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Skyline Building 4 Groundbreaking & Building 7 Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

On February 19th, over 200 people attended Skyline's Groundbreaking Ceremony for their new Building 4 - Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classrooms and Administration Offices. The new building is designed to meet the needs of four programs with individualized features:

- Designed to meet the energy and sustainability standards for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program) Silver Certification
- *1st Floor: Classrooms, Cosmetology space, Spa and Esthetician Laboratories
- *2nd Floor: Multicultural Center, Hosting Gallery, Classrooms, Cosmetology Haircutting laboratory, Cosmetology model salon
- *3rd Floor: Classroom, Campus Administration offices, rooftop terrace

Festivities continued across campus at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly renovated Building 7 - Science and Allied Health Building. The building has new state-of-the-art laboratories for biology, microbiology, chemistry, and earth sciences.

Skyline Facilities did an incredible job preparing the campus for these two ceremonies. Severe wind and rain storms passed through the campus just three days prior, but the campus looked great. The landscape, walkways, parking lots, and streets were all cleaned and looked excellent. Building 7 was immaculately cleaned for the open house and all of the building's operating systems were running smoothly. Congratulations go out to everyone at the Skyline Facilities Team for a job well done and showing off "Facilities Excellence."

Written by Richard Inokuchi

College of San Mateo Building 5N Topping Off Ceremony

The cold and rain did not hinder the CSM Community from gathering to observe placement of the final structural steel beam into building 5N, February 6, 2009. It is tradition in the construction industry to hold a "topping out" ceremony to celebrate this major milestone. Attendees had an opportunity to sign the beam before it was swung into place on to the building. An American flag was hoisted with the beam; ironworkers who, of course, deny they are superstitious, say it brings good luck. Another symbol of good luck is placing a live pine tree on top of the beam to ward off evil spirits. It is believed that the tree will act as a talisman to bring good luck. With good luck in place and evil spirits at bay, construction will continue through Summer/Fall of 2010. Building 5N will be home to Nursing, Cosmetology, Work Force and Dental Programs, Wellness Center and Aquatics.

Written by Patty Della Bona



Skyline President Vicki Morrow speaks during the Building 4 Groundbreaking Ceremony



February	March	April
2 Moe Garza	4 Ignacio Bejar	5 Martin Morales
12 Luisa Azevedo	5 Ke Tao Liu	17 Alex Gordon
14 Al Gotelli	5 Alejandro Toscano	18 Devitt Hartney
15 Miguel Gonzalez	5 Allan Chan	27 Jesus Ceja
20 Manny Granillo	10 Stephen Zoboli	
20 Jose Brambila	12 Buu Kim Khuu	
24 Bill Elliott	14 Samuel Brambila	
	16 Jin Ying Huang	
	20 Tony Gulli	
	24 Jimmy Chow	
	24 Pam Emmons	
	27 Luis Hernandez	
	29 Mohamad Baydoun	

Birthdays

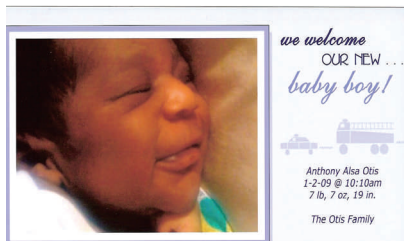


Congratulations Bryant Evans- New Grandpa!



Congratulations to Bryant and Palkina Evans who are first time Grandparents! Son Bryant, Jr. and Monique welcomed Cyniah Lee Evans into the world on January 15, 2009 weighing 5 lbs and 5 oz.

Congratulations Adrian Otis- New Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Adrian Otis and wife Mildred who welcomed boy #3 on January 2, 2009 weighing in at 7 lbs and 7 oz. Adrian, II and Raekwon will be sure to set good examples for their little brother!

Congratulations Tim Granillo-New Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Tim and Leslie Granillo who welcomed Jason James Granillo on November 29, 2008 at 8 lbs even. Older sister Megan and brother Justin are happy he's here!

