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Contextualized Basic Skills Preparation
for College and Careers



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Skyline College & Cañada College Launch Innovative “Gateway Program”

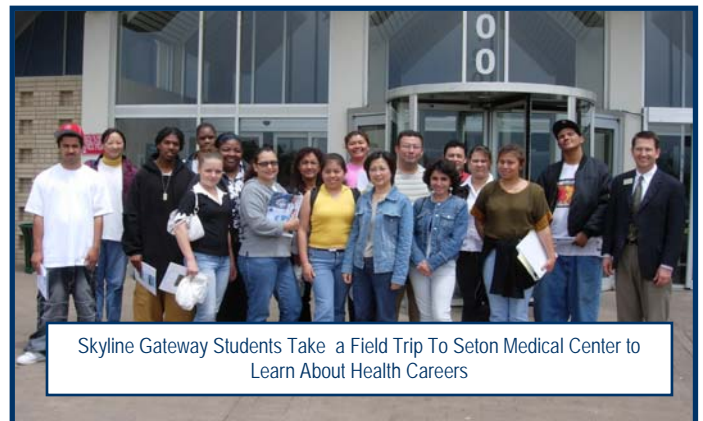
The great success of workforce development programs like Skyline’s Bio-Manufacturing Certificate Program has led to a new program for students at Skyline and Cañada called the Gateway Program. The Skyline College Bio-Manufacturing Certificate Program continues to thrive. Just this Spring, the California Community College Association for Occupational Education awarded this partnership between Skyline, Genentech, and the San Mateo County Workforce investment Board, the statewide award for “Excellence in Partnership.” The program boasts a 95% completion rate and placement rate that hovers around 80% for entry level positions making between \$30k and \$40k per year. The competition for entry into this popular program has steadily increased. A significant number of students already have degrees.

For students who have not completed degrees and need to develop their basic skills, Skyline College and Cañada College (in partnership with the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board), created a learning community gateway to prepare students to succeed in programs like bio-manufacturing, allied health and general education coursework leading to degrees. The program consists of intensive contextualized basic skills preparation that:

- prepares students to satisfy math and English prerequisites needed for education programs in allied health, bioscience and general education;
- equips students with necessary English and math skills;
- nurtures skills needed to succeed in college and the workplace;
- features a Learning Community design to enrich the learning experience;
- includes dedicated counseling and program coordination for student support.



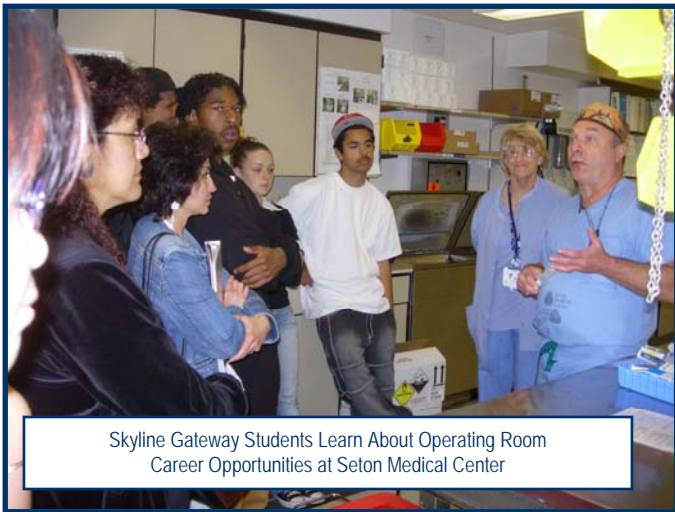
Cañada Gateway Students Learning With Instructor Jacque Phillips & Coordinator Guillermo Villanueva



Skyline Gateway Students Take a Field Trip To Seton Medical Center to Learn About Health Careers

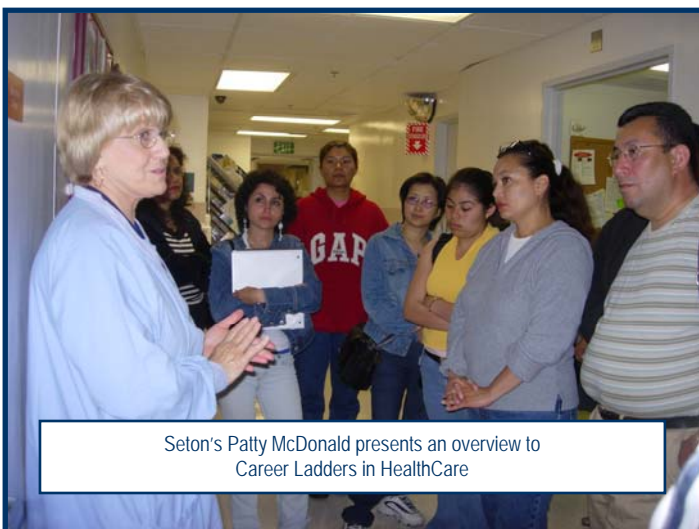
Skyline Gateway Students Tour Seton Medical Center

Seton Hospital and Skyline College enjoy a thriving relationship that creates great opportunity for the area. For years, Seton and Skyline have worked together to ensure a highly skilled workforce in allied health careers like respiratory therapy, surgical technology, and sterile processing. Skyline enjoys the support of Seton's Jim Comstock, Director, Business Development Community Relations Administration who serves Skyline as a member of the President's Council. Jim Comstock, along with Seton's Tran Nguyen, Employer Relations Specialist, Business Development, hosted Skyline's Gateway students for a tour of the hospital and an orientation to careers in health care.



