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Opportunities

Will you be the next Regional Scholar The Chapter will nominate members for the Nevada/California Outstanding Regional Scholar award soon. Skyline students have won this scholarship. In 2006 it was awarded to our Chapter president Lacey Slattery. See Chris Case *immediately* if you have a GPA >3.9, no Ws, and will be transferring at the end of Spring 2007.

Calling all writers The Nevada/California Regional Literary awards entries will be due soon. If you have a story or poem you would like to enter, see Chris Case *immediately*. Skyline students have won this award. The categories are

- A work of fiction written in prose
- A work of non-fiction written in prose
- A poem

Calling all artists The Nevada/California Regional Art awards entries will be due soon. If you have a piece of art you would like to enter, see Chris Case *immediately*. Skyline students have won this award. The categories are

- An original painting or sculpture in any medium
- A musical composition
- A still photograph (videos are not accepted)

Expanding Your Horizons Help implement this award-winning conference for 6th through 12 grade girls on March 17. It feels good to provide encouragement for the next generation—and looks great on your resume. To help see: AJ Bates (Chemistry), Tiffany Reardon (MESA), or Chris Case (Biology).

Call for Officers Will you be at Skyline in the Spring 2007 and/or Fall 2007? It's time to think about building your resume and honing your leadership skills. Read what Grace and Tresca say about leadership opportunities (pages 2 and 3). Are you interested in an appointment to Environmental Specialist? See Chris Case to learn more about being an officer.

Bridge2Peace and Phi Theta Kappa hope to end the cycle of violence and poverty that has plagued Sri Lanka, and to help its children become informed, resourceful, self-reliant leaders able to shape a peaceful world for themselves, and for those around them. 12 slots are reserved for students that wish to immerse themselves in the culture of Sri Lanka. For 6 weeks students will teach, tour, and learn about Sri Lanka. This is a once in lifetime, life-changing experience. More information: <http://skylinecollege.edu/boo>.

America Counts Become an Elementary School Tutor. Starting Pay \$11.50. Join Skyline College Financial Aid in coordination with the Learning Center and Local Elementary Schools to continue to make a difference. For more information: <http://smccd.edu/accounts/skyac/>

Pacifica School Volunteers needs volunteers to help students with reading, math, and other school work. There is also a need for volunteers with skills in music, art, drama, and physical education. Call 650-355-9432.

Gateway high school needs math and biology/science tutors. The program operates Mon-Thurs from 3:30-5pm. This is a great school, and it's a lot of fun to work here. Contact Joanne Wells: 415-749-3600 X10 or 415-760-9367 or email her at jwells@gatewayhigh.org. Gateway charter high school: 1430 Scott St. at Geary in San Francisco.

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An Interview with Skyline Alumna Tresca Truong

Emi Matsuura, VP of Operations, interviews former Chapter Vice-president Tresca Truong. Tresca is finishing her Biology degree at U.C., Davis. As a Chapter officer, Tresca won the International Outstanding Chapter Officer award.

Emi: Why did you participate in Beta Theta Omicron?

Tresca: I wanted to participate because I felt that having Beta Theta Omicron on my transcript would make it look better. Plus, a former officer showed me pictures of all the community service activities done by BΘO, which made me want to join since I love volunteering.

Emi: Do you think the experience of Phi Theta Kappa helped you in your major or in transferring?

Tresca: I do think that the experience of ΦΘK helped me in transferring and not only because it was a transcript notation. A college personal statement on an application reflects the type of person you are. Am I a leader, somebody who helps out in the community and a well-rounded individual? ΦΘK helped me gain all the skills I needed to be a well-rounded college student.

Emi: What did you gain through your experience as an officer of Beta Theta Omicron Chapter? and what is most valuable?

Tresca: Read answer to question number two. Funny thing is, that I also gained a love of traveling from being in ΦΘK.

Emi: Did membership in ΦΘK make any difference when you applied for jobs?

Tresca: It did make a difference. Usually employers are looking for potential employees who have leadership skills and have the ability to work very well with other people. During interviews, when questions about leadership or social skills pop up, I bring up my experiences with ΦΘK.

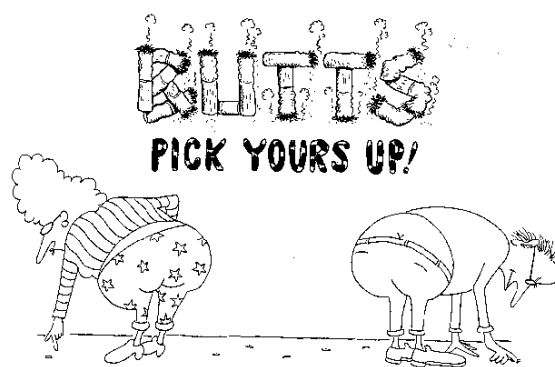
Emi: What has Beta Theta Omicron meant to you?

