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## **Prof. Nate Nevado Attends Hip-Hop Ed Center at NYU**



Nate Nevado had the honor of being invited to the first Hip-Hop Education Think Tank held at the Hip-Hop Education Center at New York University (NYU) on behalf of Skyline College's Rock The School Bells. He was among the 50+ scholars, artists, innovators, visionaries, educators, and administrators from areas such as the Bay Area, New York City, Minnesota, Canada, Germany, Alaska, and Russia, who had attended this conference to discuss strategies and best practices in which we can analyze and harness

the skill sets, praxis, and philosophy of hip-hop to catapult students and teachers to higher levels of success within both primary, secondary, and institutions of higher education.



More than 150 programs and schools, including Rock The School Bells at Skyline College, took part in a study that focused on hip-hop's inherent value it has on education. These were derived on self-awareness, determination, and expression. As stated in the study, true hip-hop education is founded on hip-hop pedagogy that procures alternative learning processes and multiple teaching and learning theories and praxis. Many of the theories and methods used by many of these programs are aligned with theories rooted in Critical Pedagogy. You can view the entire report on <http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/hiphopeducation/> titled Re-Imagining Teaching and Learning: A Snapshot if Hip-Hop Education.



Nate says, “I am proud to say that in my discussions with many of my hip-hop colleagues that Skyline College is the only community college in the United States, to date, that has a program or event dedicated to hip-hop education. Many of the programs that use hip-hop pedagogies are found in high schools, universities, community-based organizations, afterschool programs, and non-profit organizations. I was deeply humbled by many colleagues who praised our work with Rock The School Bells. We are looking at bringing some hip-hop educators from New York to share their work with our youth and students for Rock The School Bells 5 in 2012. “

Hip-hop is a global phenomenon, a universal language and lifestyle, that can be effectively used to create curriculum that promotes community activism, critical thinking, and creative expression. Hip-hop education, rooted in critical pedagogy, provides the catalyst to empower youth and students to have a voice and responsibility in their own education and ultimately, their future.

In a society where we are competing against Xbox, Facebook, and Twitter, we are constantly challenged to explore alternate ways in which we can reach and teach our students of today. Hip-hop education is not meant to replace current educational pedagogies but to add to it. Hip-hop was born by a generation of youth and students who sought change in their own communities. How can we use hip-hop education effectively and align it with the ever-changing educational landscape?

Nate says, “This conference reaffirmed the power and importance of hip-hop pedagogies illustrated by programs such as the High School of the Recording Arts also known as Hip-Hop High, Urban Science Education for the Hip-Hop Generation, and Beats, Rhymes, and Life based out of Oakland, CA. It also provided me with anticipated challenges such as funding, program effectiveness, and other institutional issues.”

## **CDC Has New Home!**

The Skyline College Early Learning and Child Development Center recently moved into the newly renovated Loma Chica Building. This move provides an increased opportunity for students, staff, faculty, and community members to access child care and development services, teacher training facilities, and Early Childhood Education workforce development opportunities. There will be an open house for faculty, staff and students on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm**. For more information contact Tina Watts at 738-7071, or [wattst@smccd.edu](mailto:wattst@smccd.edu).

The ribbon cutting and community celebration will occur early in the Spring semester – please stay tuned!



*Article and Photo submitted by Don Carlson*

## **Dr. Chris Case Wins Bank of America Local Hero Award**



On November 8, Bank of America recognized Dr. Christine Case with the 2011 Local Hero Award. Chris advocates the importance of science education to society and works to help young people achieve science literacy. She has worked to foster awareness of science in girls through Expanding Your Horizons, which she and her SMT colleagues started 32 years ago. The award recognizes loyalty and service to the local community. To help extend that service, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation contributed \$5000 to Expanding Your Horizons. Pat Carter and Kylin Johnson attended the award ceremony to accept on behalf of Chris and Expanding Your Horizons. Congratulations to Dr. Case.

