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Celebrating African American Heritage

NCCBAA and PAAAA

American Association of Community Colleges
National Council of Black American Affairs
Western Regional Council on Black American Affairs

Northern California Council on Black American Affairs and
Peralta Association of African American Affairs present

Community College Career Institute for African American Faculty and Staff

Peralta Community College District
Berkeley City College
College of Alameda
Merritt College
Laney College

City College of San Francisco
Skyline College
Solano Community College
Modesto Junior College
Contra Costa Community College District



**Saturday
February 11, 2012
8am - 2:30pm
Skyline College
3300 College Drive
San Bruno, CA**



Workshops

- Community College Selection Processes
- Application Processes and Packaging
- Effective Resume Preparation
- Effective Interviewing
- Career Ladder Advancement Strategies and Opportunities
- Networking with other Bay Area Community College Professionals

Career Institute Fee: \$25.00*
Continental breakfast and lunch provided
Advanced registration by February 3, 2012 required

Register at: <http://nccbaa.eventbrite.com>

For additional information email:
Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud- stroudr@smccd.edu or
Carol Belle-Thomas Moss at: cbellethomas@gmail.com
*Scholarships available

Free Tax Preparation at Skyline College

The Earn It! Keep It! Save It! program at Skyline College is providing free tax preparation to households that earned less than \$50,000 in 2011. Taxes will be prepared every Saturday, beginning February 4 through March 24, 2012 (except February 18, 2012) from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 8, Room 8209. Please call (650) 738-7035 to make an appointment.



Free Tax Preparation

Get the Refund You Deserve – Fast & Confidential

Location and Dates

SparkPoint at Skyline College
Accounting Lab, Bldg 8, Room 8209
3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066
650-738-7035

Saturdays: Feb 4 – Mar 24 (Except Feb 18)
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Call today for an appointment

- Walk-ins based on availability
- Open to students and the community

To find additional sites near you, visit
www.earnitkeepsaveit.org or call 211

Trained tax preparers are helping thousands of local residents.

Bring your:

- Photo ID for each person on your tax return
- Social Security card for each person on your tax return
- W-2 forms for all jobs held in 2011
- All 1099s, 1098's and any other tax forms
- Voided check or bank account and routing for direct deposit
- Last year's tax returns
- Childcare provider information
- Landlord's name, address and phone number for CA renter's credit

Your 2010 income must be less than \$50,000 to qualify

All locations are IFG authorized e-file providers.



Thank you to Raymond Jones for his contribution to this article.

Skyline College Celebrates Black History Month With a Performance by Alvon Johnson

Faculty, staff and students gathered at the Main Quad on Thursday, February 9 under sunny skies to celebrate Black History Month featuring a musical performance Alvon Johnson. The performance was presented by Skyline College's Center for Student Life and Leadership Development. Skyline College's very own music professor Kymberly Jackson joined Johnson on stage.





Thank you to Christianne Marra for her contribution to this article. Photos by Keisha Ford.

Reception Held to Welcome Minnijean Brown-Trickey

Members of the Skyline College community met Minnijean Brown-Trickey personally at a reception for her in the Multicultural Center on Monday, February 6. Minnijean was welcomed by President Regina Stanback Stroud who noted that Minnijean and the other courageous students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas made it possible for many of us to be where we are today. President Stroud expressed the gratitude of all of us. Minnijean said that she was thoroughly enjoying the college and its students and was very pleased to have

the opportunity.



Several of the students at the reception had gone on the Sojourn to the Past and were renewing their acquaintance. Others said they would like to go.



The Skyline Jazz combo, Andrew Fenn, saxophone, Vincent Iannone, piano, Norm Medina, trombone, Alex Rosales, bass, Ben Villa, trumpet, and Nathaniel Welch, drums, played for the reception.

Thank you to Donna Bestock for her contribution to this article. Photos by Keisha Ford.

Skyline College Art Instructor Noah Buchanan Featured in Solo Art Exhibition

An opening reception will be held on Friday, February 10 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the John Pence Gallery located at 750 Post Street in San Francisco. The exhibition features recent paintings and drawings by Skyline College Art Instructor Noah Buchanan. The exhibition runs through March 10, 2012. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.



