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Over the summer, *Skyline Shines* will be published once a month, on the last Friday of the month. As many of you know from Richard Inokuchi's recent Construction Notice, this summer will see some big changes in the grounds of the college, as these things, and more, take place:

- Installation of the fountain in the Main Quad
- Renovation of the Gymnasium Quad between Buildings 2 and 3
- Installation of the new mural on Building 3
- Completion of the parking lots
- Creation of the new entrance and drop-off area on the north side, next to new Building 4
- A new traffic circle on the north side of the Student Center
- Resurfacing of the loop road.

Best wishes to everyone for a restful and rewarding summer—those of you who will be away, and those who will be at the college!



Commencement tonight!

This is the big day for our graduating students, and the ceremony will take place in the Gymnasium at 5 pm. We will be joined by family and friends of the grads, and will share a reception for them in the Student Center afterward.

President's Innovation Fund winners selected for 2010-11

We have completed the annual cycle of proposals for the President's Innovation Fund (PIF) grants. With our usual attempt to marry PIF funds with other sources of funding for particular projects, we were able to at least partially fund all of the projects proposed. We are in the process of notifying the grantees of the specific amounts of their grants, but here is the list of projects:

- Skyline Performing Arts Showcase
- Hermanas Transitional Learning Community—Building an Educational Bridge into Higher Education for Young Latinas
- Skyline Art Gallery Upgrade
- Kababayan Dance Troupe—Enhancing Development
- Women Succeed at Auto Tech—Women's Recruitment and Retention
- Building Capacity for Skyline's President's Breakfast.

Thanks to all of the innovators who submitted proposals! And thanks to the many members of the community and the college who contributed to the President's Innovation Fund and made these projects possible for the 2010-11 year.

Classified Service Awards Luncheon combines music and celebration

At last Friday's Classified Service Awards Luncheon we shared the joy of honoring our colleagues who have reached key milestones in their careers in the district:

- 10 years: Linda Allen, Donna Elliott, Lori Fisher, Ira Lau, Amory Cariadus, Barbara Lamson, Mayra Espinosa De Banegas, Cinthia Saenz and Evelyn Smith
- 20 years: Pablo Gonzalez and David Hall
- 25 years: Pat Carter, Barbara Daley and Tony Gulli
- 30 years: Perry Dair, Silvia Martinez and Jo Silken

Each was recognized by their supervisors and colleagues, who talked about their career at the college: Rick Wallace, Sherri Hancock, Margery Meadows, Connie Beringer, Lori Adrian, Eloisa Briones, Richard Soyombo, Mike Williamson, Tom Hewitt, Richard Inokuchi, Rick Escalambre and Joe Morello.

We also enjoyed the outstanding singing of three of Jude Navari's voice students: John Mansfield, Emily Hoover, and Hanna Pabonan.



I took the opportunity to thank all of Skyline's classified staff for their vital and excellent work during this past year in which we have seen a number of particular challenges. The college has seen the highest enrollment ever in its history, with

over 10,000 students; the campus has been undergoing renovation (extremely welcome but very disruptive); we have wrestled with tough budget challenges which have had a number of effects on classified staff and more. The consistent spirit of "Students First!" shines through in the work of our classified staff every day, and I am grateful for it!

Thanks to these people who made the event possible: Kamla Bucceri, Giao Van Bui, Manny Granillo, Seini Mateialona, Caroline Ocampo, Rakefet Avramovitz, Theresa Tentes, Golda Gacutan, Vivian Paw, Pacific Dining, and Linda Bertellotti. Thanks to Caroline for the photos.

"Early Intervention Revisited" explores needs of young children

A rousing success! Skyline's Early Childhood Education Department, with the co-sponsoring support of Bright Horizons Child Care & Early Childhood Committee of AFT, held a half-day Conference entitled "Early Intervention Revisited" on Saturday, 15 May. 150 participants heard CCPPP Grant representative Paul Chesler and Keynote Speaker Dr. Marci Hanson, Chair/Special Education Graduate program at SFSU open the morning session, with breakout workshops about topics such as dealing with challenging behavior, working with parents, understanding the referral process, and fully including young children with special needs into ECE programs. Participants earned professional growth hours, enjoyed meals donated by Starbucks and AFT, and were given complimentary early learning kits by San Mateo First Five Commission.

Special thanks to adjunct faculty and CCPPP grant coordinator Elaine Francisco, the students of ECE 261: Early Intervention Practices, and ECE Program Services adviser Cece Rebele for their tireless efforts in putting on this great conference! And thanks to Kate Browne for the photos.



