simple meal of soup and bread, provided by Pacific Dining. Guests choose a bowl to use at the dinner and get to keep it as a symbol to remind us that there are always empty bowls in the world. In exchange for the meal and the bowl, guests give a suggested minimum donation of ten dollars. All proceeds will benefit the North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center of Daly City. The event will be hosted by the Skyline Ceramics Club with contributions and performances by the Capuchino High School Ceramics and Peace Club, the Skyline College Intermediate Voice Class Students, the Skyline Cheer and Dance Team, and the Skyline College Volunteer Club. Funding is provided by the Skyline Organization and Club Council. Empty Bowls is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st, at 6-8pm in the Skyline College Cafeteria, 3300 College Drive, San Bruno.

Tickets will be on sale beginning March 30th, and will also be available at the door. To purchase a ticket in advance email Tiffany Schmierer at schmierert@smccd.edu or come by the ceramics studio 1-1103. Tickets can also be purchased in the Social Science/Creative Arts office from division assistant Rakefet Avramovitz (avramovitzr@smccd.edu, 650-738-4122 or Room 1108).



Avramovitz wins scholarship for Leadership Institute

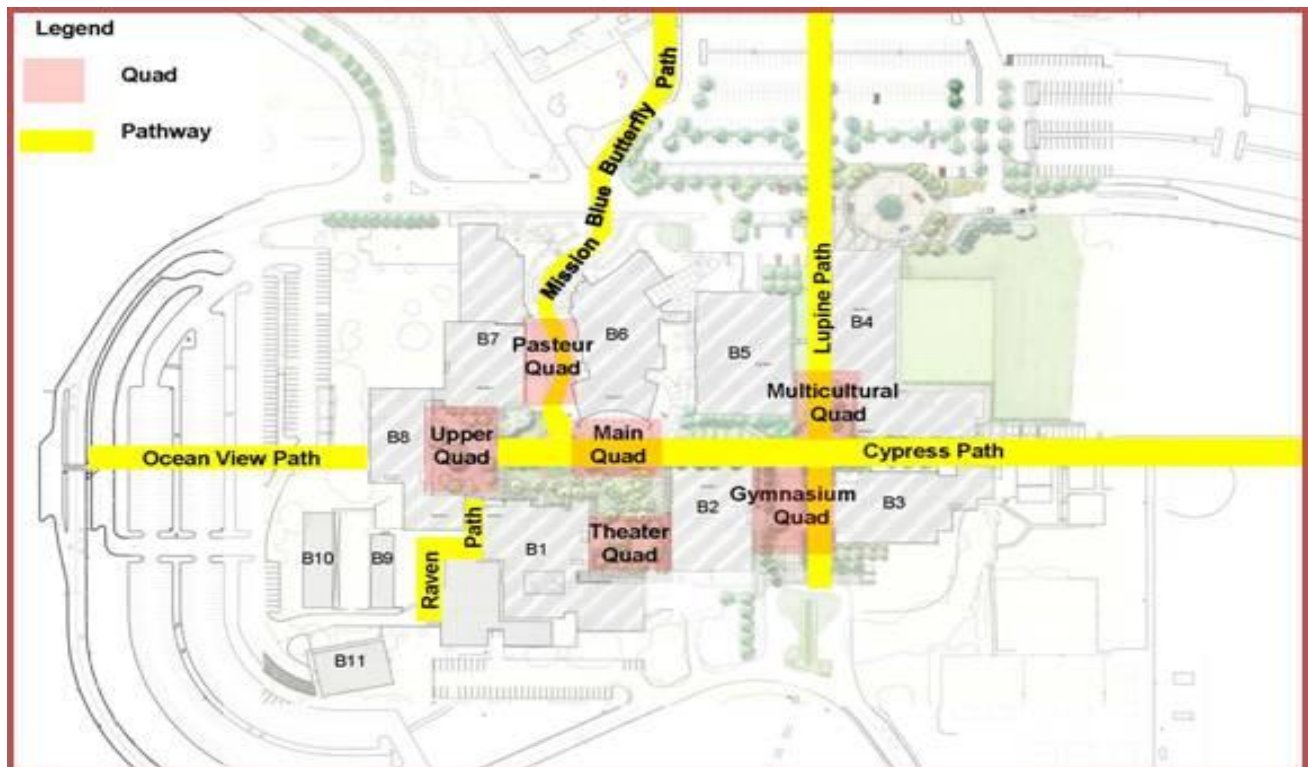
Rakefet Avramovitz, President of Skyline's Classified Council, was awarded one of two full scholarships state wide for the 2010 Classified Leadership Institute, "Taking the Lead: Tools 4 Rebuilding and Renovating." The scholarship was created to identify California Community College Classified professionals with strong leadership skills and potential, and to provide them an opportunity to attend the annual Classified Leadership Institute. The conference focuses on the positive aspects of classified involvement in the shared governance process both state wide and at the local district and college levels. Participants will explore topics that develop the skills, confidence and encouragement to be stronger leaders on their campuses. Please join me in congratulating Rakefet!