NOAH BUCHANAN

NOAH BUCHANAN

Recent Paintings and Drawings

FEBRUARY 10 through MARCH 10, 2012

Opening Reception – Friday, February 10, 2012
6 to 8 pm

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“Sustainability of Skyline College” Presentation and Walking Tour Educated Our Campus Community



As part of the Sustainable Campus Initiative, three All-Campus Workshops will be held throughout the school year to offer widespread communication and education on sustainability issues. These workshops focus on environmental, social, and economic topics. The second, titled “Sustainability of Skyline College,” was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 and was a success with approximately 40 attendees who learned all about how our campus reduces our energy and water footprint in the built environment. Richard Inokuchi, Skyline College Facilities Manager, started out with a presentation titled “The ‘Greening’ of our Campus” and included information on our best practices with utilities, custodial supplies, recycling, landscaping, and other practices such as “Spare the Air” days and construction standards. Following this, attendees participated in a walking tour of three different areas on campus to demonstrate how we save energy and water, and increase our efficiency in the built environment. Kanjana Srisupatpongsa, Project Coordinator II in the District Facilities Planning Department gave a tour of our LEED Silver Building 4 and showcased how we exceed performance and efficiency in key areas including existing material re-use on site, energy use reduction measures on the roof, water use reduction measures with bathroom fixtures, environmentally responsible flooring materials, and indoor air quality. Richard gave a tour of the landscaping elements on campus that reduce our potable water use and filter stormwater so it replenishes our groundwater supply. This includes synthetic turf on the sports fields and bioswales in the parking lot. The third station was our campus boiler room and co-generation unit, where Roger Anchartchahar, Project Manager in the District Facilities Planning and Operations Department, and Patrick Yost of Chevron showed how we heat our campus buildings and explained the Nitrous Oxide retrofits. Following the tour, attendees reconvened for a presentation by Richard on “Future Sustainability Initiatives” which included information on utilities, promoting “green” practices, recycling, and landscaping. For more information on this event or the Sustainable Campus Initiative, please contact Lindsey Virdeh at virdehl@smccd.edu or 650-738-4445.



Thanks to Lindsey Virdeh for her contribution to this article. Thanks to Christianne Marra and Lindsey Virdeh for photos.

Orientation to Early Childhood Education Careers Held on Saturday February 4, 2012



Eighty students and several faculty attended the annual “Orientation to Early Childhood Education Careers” event on Saturday, February 4, 2012. While they enjoyed fruit and Omega-3 packed goodies, they listened to a panel of Program Directors, Administrators and Early Education Mentor Teachers illustrating what employers look for when they hire for their very diverse centers. Some of our guests included: Karen Haas-Foletta of Footsteps Childcare and School-Age; Jeanne Lindberg of UMC Co-Op Preschool; Margarita Mazaracki of Bright Horizons; Sonia Bon and Gloria Gil from Early Learning Center at Notre Dame de Namur University; Daniele Koenig of Peninsula Temple Shalom Preschool; and Venecia Allen (East Palo Alto) and Tobi Garelick (South San Francisco) of Head Start.

As the participants came to realize, there are a variety of programs with varied needs and locations throughout our county. Moreover, many of the hiring tips offered were not only for the Early Care and Education fields. Participants expanded their knowledge about the Skyline College Career Center as Virginia Padron told them about different services available to them as they explore various options within the ECE world. Special thanks to Annie Trinh and Ira Lau for help with technology and facilities for the event. Evaluations collected after the morning included comments such as: “Very interesting and inspiring,” “Extremely helpful,” and “I am glad I came!”

Thank you to Kathryn Williams Browne and Cece Rebelé for their contribution to this article and the photos.

Skyline College Library News

***Films On Demand* Now Available to Faculty and Students**

Skyline College faculty and students can now access high quality academic streaming videos through our new library subscription to the [Films On Demand](#) database! [Films On Demand](#) allows faculty to instantly access thousands of videos from sources such as PBS, BBC, CNBC, ABC News, NBC News, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, Scientific American and much more. The database is freely accessible from any computer on the campus network as well as from off-campus with a PLS library card (which is freely available to all students and staff.) Videos on [Films on Demand](#) have also been divided into segments to provide more opportunities for educational applications if faculty want to show classes or assign students just specific parts of longer videos. Just click on the [Films on Demand](#) link here or from the [Skyline Library Databases page](#) to check out this great new service. For more information or to request a demonstration, please call the library reference desk at x4312.

Thank you to Eric Brenner for his contribution to this article.

College Success Initiative (CSI) Hosts Basic Skills Acceleration Conference



Skyline College's College Success Initiative (CSI) Committee has been working on ways to best serve our basic skills students. In an effort to continue our conversations of innovation in basic skills, Skyline College hosted an Acceleration conference this past Friday, February 3, 2012 in

Building 6. This conference was in partnership with the California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN) and the California Acceleration Project (CAP).