Skyline Gateway Students Learn About Operating Room Career Opportunities at Seton Medical Center

Ken Sheil presented opportunities in Admitting Operations. Demetra Jefferson provided a tour of PBX Operator Services. Patty McDonald provided a tour of OR and discussed career ladder opportunities with the students. Sara Baldwin from Human Resources provided an orientation to employment opportunities and gave the students tips on resume preparation and interviewing.



Seton's Patty McDonald presents an overview to Career Ladders in HealthCare

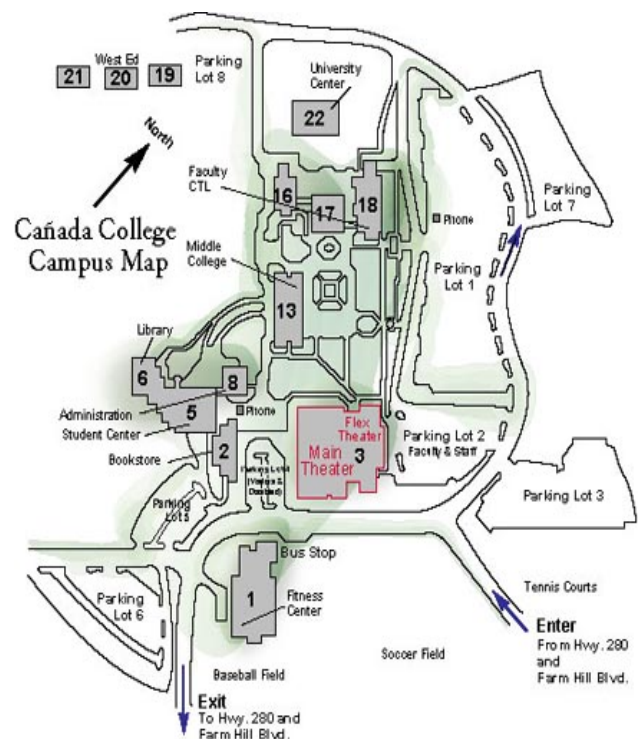
Cañada College Hosts Gateway Student Completion Ceremony at Cañada Main Stage Theater June 10, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. Followed by Luncheon



Cañada College partnered with Skyline College to plan and implement a Gateway learning community to serve the residents of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. To make the program as accessible as possible, Cañada worked with their community partner in Menlo Park, Opportunities Industrial Centers West, to deliver the program onsite at the OICW facility. The program represents an innovative service delivery structure that capitalizes on effective partnerships. Key personnel include:

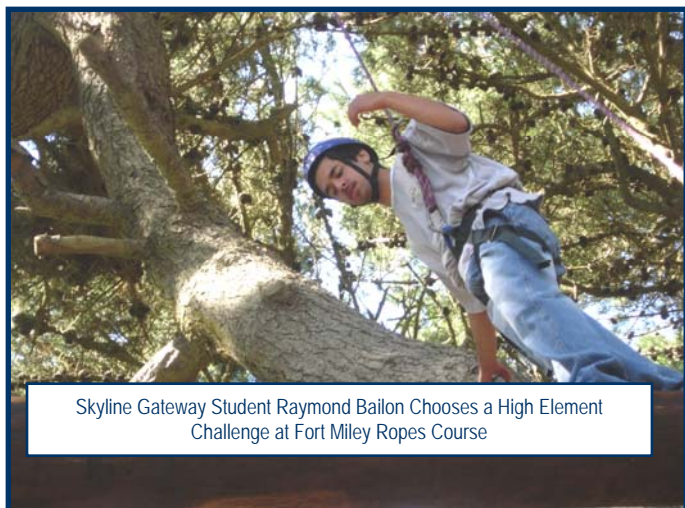
- Marilyn McBride, Cañada Vice-President of Instruction
- Kuni Hay, Dean of Humanities
- Guillermo Villanueva, Coordinator
- Elena Farinas, Peninsula Works Case Manager
- Lyn Belingheri, Counselor
- Rama Akkaraju, Instructor, Math
- Mahdu Akkaraju, Tutor, Math
- Terrance Greene, Instructor, Career
- Jacqueline Phillips, Instructor, English

The Cañada Gateway Students celebrate the program's completion in a ceremony on Friday, June 10, 2005 at 10:30 a.m., in the Main Stage Theater at Cañada College. A Luncheon will follow.