*Article submitted by Don Biederman. Photo taken from Faculty Web Page.*

## **Science in Action at the Bay Area Science Festival**

On November 6, 2011, Skyline College students and faculty met early in the morning to begin a full day of activities with the First Annual Bay Area Science Festival, which took place at AT&T Park. The 2011 Bay Area Science Festival was a smashing success with 70,000 people participating in over 100+ events! Only a handful of community colleges participated at the event, making Skyline College shine.

A group of energetic students from SACNAS, SHPE, the Environmental Club, and general chemistry students from Skyline College hosted a booth, "The Science of Glowing and Aftershock!" Many thanks to all of those who volunteer: Rebeca Belloso, Ellaine Talle, Brandy Wagner, Diana Cordero, Zorin Carlos, Phillip Cho, Patricia Portillo, Michael Murphy, Rachel Panganilan, Ma Shein, Jazmeng Bannang, Jenny Connors, Damien Leclerc, Amber Lincoln, Wynn Kwan, April Sherfy, Mae Calamucha, Jessica Jose, William Solano, Vince, Victor Zheng, and Victoria Mesa. The group was chaperone by Stephen Fredricks and Carmen Velez.

Student feedback was very positive. "I thought the science festival was a wonderful experience for us. I know that my peers and I truly found satisfaction and fulfillment in sparking interest in science and engineering for the children and families at the festival. At

the park, we demonstrated a Shake Table that we built with SHPE club here at Skyline College for testing and experimenting with model designs against simulated seismic movement. We felt proud being able to go out there and show our chops to the Bay Area. Also, we were very happy showing families the principles of power generation and storage following Faraday's Law of Induction. It felt very good seeing both children and their parents' were astonished and curious asking questions. I feel very fortunate that we were able to participate in such a community event advocating education," said Phillip Cho, physics student from Skyline College.

Special thanks to MESA for sponsoring the event. AJ Bates and Ilka Koskelo also attended the event.



*Pictured here are (Left to Right): Stephen Fredricks, Brandy Wagner, Damien LeClerc, Amber Lincoln, Elaine Talle, Rebecca Belloso, Bardo Castro, Phillip Cho, and Professor Carmen Velez. Photo taken by Damien LeClerc.*

*Article and photos submitted by Dr. Carmen Vélez  
For more pictures of the event visit the [SACNAS Newsletter](#)*



## **Thanksgiving Feast & Idea Fest**

### **Skyline College Students Speak Announcing \$6100 Grant Awards to Fund Top Ideas**



Students Join Us! Share Your Best Ideas to Improve Our Campus & Community  
Faculty & Staff are invited to observe.

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Upstairs Building 6 Room 6202  
Come eat, enjoy, & talk about your best ideas to improve our campus & community.

For information: Contact Jennifer Mair at [mairj@smccd.edu](mailto:mairj@smccd.edu)

## CITD Forms Partnership with South Africa



At the invitation of the Center for International Trade Development (CITD), South African business leader, Nombuso Ndumo visited Skyline College on October 20, 2011. Based in Durban, South Africa, Ms. Nombuso Ndumo is also renowned for her community work and leadership skills across the Kwa-Zulu Natal province of South Africa.

CITD's invitation of Ms. Ndumo was part of the African Diaspora Program at Skyline College and it provided an opportunity to further expose Skyline College to various international partnerships for program development.

While at the college, Ms. Ndumo had profound discussions with various administrators of the college to establish partnerships for Leadership Programs, International Student Recruitment and for the development of Culture-based Study-Abroad Programs. Ms. Ndumo's visit was an off-shoot of Skyline College's CITD's collaboration with the South African Consulate General in Los Angeles for various programs of mutual benefit. In addition to discussing trade matters with the CITD, Ms. Nombuso's visit included meetings with the Dean of Business, the Director of the Learning Center, a tour of the Cosmetology department and a visit with the President, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud. Skyline College stands to benefit a great deal from this partnership, as this will surely be a boost the International Studies Program, the African Diaspora Program at Skyline College, as well as, benefit the business clients of the Center for International Trade Development due to the trade potentials of such partnerships.