The event was well attended having over fifty faculty and administrators from throughout the region present. In addition to a facilitated demonstration of the Basic Skills Tracking tool developed by 3CSN and the RP Group, attendees participated in conversations revolving around math and English. Topics included:

- the design and pedagogical principles of accelerated curriculum being practiced at community colleges throughout the state
- the coaching, professional learning and course development opportunities within 3CSN/CAP-supported communities of practice in accelerated curricula and pedagogy

At the end of the day, CAP and 3CSN coordinators Myra Snell and Katie Hern held a question and answer session that included the application process to the next cohort of the Community of Practice, other curricula, pedagogy, and policy questions.



This event was made possible by the support of Skyline College's administration, including President Regina Stanback Stroud, Interim Vice President of Instruction, Mike Williamson, Dean of Language Arts, Connie Beringer, Interim Dean of Math/Science/Technology, Ray Hernandez and all faculty that participated. Also, a special thank you goes to Cleavon Smith from 3CSN that helped organize this event at the college. Thank you to all for helping make this conference such a wonderful success.

Thank you to Nohel Corral for his contribution to this article and photos.

TRiO Kicks-Off Another Great Semester



On Thursday, February 2, 2012 approximately sixty TRiO students came together to celebrate

the beginning of another great semester. During the event, new and continuing TRiO students had the opportunity to interact with members of the staff and meet the newly elected TRiO Club Officers. In addition, students were informed of upcoming TRiO workshops and events as well as important deadlines for the Spring Semester.



In the spirit of Valentine's Day, students and staff also participated in a fun and interactive activity that brought forth their love for TRiO and the rich variety of services the program provides to 330 students each year. As students reflected on the activity, many of them expressed gratitude and shared with those present the positive impact that TRiO has had in their educational journeys at Skyline College. Moreover, TRiO students expressed their feelings of being surrounded by family within the TRiO community and shared personal instances when they experienced unconditional support from the program, staff and fellow students.



The event was motivational and truly inspiring. Special thanks to Connie Beringer, Dean of

Language Arts, for her continued support, Jessica Lopez, TRiO Counselor, for her help planning and facilitating the event, and to all TRiO staff for the great work they do to help TRiO students reach their educational objectives.

Thank you to Nohel Corral for his contribution to this article.

Heart Wrenchers Car Club Presents the Second Annual “A Heart Wrenching Affair” Fundraiser

Heart Wrenchers Car Club Presents
The 2nd Annual
“A HEART WRENCHING AFFAIR”
Fundraiser

Saturday, February 18, 2012
7:00 pm – Midnight
@ The 23 Club
23 Visitacion Avenue - Brisbane
All ages until 9:00 pm
\$5-10 @ the door

- Support the female students in the Skyline College Automotive Technology Program
- Fundraiser proceeds benefit HWCC activities and projects
- Live Bands | Prize Raffles | Food | Vendors

For more info visit: www.wix.com/heartwrencherscc/skylinecollege

Please join us in support of the female Automotive Technology students at Skyline College! Fourteen women are currently enrolled in Skyline College’s Automotive Technology program and their club, “The Heart Wrenchers,” is busy creating community service projects, supporting each other as they go through the program, and bringing more women to the automotive industry. They have done a great job in the last year and they have many new, innovative ideas to achieve their goals. Please join us at this event. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Johnson at 650-738-4485 or johnsonj@smccd.edu

Thank you to Julia Johnson for her contribution to this article.

Regional National TRiO Day Conference to be held at Skyline College on Saturday, February 25, 2012

The Skyline College TRiO program, in partnership with TRiO programs from Cañada College, City College of San Francisco, Berkeley City College, ACE Educational Services (Talent Search), and SparkPoint Center at Skyline College will be hosting a regional National TRiO Day conference. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Building 6.

This free event is designed to help celebrate and empower our first-generation college students in TRiO. The day will consist of a welcome by President Regina Stanback Stroud followed by workshops on financial aid, financial literacy, panels composed of alumni and current students, and a final keynote speech from Pablo Gonzalez. In addition to the great workshops, four-year universities and community partners will be tabling during lunch time in the cafeteria.