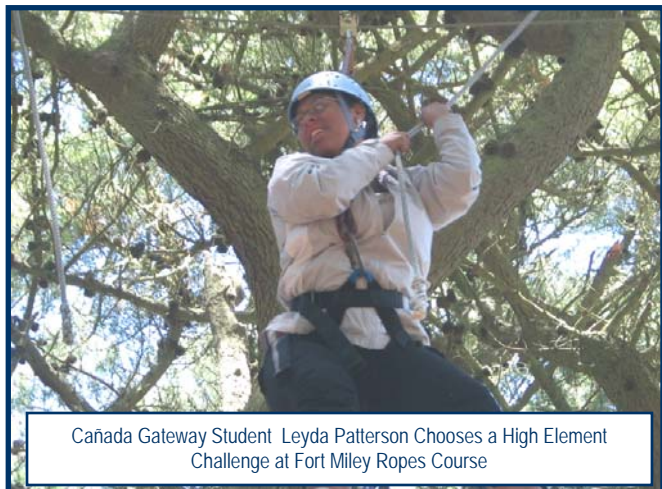
Gateway Students Take On Ropes Course Challenge

For over twenty years the Fort Miley Adventure Challenge Course has been used as an integral tool in the development of leadership and communication skills for over 30,000 people in the Bay Area. Located in San Francisco at Land's End, the course fosters a fun, safe and inclusive environment in which individuals and groups may work together to develop self-confidence, group cooperation, communication, leadership and decision-making skills.



Skyline Gateway Student Raymond Bailon Chooses a High Element Challenge at Fort Miley Ropes Course

The ropes course has been consistently successful in challenging and motivating participants to achieve more and work together in new and creative ways. Programs are designed to use physical, mental and emotional challenges to encourage collaboration, self-



Cañada Gateway Student Leyda Patterson Chooses a High Element Challenge at Fort Miley Ropes Course

esteem, leadership, teamwork, support and achieving beyond expectations. Programs operate under a challenge by choice philosophy, meaning participants have the choice to choose their challenge levels. The process of choosing these challenges will empower participants to leave their 'comfort zones,' to test their limits and build essential life skills. These skills, experiences and values can transfer to impact Gateway Students' success in positive and inspirational ways.

Skyline Gateway Students Meet Faculty at the "Meet, Greet, and Eat Luncheon"

The Gateway Students at Skyline enjoyed meeting faculty in a cordial luncheon setting. Students and Faculty introduced each other and talked about their goals for the program.



Skyline Gateway Students Get To Know Faculty at the Eat Meet and Greet Luncheon

Key personnel for the Skyline Gateway Program include:

Regina Stanback-Stroud, Vice President of Instruction
Anita Martinez, Dean of Language Arts
Michael Williamson, Dean of Science Math and Technology
Jennifer Hughes, Dean of Counseling
Susan Andrien, Director of the Learning Center
William Watson, Director of the Center for Workforce Development
Maria Escobar, Director of EOPS, CARE, CalWorks and Financial Aid
Mary Bravewoman, Math Instructor
Melissa Komadina, Career Instructor, Counselor
Susan Zoughbie, English and Reading Instructor
Jeff Acidera, Counselor / Imelda Hermosillo, Counselor
Felix Perez, Tutor Coordinator
Larry Coons, Tutor / Lisa Rodelo, Tutor / Manny Peix, Tutor
Adolfo Leiva, Coordinator, Center for Workforce Development
Guillermo Villanueva, Coordinator, Center for Workforce Development
Elena Farinas, Peninsula Works Case Manager

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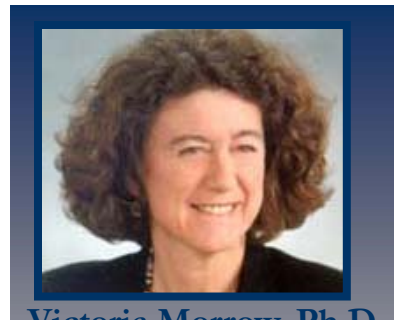
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Skyline College opened in 1969 and is one of three community colleges in the San Mateo County Community College District. The 111-acre site, just west of Skyline Boulevard in San Bruno, CA is conveniently available to residents of South San Francisco, Daly City, San Bruno, Pacifica, and other North County communities.

Skyline College offers many cultural, education, and vocational opportunities for students of all ages. Many Skyline graduates transfer to the numerous colleges and universities in the area. The needs of these students who transfer to upper-division work are carefully provided for in the curriculum. Other Skyline

college students, having achieved the Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree or a vocational certificate find either employment or advancement in business and industry. Serving the birthplace of biotechnology, Skyline is a good neighbor to the largest concentration of biotechnology companies in the world!



Victoria Morrow, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT

Skyline College is a comprehensive community college that provides learner-centered education in a culturally rich and socially responsible environment. The College is proud of its tradition of open access and its climate of innovation. Technology, community partnerships, and economic development are hallmarks of the College. Skyline offers an array of services and instructional programs to support students in achieving their educational goals and to prepare them for a rapidly changing world.



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