For more information please contact: [melloa@smccd.edu](mailto:melloa@smccd.edu).

Pictured above: Nohel Corral, Jomuke Akin-Taylor, Nombuso Ndumo, Don Carlson and Pcyeta Jackson

*Article and photo submitted by Richard Soyombo*



## **Skyline College Leadership Academy**

On October 19, 2011, the Skyline College Leadership Academy (SCLA) opened its doors to thirty-eight students. The program was established in the Fall semester of 2011 with a focus on cultivating and motivating students to become empowered, socially aware global citizens. The SCLA is the first of its kind at Skyline College to bring students and communities together to discuss and explore leadership in unique and innovative ways. It was designed around the “Seven C’s”: A Social Change Model of Leadership Development including topics such as Consciousness of Self, Congruence, Commitment, Collaboration, Common Purpose, Controversy with Civility, and Citizenship—to facilitate student leadership development on the campus.

This academy is structured as a two semester-long commitment and incorporates workshops with meaningful volunteer services to promote civic engagement in community and on campus. The SCLA is a Learning Center project in partnership with Divisions such as Math/ Science/ Technology, Language Arts, Counseling, Student Activities, and the Center for Student and Community Civic Engagement.

We are excited to have very exceptional students who bring a variety of experience and potential. Also, we want to thank everyone for their interest and support in this program. The SCLA facilitators and staff are proud to be a part of students’ leadership journey as they strive to become one of the tomorrow’s global leaders.



*(Article and Photos submitted by Olena Mykhaylichenko)*

## **Fashion Merchandising Students Learning on Site at Hillsdale Mall**

Students from the “Creating a Personal Image” course in Skyline College’s Fashion Merchandising program went to Hillsdale Mall recently to participate in a personal image consultant shopping simulation with Professor Suzanne Newcome. Students were asked to put together a professional work wardrobe for two male clients and three female clients of various backgrounds to match their lifestyles and image. The instructor then reviewed the student’s work and made suggestions on how to optimize the situation to make a potential client happy. Business Division Dean, Don Carlson also attended the field trip with the class, assisting in the process since he has a background in clothing retail.

Having students work onsite in a department or specialty store for a classroom project is invaluable to their education. This hands on experience makes the class interesting and exciting for the students and the instructor and greatly enhances student success.



*Article and photos submitted by Don Carlson*

## Pass it on to Students - Plan Ahead – Pay Ahead REMINDER



Effective with registration for Spring 2012, the District will be implementing board policy that requires students to pay all fees at the time of registration. Students who do not pay their fees by January 4, 2012 will be dropped from their classes.

In order to make sure that students are able to pay their fees and not be dropped from their classes, they have the opportunity to sign up for an inexpensive payment plan which will allow them to stretch out their payments between their registration date and April 5, 2012. Students can sign up for the payment plan by logging into WebSMART at <https://websmart.smccd.edu/>

Detailed information about the new policy and payment plan is located on the Skyline College website at the following link:

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/admissions/planAhead.html>

*Original article submitted by Christianne Marra.*

## CLASP, AACC and the Ford Foundation Visit Skyline College

In response to a Letter of Inquiry about a \$350,000 - \$500,000 grant, Skyline College was selected to host a site visit from the [Center for Law and Social Policy](#), (CLASP) the [American Association of Community Colleges](#), (AACC) and the [Ford Foundation](#) to our campus on November 7, 2011. The site visit provided this national team with an opportunity to explore how Skyline College is working to connect financial aid recipients to public benefits to increase available resources and to consider whether the college will be invited to submit a grant application to take part in a national initiative to connect participants to public benefits. The Financial Aid Office and SparkPoint at Skyline College collaborate to ensure that students take advantage of all resources and services leading to educational achievement. Bundling traditional college resources such as financial aid with additional resources available through public benefits is central to the ongoing policy work that CLASP conducts. For more information about CLASP please [view a brief video](#).

