Skyline COLLEGE
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Opening Day Celebration

Friday, August 15, 2008

**Building Upon Success–
From Competence to Proficiency**

Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **President's Message**
Dr. Victoria P. Morrow

9:30 a.m. **Greetings/Welcome**
Mauricio Flores Hernandez, ASSC President
Adolfo Leiva, Classified Council President
Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President
Chip Chandler and Nina Floro, AFT Campus Chapter Co-Chairs and Grievance Officers
Cass Christian, CSEA substituting for Richard Tidd, Skyline's CSEA Vice President

9:40 a.m. **Introduction of new faculty and staff**
Dr. Victoria P. Morrow, President
Dr. Loretta Adrian, Vice President of Student Services
Regina Stanback-Stroud, Vice President of Instruction

9:50 a.m. **President's Innovation Fund Video**

10:00 a.m. **Faculty Service Awards**
Dr. Victoria P. Morrow, President

Recognition of degree completion
Dr. Victoria P. Morrow

Skyline Shines Awards
Dr. Victoria P. Morrow

10:30 a.m. **Group photo in courtyard between Buildings 7 and 8**

Coffee Break in Theatre Lobby

11:00 a.m. **Faculty Meeting**
Main Theatre

Classified Council Meeting
Building 6, Room 6203

12 noon **Lunch in Cafeteria**

Afternoon **Division and unit meetings**

New Faculty and Staff

Full-Time Faculty

Melissa Michelitsch
Biotechnology
Melissa Michelitsch is Skyline's new Biotechnology faculty member. She obtained her Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from UCSF. She worked for a number of years at Chiron Corporation of Emeryville, now Novartis, and has most recently been teaching at Laney and Chabot Colleges. She will also be able to teach chemistry and biology.

Tiffany Schmierer
Art
Tiffany Schmierer has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from San Francisco State University, both specializing in ceramics. She has taught ceramics at Skyline since fall 2006. Her own artwork has been exhibited frequently and she has actively promoted displays of the work of her students as well.

New Staff

Kristen Abel
Division Assistant, Counseling, Advising & Matriculation
Kristen started with the Counseling Division in August 2007. Her background includes more than 25 years of administrative and office management experience. Kristen grew up in Half Moon Bay, and moved back to the Bay Area two years ago from Marina Del Rey, CA.

Rakefet Avramovitz
Staff Assistant, Office of College Development, Marketing and Public Relations
Rakefet joined Skyline College in April after returning from a seven-month trip around the world. Previously, Rakefet worked toward social justice at the Child Care Law Center and at NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Sociology from Dickinson College.

Loretta Davis
Administrative Secretary, Office of Vice President of Student Services
Loretta joined Skyline College in January 2008. She received her A.S. degree in Office Administration from Pacific Union College and the Meeting and Event Planning Certificate Program from SFSU School of Extended Learning. She has worked for several Bay Area corporations, as well as at Stanford University.

Patricia (Patti) Mendoza
Office Assistant II, Financial Aid Office
Patti is a Skyline graduate with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts, and is one of the original Campus Ambassadors. She became an interim Office Assistant II in the Counseling Department and a permanent Office Assistant II in the Financial Aid Office in April 2008.

Vivian Paw
Office Assistant II, Counseling Department
Vivian graduated from Skyline College in May 2006 with an A.S. in Accounting. She worked as a student assistant in the Business Office and returned as an interim Accounting Technician in the Payroll Department. Vivian came to the United States from Burma in 2002 and is fluent in Burmese, Chinese, and English.

Graciela Phelps
Logistics Program Director, Center for International Trade Development
Graciela is the program director for the logistics program at Skyline's CITD. She has more than 30 years of international trade expertise. She served as a CITD bilingual consultant and was responsible for the successful completion of the California Mexico Trade Assistance Center Program. She has a B.A. in International Trade from the Universidad Nacional de Panama.

New Faculty and Staff

Crystal Shetaya
Financial Aid Technician, Financial Aid Office
Crystal completed an A.S. degree in Accounting from Skyline College in 2004. She transferred to San Francisco State University and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration. Crystal returned to Skyline as a temporary office assistant in the Counseling Department before becoming a Financial Aid Technician.

Nadia Tariq
Instructional Assistant, Assessment
Nadia was born in Pakistan and moved to the U.S. 12 years ago. She is a Skyline graduate and last semester, she completed two Associate's degrees -- in Web Developer and Office Assistant. She is working on her Bachelor's degree at San Francisco State University. She is now an Instructional Assistant in Skyline's Assessment Center.