Flex Days a success at Skyline

Thanks to presenters, support staff, participants, and our Professional Enrichment and Development Advisory Committee (PEDAC), Skyline once again bustled with activity as employees participated in the March 10-12 Flex Day sessions. Over 15 sessions were offered in addition to SLOAC training workshops, all of which were well-attended and received positive reviews. The enthusiasm of the presenters and the participants, the diverse range of the workshops offered, as well as the collaboration between our campus departments in our Flex Day efforts reveal our continued commitment towards professional growth in all areas. Thanks to coordinator Nina Floro for her leadership for the event, along with SLOAC Coordinator Karen Wong and the members of the SLOAC Committee, and to the many other presenters of excellent workshops.

Board of Trustees approves names for Skyline's quads and pathways

The process we began last fall for the naming of the quads and pathways is now complete. Wednesday night the Board of Trustees approved the names which were proposed by the College Council. Thanks to all of you who submitted suggestions through the e-Suggestion Box which we provided for this purpose. The new names for the pathways will be indicated in signage installed later this term, and our maps will begin to show the names for the pathways and quads as well.



Career Networking Night served 120 students

The Career Network Night held on Wednesday, March 17, provided an engaging evening of career exploration and networking for the over 120 students who attended the numerous career panels represented by over 30 professional presenters. The presenters participating in the Career Network Night represented the following career clusters: Technology/Science, Business/Administration, Education/Human Services, Health/Medicine, Arts/Communication and Law/Public Service. Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Harry Joel kicked off the event by sharing his own personal career ladder and encouraged students to take advantage of the opportunity to network with the numerous professional panelists attending the Career Network Night. At the end of the numerous career panels, students attended "Pizza with Professionals" where they had the opportunity to make further connections and relationship building with any of the thirty professional presenters attending the event. Thanks to the over 30 career presenters, student volunteers, and the Skyline Cheer Team. Thanks also to the faculty and staff facilitators: Karen Wong, Carla Campillo, Imelda Hermosillo, Lucia Lachmayr, and Kent Gomez. The Career Career Networking Night Coordinating Committee made it all come together: Virginia Padron, Lavinia Zanassi, Melanie Espinueva, Nadia Tariq, Sandra Rodriguez, Lorraine Ferguson, and Jessica Lopez. Adolfo Leiva was the photographer.



Diversity inquiry event to be held May 6

Skyline speech faculty member Jennifer Mair is planning a forum event on campus focusing on diversity and how Skyline is doing in achieving its stated goals and commitments to diversity. The event is funded by a grant from the Associated Students' vending commission. Ms. Mair will provide food from several different cultures and invite students for a meal together and a round table discussion on diversity. The discussion will be facilitated by a group of Skyline trained by Ms. Mair as dialogue facilitators. The participants will then break out in smaller groups for further discussion, and report back together. Ms. Mair will also be gathering feedback from the participants and developing a summary report. She hopes to draw at least 100 participants. The free event will be

Thursday, May 6
Noon to 2 pm
Building 6, upstairs

Please direct interested students to Jennifer Mair at mairj@smccd.edu.

College Council update

The College Council met Wednesday and the synopsis of that meeting is provided below.