For questions or more information, please contact Judy Cheung at 738-4144. RSVP's will be accepted until Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

National TRiO Day

Empowering 1st Generation College Students

PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS

TRiO Student Support Services - including Skyline College, California College, Berkeley City College, and City College of San Francisco
TRiO Student Support Program - California College

TRiO Talent Search Program - AAEC Educational Services, Inc. (Mount at Skyline College)



Saturday, February 25, 2012

9am - 2pm

Skyline College, Building 6 (Student Center), 3300 College Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Aid and Literacy - Information on financial aid, college budgeting, money for college, and other financial resources.

Transition to College - Workshops on transitioning from high school to college and going from a community college to a four-year university (panels).

Motivational Speakers and Activities - The day will be filled with inspirational stories and speakers, including a keynote from Pablo Gonzalez.

In February, TRiO programs across the nation are celebrating the 40+ years of helping students achieve their academic goals! Join us for interactive workshops, money management tips, student-led activities, and motivational speakers!

RSVP with the TRiO program at your college or high school by February 21st.

This event is *FREE* and you will be provided with:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Fun Activities
- Great Workshops
- Prizes and Giveaways!

For more information, please contact: Judy Cheung at 650-738-4144.

This event is funded in part by the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges.

2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thank you to Nohel Corral for his contribution to this article.

Save The Date – Skyline College President’s Breakfast



Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud
President, Skyline College

Cordially invites you to join the
Skyline College President’s Council
for the

12th Annual President’s Breakfast
Thursday, March 15, 2012
7:00 a.m. Networking Opportunity
7:30-8:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Boulevard • South San Francisco, California 94080

*Special thanks to Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for hosting the complimentary breakfast*

***Please RSVP to (650) 738-4325 by March 5, 2012
or register online at***

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5e8sdedab&oeidk=a07e5hgz7ko992de00d>

Coming Up...

February 11, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., *Community College Career Institute for African American Faculty and Staff* presented by the Northern California Council on Black American Affairs (NCCBAA) and Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA) – Building 6

- 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Free Tax Preparation, Building 8, Room 8209; please call 650-738-7035 to schedule an appointment; open to Skyline College students and the community; walk-ins based on availability (this service is available on Saturdays through March 31, 2012 with the exception of February 18, 2012).
- 1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Cosumnes River College @ Skyline

February 14, 2012

- 2:00 p.m., Baseball vs. San Joaquin Delta @ Skyline

February 15, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop - Building 2, Room 2117B (this event repeats every Wednesday throughout the semester); for more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 650-738-4236
- 5:30 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. College of San Mateo @ CSM
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Cañada College @ Cañada

February 16, 2012

- 4:30 p.m., Deadline to submit 2012-2013 Skyline College Scholarship Application; application available online at the home page - www.SkylineCollege.edu

Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

February 17, 2012

- Holiday – Lincoln's Birthday (observed)
- 2:00 p.m., Baseball @ Shasta
- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco

February 18, 2012

- Declared Recess
- 1:00 p.m., Baseball @ Shasta
- 7:00 p.m. – Midnight, 2nd Annual *A Heart Wrenching Affair* Fundraiser to support the female students in the Skyline College Automotive Technology Program – The 23 Club, 23 Visitacion Ave., Brisbane; \$5 – \$10 at the door; for more information, please visit www.wix.com/heartwrencherscc/skylinecollege

February 19, 2012

- Declared Recess
- Noon, Baseball @ Shasta

February 21, 2012

- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Film Screening: *Black Indians: An American Story* – Room 2306, Building 2; presented by the Anthropology Club in honor of Black History Month

February 20, 2012

- Holiday – President’s Day

February 22, 2012

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop - Building 2, Room 2117B (this event repeats every Wednesday throughout the semester); for more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 650-738-4236

February 23, 2012

- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., *Expressions Through Black Music – A Research and Performance Project* presented by students in Music 680 and Professor Kymberly Jackson – Theater (Building 1); Admission \$5 (tickets available at the door); if you have any questions or if you are interested in participating, please contact Professor Jackson at jacksonk@smccd.edu

February 25, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 2nd Annual Conference – *National TRiO Day*, Building 6; free admission; for more information, contact Judy Cheung at 738-4144 or cheungj@smccd.edu
- 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Free Tax Preparation, Building 8, Room 8209; please call 650-738-7035 to schedule an appointment; open to Skyline College students and the community; walk-ins based on availability (this service is available on Saturdays through March 31, 2012 with the exception of February 18, 2012).

Guidelines Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week:

Send submission to skylineshines@smccd.edu

- **Submit your article by 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays; articles received after this time will appear in the following week's issue**
- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m." "The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.")
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.").
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e., "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011").
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e., Skyline College instead of 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>



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/>

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