



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

September 10, 2010

### **Update on the fire in San Bruno and its effect on the college**

As you probably know by now, the college is open today. Highway 280 and Skyline Boulevard are both open, though Sneath and San Bruno Avenue are closed in order to block travel into the fire zone. We are in the process of updating the website with Laura Fraser's help and a text message update has been sent out by Mike Celeste.

We are beginning to learn about the victims of the fire and we know that there have been evacuations and injuries among our students and staff, as well as many of our San Bruno neighbors. If you are watching the news, you know that blood donations are important right now.

I would like to thank a group of people who stepped right up when the fire first happened and helped follow it and determine the potential effects on the college late into the night last night and very early this morning. I am grateful for and proud of such colleagues, some of whom were on duty and some of whom just lent a hand: Eloisa Briones, Kevin Chak, Mike Celeste, Laura Fraser, Lillian Hamilton, Richard Inokuchi, Christianne Marra, Jim Petromilli, Richard Soyombo, Sonny Tan and Mike Williamson. In addition, Manny Granillo, Giao Van Bui, and the Swing Shift Custodians prepared the Gymnasium in case the American Red Cross needed to set up an additional evacuation area.



### **Skyline Honors Transfer Program sends students to the schools of their dreams**

This academic year the Honors Transfer Program graduated 32 students, a record number for this ten-year-old Learning Community founded by Donna Bestock and Connie Beringer and currently coordinated by Katharine Harer. Honors faculty members, counselors,

staff and family members have all contributed to the amazing success of Skyline Honors students, every single one of whom worked tirelessly to achieve their transfer goals. Pictured here are three of those students—Ashley Good, Bruce Thompson and Virginia Rosales.

For the first time, a Skyline Honors student, Ashley Good, was accepted to Stanford University with a full scholarship. Ashley was a re-entry, working student and the first in her family to go to college with dreams of becoming a doctor. Four Honors students were accepted to Cornell University: Melba Madrigal, Daniel Filous, Fion Ng and Derrick Hau. Two students are attending the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley: Bruce Thompson & Catherine Limcaco. Anna Tran was accepted into nursing programs at UCLA, USF and SFSU, no mean feat after she was told she didn't

have a chance because these schools are so impacted. She's now attending UCLA. Honors students from this graduating group are currently attending UCLA, UCSB, UCB, UCSD, UCD, SFSU, SJSU and CSUEB. We are proud of them all.

## Skyline College's CITD and African Diaspora Studies programs represented at 1<sup>st</sup> Global Conference of Black Nationalities



Allison Mello and Richard Soyombo of Skyline College's Bay Area Center for International Trade Development (BACITD) recently accepted an invitation from the Governor of Osun State, Nigeria, to participate in the inaugural Global Conference of Black Nationalities. The invitation from the Governor grew out of Osun State's partnership with the Skyline College African Diaspora Program. The Global Conference of Black Nationalities is an academic discussion/exploration of the impact of African culture throughout the world for global understanding and peace. The conference was co-sponsored by UNESCO, Federal Government of Nigeria, Osun State Government and a host of other global entities. During the business match-making component of the conference, businesses from throughout the world were able to meet with BACITD personnel to establish connections with California businesses looking to explore business opportunities in Africa. As a result of these meetings, three future trade missions are being planned to bring California companies to Senegal, Brazil, and the UK. Skyline College's African Diaspora Program (ADP) was also highlighted at this event. Educators from various parts of the globe praised Skyline's development and commitment to the program. To further augment Skyline College's learning environment and the African Diaspora Program, BACITD Executive Director Richard Soyombo brought back three books and a language program (*Yoruba Women, Work, & Social Change, A History of the Yoruba People, Nigerian Artistry, and Colloquial Yoruba: The Complete Course for Beginners*) that will be available to faculty, staff, and students via the Skyline College Library. Pictured above are the high Chiefs of the Ghanaian Asantehene and Richard Soyombo as they prepare for the conference, Allison Mello of Skyline College, and performers in the opening ceremonies of the Conference of Black Nationalities. Thanks to Richard Soyombo for the photos.

## Art is alive and well at Skyline



The photo at the left is one view of the beautiful art faculty exhibition now under way in the Gallery. The pieces are, from left to right, a ceramic sculpture by Ilana Crispi and a mixed media installation by Ellen Lowenstein. The photo on the right is of our dragon mural, in progress at the Building 1 loading dock entrance, thanks to Paul Bridenbaugh and his students. It is a lot of fun, and fascinating, to see it take shape there from day to day. Thanks to Paul for both photos. Here are the Gallery hours:

- Monday 11 – 7
- Tuesday 10 – 7
- Wednesday 11 – 5
- Thursday 10 – 5
- Friday 10 - 1

## Recent Skyline grad publishes her first novel

Pamela Almeida, a Skyline College June 2010 graduate, has just published her first novel. *Canvas Windows* by P.J. Almeida is being released by Tate Publishing in November 2010. Skyline English Professor Jessica Powers wrote the novel's foreword.

## SparkPoint San Mateo Center at Skyline College partners with the United Way of the Bay Area

On Thursday, September 2, the SparkPoint San Mateo Center at Skyline College partnered with United Way of the Bay Area to distribute boxes filled with food, book bags, and backpacks to children and their siblings at the Skyline College Child

Development Center. Clayton Gaddis, Christa Brown, and Edward Oh from United Way of the Bay Area joined Adolfo Leiva and Kent



Gomez of the SparkPoint Center in distributing these donations courtesy of Bank of America. The SparkPoint San Mateo Center promotes student success by integrating instruction and student services in an effort to help families reach financial stability. Pictured below (left to right) are Clayton Gaddis of the United Way of the Bay Area handing out school supplies to Donovin Demetri (age 4) and Altai Ordubadi (age 4). Special thanks go out to Tina Watts and the Childcare Center staff, along with Christianne Marra, Kent Gomez and Adolfo Leiva for helping to coordinate this wonderful event.

## Coming Up...

### September 10, 2010

- 3:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Monterey Peninsula College @ Skyline

### September 11, 2010

- 9:00 a.m., Women's Volleyball – Reedley College Classic @ Reedley

### September 14, 2010

- 2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Merritt College @ Skyline
- 4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Mendocino College @ Mendocino

### September 15, 2010

- 3:00 p.m., Women's Volleyball – Fog City Classic @ Skyline
- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., FAFSA Workshop, Building 2 – 2117B

### September 16, 2010

- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Skyline Art Faculty Exhibition – Opening Reception (Gallery)

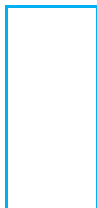
## Do you have a suggestion?

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 California Community College 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/>

**Skyline Shines** is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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