Jocelyn Vila
Program Services Coordinator-Outreach, Counseling Dept.
Jocelyn attended Contra Costa Community College and transferred to UC Berkeley earning a Bachelor's Degree in Ethnic Studies. This December, she will earn her Master's Degree in Education from San Jose State University. She worked as an intern in the San Francisco Mayor's Office and with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Jennifer Yen
Research Analyst/Project Director in the Office of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness
Jennifer joined Skyline in September 2007. She has a B.A. in Sociology from UC Irvine, an M.A. in Policy Analysis and Evaluation from Stanford and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from USC.

Administration
Robert Johnstone
Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness
Rob has a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Oregon, a Master's Degree in Psychology from San Jose State, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Stanford. Most recently, Rob was a VP at Foothill College, and was formerly the college researcher at Foothill. He is also Vice President of the Research and Planning Group of California.

Reassignments
Aileen Conmigo
Financial Aid Technician, Financial Aid Office
Aileen has been with the SMCCD for almost 13 years. She came to Skyline from CSM where she held several positions in the Student Services Division. She completed A.A. Degrees in Business and Accounting at CSM and is currently pursuing a B.S. in Accounting/Management from Golden Gate University.

Angelica Gorostiza
Career Resources Counseling Aide, Career Center, Counseling Dept.
Angelica has been with Skyline College since 2000 in the Student Services division, beginning as a student assistant and advancing to the Office Assistant II in the Counseling Division. She has 12 years of administrative experience.

Goldie Lee
Program Services Coordinator, Transfer Center
Goldie is a Skyline graduate with an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Education Administration from San Francisco State University. She worked at Skyline's Assessment Center and Children's Center, with the SSF Unified School District, and at City College of San Francisco.

Julene Smith Rhoan
Staff Assistant, Student Activities Office
Julene began her new position in the Student Activities Office in July 2008. She joined Skyline in 2000 as a Staff Assistant in the President's Office. A graduate of the University of Oregon, she worked in marketing and product development, training with the San Francisco Emporium Buyer's Training Program and holding several positions in the San Francisco area.

Faculty Service Awards

30 Years
Julia Hansen
Julia was hired in 1977 to teach piano and started the program at Skyline. She also started the World Music class, the first of its kind in a California community college. She has received several honors and addressed an international meeting in the Netherlands on starting a World Music class in a community college.

Eric Larson
Eric started working at Cañada College 30 years ago and then spent eight years at CSM before coming to Skyline in 1987. He is a full-time general counselor and specializes in working with automotive students and veterans. He teaches classes in Life and Career Planning, the Psychology of Consciousness, and Shotokan Karate.

Eve Lerman
Eve came to the Skyline English and ESL department in 1977 from El Paso Community College, where she had developed ESL teaching modules. She also co-edited the English Alfa ESL textbook series. Eve holds a B.A. in Linguistics from UC Berkeley and an M.A. in Linguistics/TESL from the University of Michigan.

Virginia Padron
Virginia was a counselor at Cañada and moved to Skyline where she has served as the Career Center Coordinator/Counselor for 12 years. She helped develop the Rapid Response Airline Project for the United Airlines layoff after 9/11, as well as a career development program with women in the San Francisco Jail and local recovery programs.

Mike Williamson
Mike has been Dean of the Science/Math/Technology division since fall 2007. He joined Skyline in 1977 as a Respiratory Therapy (RT) instructor and assumed directorship of the program in 1980. Skyline's RT program has received statewide recognition ever since. Mike served as Curriculum Committee chair for two years and helped create the Program Review process still used today. He also served as Academic Senate President.

25 Years
John C. Frank
John has been an adjunct faculty member, advisory committee chair and a course consultant during his 25 years in the telecommunications program. He has had numerous positions in the community with a wide range of companies. He is an alumnus of Skyline College.

Suzanne Newcome Cowan
Suzanne is an adjunct Business faculty who teaches such courses as "Creating a Personal Image," and "Designing Interiors for Multicultural Populations." Her background is in modeling, image work and interior design. She is also the executive administrator for the Chairman/CEO of Berkeley Heart Lab.

Judith West
Judy is a part-time nurse in Skyline's Health Center and was previously at CSM. She practiced as a nurse until 2007, spent 35 years in a wound care clinic, and was also a research nurse. She holds a B.S. in Nursing, a Master's Degree from University of Washington and a Doctorate in Nursing Science from UCSF.