Tresca: Beta Theta Omicron was a big part of my life at Skyline College. BΘO was like a business-club—

like family to me. I made a lot of friends from other chapters, became closer to my own friends because of all the traveling and BΘO events. Depending on how things work out with ΦΘK, what you have done with the group really determines the type of person you are. You want to keep the chapter 5 star and time management becomes more important to you than ever. BΘO was a stepping stone for me to become a better person.

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Keep Skyline Beautiful



BΘO members picked up cigarette butts on campus and sponsored a contest for Skyline students to guess the number of butts collected in one afternoon. We gave out pocket ashtrays the day of the contest.

Over 2000 butts were picked up!

An Interview with Skyline Alumna Grace Cruz

Emi Matsuura, VP of Operations, interviews former Chapter Vice-president Grace Cruz. Grace graduated from U.C., Berkeley. As a Chapter officer, Grace won the Regional Scholar Award and was a member of the All-California Academic Team.

Emi: Why did you participate in Beta Theta Omicron?

Grace: The idea of an international honor society that was not solely based on academic achievement sparked my interest. There were a number of activities on campus that were spearheaded or jointly organized by Beta Theta Omicron, such as the AIDS walk, food pantry, and breast cancer walk that I was interested in participating in. The chapter gave me an avenue to explore these activities, which I ended up really enjoying—for the most part, because of the friendships that I forged during these events.

Emi: Do you think the experience of Phi Theta Kappa helped you in your major or in transferring?

Grace: Very much so. Having come from the Philippines, I did not have much extra curricular activities going into college. Because of $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$, my transfer/major application to UC Berkeley became pretty robust. The scholarships, awards, and membership in $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ really helped make the transfer process so much easier. Not only did my experience in $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ help with my transfer to Cal, but it also strengthened my resume, which I am now benefiting from, working in the industry.

Emi: What did you gain through your experience as an officer of Beta Theta Omicron Chapter? And what is most valuable?

Grace: Being that the four Hallmarks of $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ are scholarship, fellowship, leadership, and Service I always like to think of my $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ experience in terms of these Hallmarks. As an officer, I got the opportunity to work with people not only from our chapter but from the other local chapters and regions as well. The friendships that I made with these people have truly made a difference in my life. My leadership certainly emerged and became one of my strongest suits, even now in my career. Getting the chance to serve different groups of people, be it through fundraisers for different diseases, or mentoring children after school was very rewarding. $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ gave me the chance to be able to give back to my community and I think that this was the most rewarding experience of all.

Emi: Did membership in $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ make any difference when you applied for jobs?

Grace: Certainly. Membership in $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ is one of the first things that I share when people ask me about some of the things that I have been proud of. Interviewers are certainly intrigued with $\Phi\Theta\text{K}$ and when I share what the organization is about, a lot of people have told me that they also wish that they could've experienced what I did with the organization.

Emi: What has Beta Theta Omicron meant to you?

Grace: Personally, I think of $\text{B}\Theta\text{O}$ as an extended family of mine. A lot of my friends at present have been friends that I met while in $\text{B}\Theta\text{O}$. It has been a huge influence in where I am now in my life.

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B $\Theta\Theta$ helps out local middle schools

$\text{B}\Theta\Theta$ sponsored a cartoon contest for local middle schools. Students were asked to fill in the speech bubbles for Sherman and his pals in Sherman's Lagoon. Cartoonist Jim Toomey donated the original cartoon. The winners were:

Fernando Rivera Intermediate School. Ms. McMahon's class received \$500

Benjamin Franklin Middle School. Ms. Eager's class received \$250

Cabrillo School. Ms. Dwyer's class received \$100



Did Phi Theta Kappa make a difference?

"Phi Theta Kappa made a difference when I applied to transfer and applied for jobs."

"Because of $\Phi\Theta K$, my transfer/major application to UC Berkeley became pretty robust. Interviewers are certainly intrigued with $\Phi\Theta K$."

Inside: Read what $B\Theta O$ members say after transferring

Scholarships:

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. Each award is up to \$30,000!!!! Applications due to Christine Case, January 6, 1007. <<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/boo/1006.html>>

Hispanic Scholarship applications due February 2, 2007
<<http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/comcollege.php>>

Pister Scholarship to UC Santa Cruz, \$20,000. Applications due February 9, 2007.
<<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/boo/1006.html>>

Watch for upcoming events at <http://skylinecollege.edu/boo>

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