A highlight of the site visit included presentations from Skyline College students Fadwa Mustafa and Shamika Wilson who impressively recounted how SparkPoint financial coaching and related services had supported their educational success. Thanks to the site visit team and additional faculty staff and partners who participated in the site visit including: President - Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud; Vice President, Instruction – Mike Williamson; Vice President, Student Services - Joe Madrigal; Dean of Research and Planning - Dr. Rob Johnstone; Dean of Counseling - Rick Wallace; Director of the SparkPoint Center – Dr. William Watson; Academic Senate Vice President, Professor Leigh Anne Shaw; Dean of Student Services and Programs, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – Sarah Tyson; Director of Financial Aid - Regina Morrison; Research Analyst – Dr. David Ulate; Director of San Mateo County Works, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, John Joy.



*Pictured are: Chauncy Lennon, Ford Foundation; Shamika Wilson, Skyline College student, Abigail Newcomer, CLASP; Jean Petty, AACC; and Sarah Tyson, Dean of Student Services and Programs, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
(Photo and Article submitted by William Watson)*

## TRiO Takes the Ropes Course Challenge



On Friday, November 4, 2011 approximately twenty TRiO students participated in a leadership development activity at Fort Miley in San Francisco. Throughout the afternoon, TRiO students engaged in multiple challenges, activities, and group work that ranged in level of difficulty. Students were asked to challenge themselves and step beyond their comfort zone to push their limits physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Through this fun, safe, and positive environment, TRiO students encouraged one another as they faced their fears and completed the various challenges designed to foster self-confidence and build leadership and communication skills. Furthermore, students worked together to build trust, support, cooperation, and promote a sense of community.

The event was a tremendous success among TRiO students who walked away with greater confidence and with the realization that with the right support system, they can face their challenges and conquer their fears, just as they did at the Ropes Course.

*(Article and photo submitted by Jessica Lopez)*

## Skyline College Ceramics Club Holds Empty Bowl Fundraiser



*Shown here are Faculty Advisor Tiffany Schmierer and the members of Skyline College & Capuchino High Ceramics Clubs*

The Ceramics Club hosted its second Empty Bowls Project fundraiser Wednesday evening, November 2, 2011, in the College Dining Hall. Skyline College ceramics students made 350 bowls for the event and Capuchino High School Ceramics students brought 30 more for a total count of 380 bowls. Attendees of the event got to select a handmade bowl and fill it with a soup of their choice provided by Pacific Dining. During the dinner there were music performances by Professor Jude Navari's voice class students, and by Assistant Professor Zach Bruno's student Jazz Quintet. Guests were also entertained by Al-Hambra Tribal Dance, a San Francisco-based troupe whose members included ESL Professor Leigh-Anne Shaw, who performed American Tribal Style belly dance. This year's event also included art drawings for chances to win pottery and sculptural artwork.





*Club Members selling tickets for the Art Drawing and rinsing off bowls so attendees could take them home.*

The 2011 Skyline College Empty Bowls Project raised \$2530.00, and the proceeds will be donated to the Skyline College Sparkpoint Center. The Sparkpoint Center offers a food pantry, financial services, employment services, and counseling to our students and local community.

The Empty Bowls Project is a grassroots movement that takes place at community centers, grade schools, and colleges throughout the US and internationally. The goal is to raise money to help to fight hunger and the bowl that is kept becomes a reminder of those in need.



*Tribal Voice Student Jan De La Cruz Dance Troupe*



*ESL Professor Leigh-Anne Shaw dances in the Al-Hambra*



*Assistant Professor Zach Bruno and the Skyline College Jazz Quintet*

## Skyline College Receives 2011 College Innovator Award



In ceremonies held November 3, 2011, in Des Moines, Iowa, Skyline College received an award from MDC on behalf of Annie E Casey Foundation's Center for Working Families (CWF) initiative. SparkPoint at Skyline College is modeled on the CWF model.

Colin Austin of MDC provided this information about the award.

