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CIPHER HOLIDAY BLING BLOCK PARTY

The CIPHER Hip Hop Learning Community hosted their 8th Annual Holiday Bling Vendors Fair and Block Party in collaboration with ASSC on Thursday, November 30. This event focused on student entrepreneurship, supporting local vendors, early holiday shopping and celebrating the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop.

This event allowed students to connect with vendors and gain knowledge on entrepreneurship as well as raising funds for our Rock The School Bells Scholarship.

Along with the vendors fair, we had interactive Hip Hop workshops that focused on Turntablism, Emcee Creative Writing and Black Book Graffiti. Attendees were able to participate and learn more about several key elements of Hip Hop.

This lively event incorporated music, dancing and live performances. Our performers included two of Skyline's very own students Kai Guingona and 650 Francis. We also had the privilege to have DJ Bitesize help us create an energetic atmosphere with her gift of DJing and Rhymosaurs with hying up the crowd with his Emcee Freestyle abilities.



Our event served food and light refreshments to our campus community sponsored by ASSC. In addition, Skyline's Barbering, Esthetics and Cosmetology Program provided services which included line ups, braiding, hair styling and hand massages. Thank you all for making this year's Holiday Bling amazing.

Article written by: Alex Urbina

JONATHAN LIGHTMAN FACCCTIVIST AWARD WINNER

Please join us in congratulating Emilie Hein, 2024 winner of the Jonathan Lightman FACCCtivist Award. Emilie's award will be presented in-person at this year's Advocacy & Policy Conference in Sacramento. Join us as we celebrate our outstanding faculty, register for the conference today!

The Jonathan Lightman FACCCtivist Award is presented to a FACCC member whose demonstrated commitment to advancing FACCC's agenda goes above and beyond the call of duty.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CAMPAIGN LAUNCH



Skyline College launched a campaign promoting the Early Childhood Development Child Development Program. The series featured interviews with ECD Program Services Coordinator Michelle Amaral, Professor Kate Williams Brown, and Student Teacher Manuela Mora talking about their own experiences with the program and how they have benefited from it.

UMOJA-ASTEP HOSTS BLACK STUDENT MEET AND GREET FOR SEMESTER



The Umoja-ASTEP Learning Community hosted a meet-and-greet for current and potential students on November 28, 2023. With approximately 30 students in attendance, the gathering served as a platform to connect students and offered insights into the learning community's activities. It also connected students to potential internships, study abroad programs, counseling services, and the Learning Center.

Amidst the informational exchanges, the aroma of pizza filled the air, serving as a delicious backdrop to the conversations. Pizza, a universally loved food, added a casual and enjoyable element to the event, creating an environment conducive to relaxed discussions and networking.

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Umoja-ASTEP is a learning community and transfer support program that focuses on the African American/Black student community college experience through the nurturing of knowledge, intellect, academic exploration, cultural and spiritual identities, gifts, values, and practices. Umoja-ASTEP is part of the Global Learning Programs and Services Division at Skyline College. For more information about Umoja-ASTEP, Spring 2024 Umoja-ASTEP designated classes, and to join the learning community, contact Professors Tony Viertel and Kenyatta Weathersby at skyumoja@smccd.edu or the Umoja-ASTEP website at skylinecollege.edu/umoja-astep.

Article by Tony Viertel

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The Skyline Community is here to help.
The holidays are hard for many of us. From family drama to family far away. Maybe it is not about your family. The Skyline College community has resources to support you, including support for groceries. No one is alone. We are here to help!

Need food assistance?
From a food pantry to drive-thru grocery pick up, visit SparkPoint for more information.

Drive-Thru Groceries Every 1st and 3rd Friday at Skyline College:
Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Dates: 12/15/23, 1/5/24, 1/19/24
Address: 3300 College Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066
(Please use the Skyline Blvd entrance and follow the signs)

Need to talk to someone?
No one is alone. We all need someone to talk to. Don't feel isolated. Our counselors are here to support you. Reach out and make a personal counseling appointment today. It's free. It's confidential. And it can help. If you would like to speak to a personal counselor, please call 650-738-4375.

Sometimes, you need to talk to someone in the middle of the night. TimelyCare offers 24/7 access to virtual care, self-care, and well-being, even during the holiday break. Get registered today.

Remember, you have a community to support you. You are not alone. Reach out today!