End of the Year Celebration honors faculty, classified staff and administration



Our annual end of the year event was fun and joyous, as always. It included recognition of retirees, and special awards to faculty and classified staff. Here is what Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, had to say about the faculty recognitions in a message to all faculty:

This is always a bittersweet leap as we will dearly miss each of our colleagues but at the same time are excited as they open the next chapter in their lives. Please extend your appreciation and well wishes to them: Elizabeth Burns, Judith Heldberg, Margery Meadows (Dean and Faculty member), Omer Thompson, Linda Van Sciver, and Linda Vogel.

At our last meeting, the Academic Senate nominated faculty colleagues for Special Recognition Awards. Final awardees were selected for their contributions which go above and beyond what is expected and positively impact members of our community and across the district. The following were recipients of these special awards: Steve Aurilio, Jacqueline Escobar, Nathaniel Nevado, Christine Roumbanis, and Karen Wong. Congratulations to all the awardees for their outstanding contributions.

The Meyer Award was established by Phil Meyer, a long time Math instructor. He wanted to establish this award to support newly hired tenure track faculty and recognize their efforts in excellence of teaching and learning. The following were nominated by Skyline colleagues: Kathryn Browne, Kevin Corsiglia, Leigh Anne Sippel, Michael Moynihan, Melissa Komadina, Nate Nevado, and Tiffany Schmierer. This year's recipient is Kathryn Browne. Along with the award she received a scholarship of approximately \$2,200.00. Please extend congratulations to all the nominees and the recipient.

The Classified Council recognized these retirees: Bill Bruening, Pablo Gonzalez, Linda Kisich and Virginia Gianoli. Special recognition awards were given to Nancy Lam and Kathy Fitzpatrick for their contributions to Skyline College.

Two departing administrators were honored: Margery Meadows, who is retiring, and Lori Adrian, who is leaving to assume the presidency of Coastline Community College.

The event was made possible through the efforts of Mike Williamson, Sue Lorenzo, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Pat Carter, Pat Tyler, Theresa Tentles, Media Services, and Facilities staff. Thanks to Caroline Ocampo for the photographs.

Update on the processes for President and Vice President for Student Services

- **President:** Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Harry Joel is working with the Academic Senate, CSEA, Classified Council and administration to complete appointments for the search committee, consistent with the district's policy. If you have any questions about that, please contact him at joelh@smccd.edu or 738-6767.
- **Vice President for Student Services:** As I promised I would do last week when I announced the appointment of Dr. Lori Adrian as president of Coastline Community College, I want to keep you posted on plans for replacing her. I am seeking an experienced vice president for student services to serve on an interim basis while we conduct the search for Lori's permanent replacement. Once I have identified one or more candidates for that interim role, I will use the same approach I did when we selected an interim vice president in 2005; that is, I will invite members of the Student Services staff to join me in interviewing. For the permanent position, we will also be using our usual approach, with appointments made by the appropriate constituencies. My hope is to complete the screening for the permanent position during the fall, with the final selection made by the incoming president.

College Council update

The College Council met Wednesday for the last time this year. A synopsis of that meeting is provided below.

- 1) **Selection of Skyline Shines Award winner:** The college wide nomination process has been completed, and the Council selected the winner of the employee who will be recognized with the Skyline Shines Award. That individual will be given the award at the college's Opening Day event the morning of Tuesday, August 17. The community member who will be recognized will be selected by the President's Council Executive Committee.
- 2) **Budget update:** Vicki Morrow reported that the state budget process is still underway and that the Co-Chairs of the College Budget Committee (CBC) had determined that there was not sufficient new information to merit another CBC meeting this week.
- 3) **Accreditation midterm report:** The Council approved the delineation of functions document for the college's Midterm Report, which had been reviewed by the constituent groups.
- 4) **Classified Council elections:** Rakefet Avromovitz, President of the Classified Council, reported that elections for next year's officers will take place in June.
- 5) **Academic Senate vice president:** Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, reported that the newly elected President, Fermin Irigoyen, will appoint a vice president, to be confirmed in the fall by the Governing Council.
- 6) **President and vice president search processes:** Ray indicated that the Senate would like to have one of the faculty representatives on the committee be a counselor. Vicki suggested that he and the AFT president collaborate in their appointment, and she indicated that she would consult with Harry Joel, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, to clarify the appointment process and numbers for each constituency. Ray asked about plans for replacing Lori Adrian, Vice President for Student Services. Vicki said that there would be an interim, in order to allow for a search to take place, and that the process would be timed to allow the new president of the college to make the final selection. She

said that she would be consulting with Harry Joel and reviewing existing policy concerning how that search process should be structured.

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

Coming up...

Friday, May 28

- Commencement Ceremony, Gymnasium, 5pm (doors open at 4:15pm)

Sunday, May 30

- Te Aranui O Tahiti - Tahitian Dance & Music Festival (Kababayan Program), Theater, 1-6pm

Monday, May 31

- Memorial Day (Holiday)

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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