



President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

Where did Skyline's "Trojan" mascot and school colors come from?

Thanks to some research by Joe Morello, Dean of PE/Athletics and Dance; Barbara Christensen, Director of Community and Governmental Relations; and Tom Hewitt, Director of Library Services, Skyline has new information of the origin of its school colors and the selection of its mascot. The lore has been that it was tied to the USC colors and mascot, but the facts tell a different story.

Skyline College established the school mascot, Trojans, and the colors, red and gold, as part of the expansion of the San Mateo Community College District that took place in the 1960s. During that time, the College of San Mateo was relocated to its present location in 1963; Cañada College was established in its current location in 1968; and Skyline College was established in its present location in 1969. During this expansion period, the President and Superintendent at the College of San Mateo was Julio Bortolazzo; the Vice President at College of San Mateo was William (Bill) Goss; and the Dean of Instruction at College of San Mateo was Phil Garlington.



As the Cañada and Skyline campuses were built, Bill Goss was named the President of Cañada College and Phil Garlington as the President of Skyline College. In this period of expansion, these three men worked together collaboratively to make sure that the campuses were treated equally yet were free to establish their own unique identity. In undertaking this process, one of the items that was decided dealt with the colleges and their selection of mascots and colors. It was decided that College of San Mateo would retain their colors of blue and white and be named the Bulldogs. Cañada College would have the colors of green and gold, and Skyline College would have the colors of red and gold. The decision on a name for a mascot was left to the athletic department staff at Cañada and Skyline when those schools opened.

It was in the early fall of 1969 that the Athletic Department staff of Walt Rilliet (Basketball Coach and Athletic Director), Lee Allen (Wrestling Coach) and Bob Lualhati (Cross Country and Track and Field Coach) selected Trojans as a mascot. Because by definition the term Trojan is defined as a person of courageous determination or energy, it seemed a fitting mascot to ascribe to Skyline's students in their academic and athletic pursuits. During the first student body election later that fall at Skyline, the Trojan mascot was favored by the students in a vote and became the official mascot of Skyline College.

2010 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholars selected

Skyline Professor of Biology Chris Case is one of 24 community college instructors selected as Phi Theta Kappa's Faculty Scholars, and will serve as a facilitator for the 2010 International Honors Institute. The scholars, all Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisors, were selected based on applications judged on knowledge of the current Honors Study Topic, "The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise," and demonstrated excellence in teaching. The scholars represent 17 states and the Virgin Islands. The Society's Honors Study Topic is an interdisciplinary study used by chapters and colleges as the basis for honors study in colloquies, courses, seminars and the Honors Seminar Series. To prepare for their roles, the group will attend the annual Faculty Scholar Conference, sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, February 3-7.

Skyline faculty contribute to new *Basic Skills Handbook*

The *Basic Skills Handbook (Constructing a Framework for Success: A Holistic Approach to Basic Skills)*, created by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, has just been published. Each college will be receiving a hard copy for their library, but meanwhile the book has been on their website at <http://www.cccbsi.org/basic-skills-handbook>. Check out Chapter 7; Karen Wong and Linda Hein contributed lesson plans.

Skyline's Volunteer Society collects 100 coats

The Volunteer Society, a Skyline student club, was busy in the fall semester fostering the spirit of giving on the Skyline campus. A big thanks goes to those who contributed to "One Warm Coat" in November and December. The Club reported collecting an estimated 100 coats for those in need throughout the community. The Volunteer Society is actively recruiting members. For information on the Society and what's in store for the spring 2010 semester, please contact: Xenia Giolli at xgiolli@my.smccd.edu.

Faculty Door Cards are flying onto the website

Once again Skyline has 100 percent of full time faculty whose door cards are available to students on the college's website, and 55 percent of adjunct faculty have done the same. It is a terrific tool for students and a great boon to colleagues as well. This consistent practice is emblematic of the students first philosophy at Skyline and is something of which to be very proud.