COVID-19 HEALTH INFORMATION. REMINDERS

COVID District Policy
Do not come to campus if you feel sick, are symptomatic, or have tested positive for COVID-19.
COVID Safety Officer
Chief Facilities and Operations Officer Michele Rudovsky is the SMCCCD COVID Safety Officer.
Employee COVID Reporting
As per CalOSHA, SMCCCD continues to monitor employee COVID-positive cases. Employees will continue to report COVID-19 positives via an online form. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 (either home antigen or PCR lab test), stay home, do not come to campus, and fill out the Employee Positive-COVID Test Reporting Form.
Students and Community Members
Students and other campus community members are no longer required to report positives but must follow guidance to remain home if sick, symptomatic, or tested positive for COVID-19. See the Isolation/Exposure/Quarantine Decision Tree for when you can return to campus.

FLEX DAY 2024

Register Now!
January Districtwide Flex: AI and AR/VR Mini Conference
The San Mateo County Community College District is pleased to invite everyone to attend the January Districtwide Flex Day:
Leveraging AI and AR/VR: A New World of Teaching
This mini-conference will focus on generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), and Virtual Reality (VR).

Logistical Information:

- Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024
- Time: 8:30 am – 2 pm
- Location: Skyline College, Building 12

The Layout Of The Day:

- 8:30–9:00 am: Welcome, Registration, Continental Breakfast (Farallon Room)
- 9:00–9:15 am: Opening and Instructions (Farallon Room)
- 9:20–10:20 am: Session 1
- 10:20–10:35 am: Break
- 10:35–11:35 am: Session 2
- 11:40 am – 12:55 pm: Lunch and Keynote Address
- 1:00–2:00 pm: Session 3

The session calendar will be shared on our website and on the VRC. Each session will include fully face-to-face presentations, fully virtual presentations, and multi-modal presentations.



Keynote Address:
During lunch there will be a keynote address by Dr. Maya Ackerman, Professor of Engineering at Santa Clara University and leading expert on Artificial Intelligence and Computational Creativity. Her talk will focus on harnessing the power of generative AI, such as MidJourney, for creative art and music projects, and what that means for humanity. You won't want to miss this!

Registration:
Registration for the mini-conference will be through the VRC, which can be accessed through OneLogin, or by clicking the blue buttons embedded in each session on our website. Registration will close on January 7, 2024.

Categories of Presentations:

- AR/VR for AI: This category includes presentations on the use of AR/VR to train and deploy AI models, such as immersive simulations and virtual prototyping.
- AI and AR/VR in Industry: This category includes presentations on how AI and AR/VR are being used in different industries, such as healthcare, manufacturing, education, and entertainment.
- AI and AR/VR for Social Good: This category includes presentations on how AI and AR/VR can be used to address social and environmental challenges.
- AI and AR/VR for College Teaching and Learning: This category includes sessions on the use of AI and/or AR/VR to enhance college teaching and learning experiences.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!
If you require an ADA accommodation, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Harmon, Chair of the SMCCCD District Teaching and Learning Committee or Ricardo Flores, Instructional Technologist at Skyline College.

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Highlights

On Monday, November 13, 2023, SMCCCD Study Abroad collaborated with the International Student Program of the Global Learning Programs and Services (GLPS) Division to host the Opening Ceremony of the annual International Education Week (IEW) in the Fireside Dining Room in Building 6.

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Motimatic Campaign

Outreach and Marketing partner with Motimatic to deliver advertising across social media platforms to retain 1,300 students who started at the college Fall 2023. This is our second campaign with Motimatic. The first campaign focused on stop out students and yielded 83 returning students in the Fall 2023.

Tonga Day



Celebrating the fifth annual Tonga Day with a tribute to alum and current academic counselor at CSM, Melissa Aliu Manuofetoa, who initiated the first Tonga Day here at Skyline.

The festivities began with an opening ceremony, followed by special dance performances, workshops, and a luncheon.

C.R.E.A.M.

CIPHER Hip Hop Learning Community hosted a financial literacy presentation featuring Berna Anat, on November 16, 2023, followed by a book signing for her book, *Money Out Loud*.



Upcoming Events



Neighborhood Center

December 14 | 5:30 p.m. | Jefferson High School

Puente End Of Semester Celebration and Mentor Mixer

December 15 | Farallon Room

Final Examinations

December 11 - December 15

Good Luck Students!

View All Upcoming Events