1. **District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC) update:** Ray Hernandez reported that the DSGC is considering proposed changes to the Board's Rules and Regulations: a technical revision is proposed for 3.10 (Selection Procedure) and 7.26 (Prevention of Identity Theft) is new. The proposals are being circulated to the constituent groups for review and are slated for action on April 19. The DSGC also heard updates on the college budget reductions for 2010-11 which were proposed and adopted by the board, the Foundation, the parcel tax measure which the district is pursuing for the June ballot (\$34 per parcel, with a senior exemption, for a 4-year period), and the District Strategic Plan.
2. **Budget update:** Vicki Morrow indicated that we are now awaiting the governor's May revision, and that the district is prepared for the expected cuts and the proposal the college has already submitted reflects that. She answered questions about the proposed parcel tax measure.
3. **Skyline Shines Awards:** Vicki reviewed the criteria and process for the Skyline Shines Awards which are given at Opening Day each fall. There are two awards—one for an employee for group and one for a community member or group. The deadline for nominations in both categories is April 30.
4. **March on March:** the group discussed the college's participation in the budget rally at the Capitol on Monday (see above).
5. **ASSC elections:** Denisse Gonzalez reported that the three college Associated Students groups are coordinating their elections this year, and seeking to complete them early enough to allow orientation time for the newly elected leaders, as well as to move the elections further away from the final exam period. She requested help from Skyline faculty in encouraging students with leadership potential to consider running for office. She noted that such encouragement from her professors is what got her involved.
6. **Next meeting:** April 28.

Prior minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on March 25, 2010, co-chaired by Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones.

1. **District Committee on Budget & Finance (DCBF) report:** Linda Whitten and Barbara Lamson reported on discussions during DCBF's March 16th meeting. The Board of Trustees approved the budget reduction strategies submitted by the college presidents and authorized the allocation of redevelopment agency funds to subsidize the district and college support for the Skyline Child Development Center for up to two years. This will allow Skyline to offer more summer classes. For 2010-11, Skyline will receive \$230,000, CSM and Canada will get \$150,000. During FY 2011-12, each college will get \$150,000. The Board approved categorical transfers to comply with state guidelines to avail of categorical flexibility. The Board held a public hearing on the parcel tax

and will put this in the June ballot for voter approval. This will require a 2/3 majority vote and, if passed, will bring in approximately \$6 million a year for 4 years. At the state level, no mid-year cuts are anticipated for community colleges. Revenues are coming in higher than earlier projected. The District set aside for potential mid-year cuts for 2009-10 will be carried over to help in 2010-11 with any cuts above the 10% reduction already planned for in that year. The Governor's preliminary budget proposes to suspend the full-time faculty obligation until 2012-13. It is suspended now through 2009-10, but there may be serious concerns for the district next year if the state lifts the suspension. DCBF continues to review the resource allocation model. There is a plan to move benefit costs out of Central Services to the colleges. DCBF would like the District Office budget to be more transparent. Concern was raised about how facilities costs are always on the rise with no commensurate increase in funding. CBC members concurred that the allocation for Facilities merits a close review.

2. **Review of the Resource Allocation Model:** In concert with discussions at DCBF, Eloisa Briones walked the CBC through the current allocation model first implemented in 2006-07, including the guiding principles used in developing the model. She explained each element of the model in detail, in order to assist the CBC in its participation in the district wide review of the model. Like the DCBF, CBC will gather and provide suggestions to improve and refine the model.
3. **Next Meeting:** April 29.

Errata

In my thanks last Friday to the many people who assisted with the President's Breakfast, I neglected to include Golda Gacutan, and would like to correct that oversight now. She helped extensively with creating the address labels as well as assisting with the database.

Coming up...

Saturday, March 27

- Rock The School Bells: 3rd Annual Hip-Hop Conference, Bldg. 6, 9am
- Men's Baseball - Skyline vs. DeAnza (Cupertino), 2pm
- Rock The School Bells, Concert, Theater, 7pm

Sunday, March 28

- Rock The School Bells: 3rd Annual Hip-Hop Conference, Dance Workshop, Theater, 12 Noon

Monday, March 29

- Men's Baseball - Skyline vs. Mission (Santa Clara), 2pm

Saturday, April 3

- Spring Recess, April 3-9

Tuesday, April 6

- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Hartnell (Salinas), 2pm

Thursday, April 8

- Dialogue and Diversity Facilitation Workshop, 12:30pm (Location TBD)
- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Ohlone (Fremont), 2pm

Saturday, April 10

- Men's Baseball - CCSF v. Skyline, 12 Noon

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:



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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