Skyline Facilities Supporting Green Practices

The Skyline Facilities Department recently took advantage of having a contractor's monster-size chipping machine on campus for one of our CIP projects and diverted its efforts to chip accumulated tree deadfall and debris in Parcel B and behind Loma Chica. Deadfall creates fire hazards and the San Bruno Fire Marshall was very patient but anxious to see the deadfall disappear.

Over the years, the Skyline Grounds crew has had to take down numerous diseased Monterey Pine trees to prevent them from falling on their own and causing personal injury and property damage. Past CIP projects removed diseased trees that were in the way of new construction. Winter storms also brought down trees and limbs. All of this tree debris was taken either to Parcel B or Loma Chica with the intent to have it be put back to good use throughout the campus.

By having the chippings left on site, the District has saved money by not having to pay for off-hauling and improved our chances of exceeding all past year percentages in waste diversion. One



Diego Zarco, Lead Groundskeeper, standing in a pile of chippings behind Loma Chica.



Monster size chipping machine and the large "mountain" of chippings.

of the winter break projects the Skyline Facilities Department is planning to undertake will be to take the chippings and spread them in parking lot medians, landscape areas, shoulders of the Loop Road and walkways, in 'mushy areas' between the main campus and Pacific Heights, in the Sharp Park median and various other locations. This promotes a better looking campus, deters weed growth, and conserves watering needs.

The Skyline Facilities Department took possession of a brand new chipping machine a couple of months ago, which will further the practice of chipping tree debris and deadfall for re-use on campus elsewhere.

Written by Richard Inokuchi

Cañada College Main Water Valve Replacement

As part of the Gateways Project at Cañada College, three main water valves were replaced during the winter break. The valves replaced included one 15" valve and two 12" valves. These valves were originally installed when the campus opened in 1968. Sanco Pipelines, Inc. installed all three valves within a 12 hour time frame. Cañada Facilities staff performed the shutdown and turned off the water. Cañada Facilities was also responsible for flushing of all building water lines of any dirt and/or rocks. With the new valves, shutdown of the campus water system will now take less time and give more isolation control to the campus water system.



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**Spotlight on...
Mo Baydoun**

1. **How long have you worked for SMCCCD Facilities?** Almost 1 year at Skyline
2. **If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go and why?** There are so many places to choose from, but I think I'd like to go to Paris, France. I've never been to France. It's a romantic place and it's the City of Lights.
3. **What are your hobbies outside of work?** I like to play backgammon and cards.
4. **If you knew your next meal would be your last, what would it be?** Definitely a good hamburger and fries. Barbequed hamburgers are the best. Gourmet Burger in Palo Alto is really good.



6. **What is your favorite season or time of year?** Summer because you feel more free. It's really beautiful here in the Bay Area.

7. **What is something that most people would be surprised to learn about you?** I enjoy writing poetry.

8. **Are you a morning person or a night person?** Night person

9. **What is your favorite sport to watch on TV?** Basketball. I like the Detroit Pistons. I grew up watching them.

10. **What is your astrological sign?** Aries

Written by Carina Warne

- Customer Service
- Professionalism
- Team Work
- Communication

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Do you have a story of interest that you would like to share? Do you have a recommendation for an article? Is there something interesting or exciting happening at your campus? Please share your ideas with Carina by emailing them to warnec@smccd.edu.

Congratulations to Ruben Ortega – Retiring March 31, 2009!

Ruben came to the U.S. from Mexico City, Mexico in 1968 and began his employment with the District in February of 1980. Ruben has been married for 31 years to his wife Theresa. They have three children, daughter Cecilia and sons Ruben and Juan Carlos. Ruben is a happy grandpa of 5 wonderful children. Theresa, Ruben's wife, enjoys cooking and Ruben enjoys photography.



When he retires, he plans on visiting his mother in Los Angeles and spending more time with his grandchildren. Ruben also plans to visit Mexico.



Our thanks to Ruben for his many years of dedicated service and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors!!