PROGRAMS

Skyline receives \$309,998 to support Career and Technical Education and launch the San Mateo County Sparkpoint Center at the college

The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges has announced its intent to award 2009-10 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways Community Collaboratives. Skyline will receive \$309,998 in state SB70 funding for the period February 1, 2010- March 31, 2012. Skyline will utilize this funding to implement a long term strategy to support economic self sufficiency for individuals and their families and contribute to regional economic sustainability. This Collaborative will partner with the United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) and Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) to launch a *SparkPoint Center*, which will serve as a one-stop site for accessing multiple services: those related to employment and career development, work supports and public benefits, and financial literacy and asset-building strategies. The Center will enhance both access and success in targeted career technical education programs by integrating support services and instruction, and bundling those services for career technical education students.

UWBA developed its vision of the SparkPoint Centers drawing on various models including the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) Center for Working Families. This funding complements additional funding by the Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative to support Sparkpoint Center operations.

The Sparkpoint Center will include Skyline’s Center for Workforce Development, the English Language Institute, the BESST (Beyond Economic Self-Sufficiency Tools) Program and cultivate an enhanced network of student supports including financial aid and career development. Led by Vice Presidents Regina Stanback Stroud, and Lori Adrian, the Sparkpoint Center planning team also includes Edgar Coronel, Maria Escobar, Adolfo Leiva, Regina Morrison, Virginia Padron, Rick Wallace and William Watson.

Skyline kicked off the new year with *On Course*

On January 7-8, about 40 faculty, classified staff, and administrators spent two full days training with On Course principles and strategies. The professional development event was arranged by Melissa Komadina, On Course Coordinator for Skyline College, and the event was funded through the College Success Initiative (CSI). The training was highly experiential and designed to provide the participants with dozens of innovative strategies for empowering students to become active, responsible and successful learners. Overall feedback from the training was positive and participants enjoyed being “the student” in a learner-centered environment and appreciated the experience to work amongst colleagues and to build a sense of community through the On Course experience.



Skyline's Health Center had a busy fall

Several great activities were offered in the fall by Skyline's Health Center:

- The Great American SmokeOut was held November 19 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Lung assessments and blood pressures were done by the Respiratory Therapy students. Smoking cessation programs and information were available from Breathe California; acupuncture by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine; "Let's talk about quitting" by Pat Tyler; and "Strategies for quitting" by Northern California Body Talk.
- AIDS Awareness Week was sponsored by ASSC and the Skyline Health Center, November 30–December 6. Three AIDS Memorial Quilts were on display: 2 panels in building 6, in the staircase, and 1 panel in the library along with a book display by Barbara Daley. Forty students took advantage of free HIV testing on December 1, conducted by the San Mateo County HIV Testing Van in front of the Student Center and at the Health Center.
- H1N1 Flu Clinics were held in December and more than 700 people were immunized. There was also a Children's Clinic on December 14 in the Cafeteria.

Here are students in the flu shot line; nurses Emily Risk, Jan Gersonde and Andrea Keagy; and the AIDS quilt.



Here is the fall season sports wrap for Skyline

Skyline teams and students enjoyed a successful fall sports season. One hundred fifteen students participated in the fall semester in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. Women's Soccer completed the best season in their history with a record of 17-1-4 winning the Coast Conference North Division and advancing in the state playoffs. The team finished the season ranked 5th in California and 13th nationally in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll for community colleges. This national ranking was the first in the history of the program. Men's Soccer completed the season with a record of 4-12-4 finishing in fifth place in the Coast Conference South Division. Volleyball finished the season with a record of 10-15 and a third place finish in the Coast Conference North Division. Wrestling finished the season rated 11th in Northern California and 21st in the state.

Fifteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-Region, All-State and/or All-American selections. Marie Torres - Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference, All-Northern California, Coast Conference Goalie of the Year, 2nd Team All-West Region); Midori Sera – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference and All-Northern California), Taylor Hill – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Fonda Joab – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Laura Cremen – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Lisa Kurpieski – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jamie Parque – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jenna Motylewki – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jennifer Alvarez – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); William Sardinah – Men's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Kevin Wright – Men's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Caroline Livai - Volleyball (1st Team All-Conference); Sarah Wright – Volleyball (1st Team All-Conference); Kevin Reed – Wrestling (All-Northern California) and Chris Zawaiden (All-Northern California).