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20 Years

Tom Hewitt
In 1987, Tom was hired as an adjunct librarian at CSM and came to Skyline College in 1989 to work the morning reference desk. In 1995, he was hired as a faculty librarian, but was reassigned as director in the fall term, a position he holds to this day. He has a B.A. in English from Fordham University, an M.A. in English from San Francisco State University and an MLIS from UC Berkeley.

10 Years

James Bowsher
James Bowsher joined the faculty of Skyline College in 1998 and is Professor of English. James has served on a number of governance committees and recently served on the Curriculum Committee.

Luciana Castro
Luciana arrived at Skyline College in 1998. She is the Coordinator of Foreign Languages and a Professor of Spanish in the Language Arts Division. She holds a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of Sao Paulo-Brazil, and an M.A. in Spanish and Portuguese Linguistics and a Ph.D. in Hispanic Languages and Literatures from UCLA.

Grace S. Chen
Dr. Chen is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics teaching in an adjunct role for the past 10 years. She has also taught at CSM and Cañada. She holds both a Master's Degree and a Ph.D. from State University of New York-Buffalo.

Carlos Colombetti
Carlos has been teaching philosophy in the Social Science/Creative Arts division since spring 1998. He earned his B.A. Degree from UC Berkeley and his Ph.D. from UC Irvine. He was a post-doctoral lecturer at Stanford University. Carlos is a recipient of the Meyer Award for teaching. He spent a semester abroad in London in 2003.

Joan M. Connors
Joan Connors is an English instructor at Skyline College. She joined the Language Arts faculty in August 1997.

Sandra W. Earl
Sandra Earl celebrates her tenth anniversary at Skyline. She was hired in January 1998 and is an English instructor.

Dr. John Elia
Dr. Elia has been teaching history, education and health science classes at Skyline since January 1998. He is currently developing a new course in education. He is also on the faculty of SFSU's Health Education Department, where he has taught for 20 years. He holds a Ph.D. from UC Davis.

Janet Gersonde
Jan Gersonde, RN, is a part-time nurse in the Health Center. She started the immunization program, brought Planned Parenthood services on campus for students, and is responsible for Skyline's annual blood drive. She earned her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and her M.S. from UCSF.

Patrick A. McKay
Pat teaches evening chemistry classes at Skyline and has also been a scientist with Genentech for 28 years. He helped develop Skyline's biotech curriculum and served as the MESA liaison between Genentech and Skyline, as an industry rep for the statewide BA Star Program, and as summer internship manager for the Skyline Genentech Scholars Program.

Dr. Hui Pate
Dr. Pate is a business professor and helped develop the International Trade Program, the Study Abroad in China program, the proposed Asian and Chinese Studies programs, and the first district wide online program in International trade. She holds a B.A. in English, a MBA in International Business, a M.S. in Business Education and a Ph.D. in Instructional Technology from Southern Illinois University.

Jeremiah O. Resus
Jeremiah teaches Tagalog at Skyline. He holds a B.A. in Speech and Drama from University of the Philippines, a Master's Degree in Social Ethics and Sociology of Religion from Boston University, a Doctoral Degree in Theology and Ethics from Trinity College-Singapore and a Doctoral Degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati. He is an active religious and civic leader.

Ercilia Santos
Ercilia teaches Flamenco and Salsa dance at Skyline. She has performed in a variety of different dance genres, including ballet, modern, ballroom and character. She was a member and featured performer with various Bay Area companies, including Theatre Flamenco of San Francisco and NEVA Russian Dance Ensemble and the Flamenco Society of San Jose.

Richard A.F. Soyombo
Richard is Director of Skyline College's Center for International Trade Development (CITD), an economic development initiative funded by the state Chancellor's office. He works with local government agencies and has developed international strategies and programs for businesses. He holds a M.Sc. in International Business Administration from Boston University.

Arthur Takayama
Arthur joined the Social Science/Creative Arts division in August 1997 and is a full-time professor of photography. He has served on many shared governance committees and also served as chair of the Skyline College Curriculum Committee.

Jeffrey N. Westfall
Jeff Westfall, English, joined the Skyline faculty in August 1997. He teaches English Composition, Literature and Critical Thinking, English Grammar and the Services Learning class. He has served on many governance committees including the Academic Senate Governing Council.

Degrees Completed – 2007-08

Lucas Borgo
Instructional Aide, P.E./Athletics/Dance
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, San Francisco State University

Ray Hernandez
Program Director, Respiratory Therapy
Master's Degree in Public Health, San Francisco State University

Regina Stanback-Stroud
Vice President of Instruction
Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, Mills College

Hellen Zhang
Instructor, Business Division
Master's Degree in Accountancy, Golden Gate University