*"The "2011 College Innovator Award" is awarded by MDC to recognize exemplary practices that increase student success. This year Skyline College received the award for their groundbreaking efforts to establish the Center for Working Families approach through a SparkPoint Center and help low-income students receive income supports and financial services that help students stay in school and graduate. Skyline College is also a leader in the Center for Working Families College Network, managed by MDC with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)."*



*Pictured (L-R) are Susan Gewirtz, AECF; Adolfo Leiva, Dr. William Watson, Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud, Andrea Anyanwu, Julie Lamson, all from Skyline College; and Colin Austin from MDC.*

*(Article submitted by William Watson - Photo by Dan Ivis)*

## **Respiratory Therapy Program Receives Continued CoARC Accreditation Status**

Annually the Respiratory Therapy Program at Skyline College must assess and meet external accreditation standards through the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). There are many thresholds and goals involved which include program completion, attrition, job placement, credentialing, and graduate and employer satisfaction. The process is very similar to the Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Cycle and Program Review. This collaborative effort, between the College, health care community, and our students, helps ensure the program maintains high standards for student competency and job placement in this difficult economy. Graduates are highly sought after by employers throughout the bay area. Many thanks to all who are involved in this annual accreditation process.

The program began at Skyline College in 1970 and will be celebrating the graduation of its 40<sup>th</sup> cohort in 2012.

# CLASS SCHEDULE

Day, Evening, Weekend & Online Classes Begin January 17, 2012



Short courses are available beginning each month from January to May

**Respiratory Therapy Program students during 2011 Commencement**  
*(left to right) Lynette Aitcheson, Michelle McCrum, Kimberly Whitlow, Lance Pangilinan, Fabian Miranda, Earl Mangalindan, Marifi Buensalido*  
Article submitted by Ray Hernandez

## Coming Up...

**November 18, 2011**

- 5:30 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Feather River @ Skyline
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Cabrillo College @ Cabrillo

**November 19, 2011**

- 9:00 a.m., Wrestling – Conference Tournament @ Hayward
- 7:30 p.m., Third Annual Performing Arts Showcase at Skyline College – Building 1, Theater (tickets available at the door for \$10 or purchase online for \$5 by November 16 at <http://www.SkylineCollege.edu/bookstore/PAS>)

**November 22, 2011**

- 12:30 – 3:45 p.m., Skyline Students Speak: Thanksgiving Feast and Idea Fest - Room 6202, Building 6 (for more information contact Jennifer Mair at [mairj@smccd.edu](mailto:mairj@smccd.edu))
- 6:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Solano @ Solano

**November 23, 2011**

- Evening Courses Only – Declared Recess
- 3:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan College @ Gavilan

**November 24, 2011**

- Holiday – Thanksgiving

**November 25 - 27, 2011**

- Declared Recess

## **Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!**

**November 30, 2011**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and BOG Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B

**December 5, 2011**

- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., *From Rags, Now Riches – A Showcase of Skyline College Cosmetology Student Work* – Building 4, Cosmetology Department; please RSVP to Laurie Biagi at [biagi@smccd.edu](mailto:biagi@smccd.edu) or 650-738-4165

**December 7, 2011**

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., *Expressions Through Black Music – A Research & Performance Project* presented by Professor Kymberly Jackson's ASTEP Music 680 class – Building 6, Dining Hall; for more information, please contact Kymberly Jackson at [jacksonk@smccd.edu](mailto:jacksonk@smccd.edu)
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and BOG Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B

**December 8, 2011**

- 12:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m., Poetry Reading hosted by Professor Nathan Jones' LIT 225 (Contemporary Poetry) class featuring original works by students – Building 4, Hosting Gallery

**December 11 - 17, 2011**

- Final Examinations – Day, Evening and Weekend Classes

**December 14, 2011**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and BOG Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B

**December 21, 2011**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and BOG Workshop – Building 2, Room 2117B

**December 23, 2011 – January 2, 2012**

- Winter Recess (College and Offices Closed)

**January 17, 2012**

- First day of Spring 2012 Semester

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If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at [marrac@smccd.edu](mailto:marrac@smccd.edu).

## Guidelines Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking 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](mailto:skylineshines@smccd.edu)

- Place your submission in a word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to ¼ or ½ 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)

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### 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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