Academically, Skyline's teams had a cumulative GPA of 2.98. Special recognition is in order for the accomplishments of the Men's Basketball program. The team had the highest GPA (3.29) of any fall sport. Two basketball players had a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The completion rate for all courses attempted by student-athletes was 90% and 50 students (43%) achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher while completing 12 or more units during the fall semester.

CAMPUS SAFETY

New food safety guidelines for Skyline published

On December 11, Vice President Lori Adrian published guidelines for food related events, including food sales and potlucks. Those guidelines are now posted on Skyline's website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PIO/eventplan.html>.

Safety advisory goes out to students

One aspect of Skyline's follow up to the fall 2009 shooting incident on campus involves ensuring that students are aware of the safety policies on campus. The following message was emailed to all Skyline students:

Welcome to the Spring 2010 semester. Skyline College is deeply committed to promoting a safe and secure campus. This advisory is to inform you that the possession and use of weapons, including imitations, is strictly prohibited on campus at all times and under any circumstances. The possession or use of weapons is a serious violation of the Student Conduct (Rules and Regulations 7.69) and is subject to serious disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion (Rules and Regulations 7.70). Such possession or use is also a violation of the Penal Code and is subject to criminal action.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or have safety-related information to share, you are encouraged to:

- Call the Public Safety Office at (650) 738-4199 or the Chief of Public Safety at tupperb@smccd.edu
- Visit the Public Safety website at www.skylinecollege.edu
- Call the Anonymous Tip Line at (650) 738-4358
- Contact the Student Disciplinary Officer/Dean of Enrollment Services at (650) 738-4238, hancocks@smccd.edu
- Contact the Vice President of Student Services at (650) 738-4333, adrianl@smccd.edu

EVENTS

Skyline College artists to exhibit at the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica

For its annual Coastside Invitational, Sanchez Art Center has invited seven art teachers and their students to exhibit their artwork. Participating with Arthur Takayama of Skyline College and Rebecca Alex of CSM are teachers Carissa Browman of El Camino High School, Sam Holmes of Jefferson High School, Robert Dvorak of Sanchez Art Center and Halcyon Teed of the Pacifica Community Center. The Skyline students represent a very wide range of interests in photography. Both past and present students of Arthur Takayama are exhibiting. The students selected are: Cecilia Comella, Peter Garcia, Willy Guillon, Neill Herbert, Aaron Isaac Joshua, Danni Lee, Ian Maile, Gavin Ong, Sandra Pursoff, Milan Subedi, Bella Shah and Alberto Ybarra. The exhibit is on display from January 15th to February 14th in the East Wing Gallery of the Sanchez Art Center. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

***Scenes from the Puppet World* comes to the Skyline Gallery**

Skyline College is proud to present *Scenes from the Puppet World*, an installation by Francesca Borgatta, February 2-March 20, 2010. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, February 4, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Skyline College Art Gallery (Building 1). Admission is free. To build puppets, Francesca Borgatta combines re-cycled materials with paper, textiles and glue. She gives a figure a name and plays with it, adding new elements to define its character. When two or more puppets seem related, she builds a scene to hold them. Borgatta may write a dialogue to explain their predicament, and invite interaction with the audience. Large figures are placed in palanquins suspended from the ceiling, capable of limited motion in interaction with the observer. Visual effects include lighting and projection, while audio effects include natural sounds and dialogue. Themes addressed in these constructions involve cultural identity, inter-personal communication, and achieving ecological awareness through the responsible use of natural resources.

Borgatta's early training included theater and dance. She apprenticed with Peter Schumann's Bread and Puppet Theater. As a rookie teacher with Inter-Action Trust on Adventure Playgrounds, she built sets and puppets for versions of Gulliver and Tempest. Borgatta studied Javanese Shadow Puppetry with the American Society for Eastern Arts (A.S.E.A.), and learned how ritualized storytelling is combined with the gamelan orchestra. Borgatta explores ways in which traditional puppet forms appear in different cultures, and she adapts these principles to her own puppet-making activities.



Gallery hours vary. For current visiting and parking information, please see the gallery website: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>.