



## **Donors + Innovation = Community Cultural Arts Venue Upgrade** *Gallery Theater Upgrade at Skyline College*

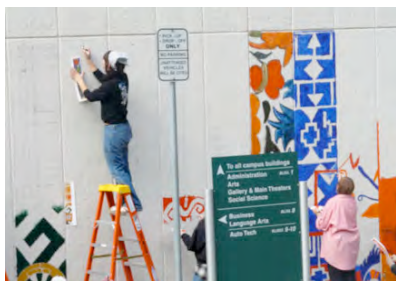
A colorful 11 x 18 foot mural draws the eyes to the exterior of the Gallery Theatre at Skyline College, giving life to a previously unadorned outer wall. The mural's location lends itself to alerting more people to the fact there is an art gallery at Skyline College for the community to enjoy. It is highly visible from the road surrounding and leading into the campus. The mural is being painted by Skyline students over the course of the 2009 Spring Semester.



*The mural consists of nine panels, each representing cultures of the Skyline College community.*

This project is supported by contributions to Skyline College's Presidents Innovation Fund. The Foundation's annual campaign and contributions to the President's Innovation Fund for a particular College makes programs possible that would otherwise not come to fruition due to budget constraints.

The mural consists of nine panels, each depicting a detail of a textile taken from the cultures that represent the diverse background of the Skyline College community. The concept for the mural is the brainchild of Paul Bridenbaugh, Gallery Coordinator and an Art Professor at Skyline College. The goal was to be inclusive and to create a community-oriented art project. Paul brought students, faculty and the Art on Campus Committee together to make the project a reality.



# Donors + Students = Leaders

## Ivy League Inspiration at College of San Mateo

### Students Receive Ivy League inspiration and Guidance at College of San Mateo from Alumna and Counselor Modesta Garcia



**Modesta Garcia**  
CSM & Harvard Alum  
CSM Counselor/Professor  
– Career & Life Planning

Modesta Garcia was an EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) student and scholarship recipient while attending College of San Mateo (CSM) in the 1970s. Inspired by her CSM academic counselor Adrian Orozco, as a CSM student she identified his CSM position as her dream job. She soon transferred as a Ford Foundation Scholar from College of San Mateo to Santa Clara University and received a bachelor's degree, subsequently earning a master's degree at Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Her career path then included student services positions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Santa Clara University, and Princeton University, and finally back to CSM where she realizes her dream.

At CSM, Garcia inspires students she counsels to design grand aspirations and forge ahead. Most recently, she counseled an outstanding concurrent enrollment student who took enough classes at CSM while in high school to graduate from the community college and her high school within a week. That student now attends Harvard.

Garcia is known as a catalyst in higher education. She is the only Harvard graduate and the only Latina to lead the Bay Area alumni chapters; she is past president of both, the Harvard Club of San Francisco and the Harvard Club of Silicon Valley. In 2003, Garcia was one of three inaugural recipients of the Harvard Graduate School of Education *Alumni of Color Achievement Award* for outstanding service and work in the areas of race, class, gender and identity. In 2008, the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) honored Garcia with the *Outstanding Club and Special Interest Group Contribution Award*. HAA Regional Director Anne Knight writes, "It is noteworthy that while she could have stayed at Princeton or moved to another Ivy League school, she has elected to return to the community College of San Mateo, where she had first matriculated and from which she can now point the path to Harvard-as she regularly does!" Additionally, Garcia is the first community college faculty recipient of the *Distinguished Service Award* from the College Board Western Region Guidance and Admissions Assembly.

Twenty years ago, Modesta generously established the endowed CSM Chicano/Latino Transfer Scholarship. She later initiated and coordinated the President's Lecture Series: *Diverse by Design*, which has brought to CSM's campus high-profile educators and government officials to share their perspectives on diversity; the program is now in its eighth year. Diversity and globalization are valued by Garcia. In her spare time, she studies Mandarin, and dreams about or plans trips to China.

In 2008, 1135 San Mateo County Community College District students were admitted to 4-year colleges and universities.

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*Donor-inspired leadership: Boryana's story*



**Boryana Dineva**  
*College of San Mateo 06-08*  
*UC Berkeley, Class of 2009*

**I am from Bulgaria** so everything I experienced at College of San Mateo was a new experience for me. All of the volunteering and social change activities I was involved in while at CSM brought me great joy. I evolved as a person while I observed the positive impact I had on others. The scholarships were "official" recognition and validation of my work.

My original goal was to simply "do good" - one person, one project at a time. The donors made me realize that I am not alone and that others share my vision and values. It was uplifting, inspiring, and made me hopeful. It still fuels my drive.

The scholarships I received as a College of San Mateo student enabled me to completely focus on my education and social change projects and also gave me that certain assurance that what I do is right. I am currently involved in the Berkeley Future Leaders Program, working on my leadership skills with the goal of taking what I do to a greater scale. My plans for the future are to simply follow my educational passions: Economics, International Marketing, Languages, and Inspirational Leadership.

Finally, I am looking forward to the moment where I will be able to award someone else a scholarship and show them that I believe in what they do, just like other people showed to me.

## Donate Your Car



You can turn your unused vehicle into a 'vehicle' for supporting local college students! Call the Foundation's Auto Donation Hotline (boats accepted, too) at 650.358.6879 for more information.

San Mateo County Community College District serves approximately 40,000 students each year: that is 1 in 17 people in San Mateo County.

# Community + Art & Olives = Fun & Scholarships

*Mark your calendar for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Olive Festival – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Thank you to all who made the 11th Annual Arts and Olive Festival an immense success! **Mark your calendars for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Olive Festival for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 5pm at Cañada College.**

Sponsorships, private donations, entry contributions, raffles and wine sales combined to make a substantial amount of funds available for the Arts & Olive Scholarship Fund: **\$13,000** was raised for students with financial need and who have volunteered in the local community.

A large corps of volunteers from the community, Cañada College students, faculty, staff and administrators and the Foundation partnered to welcome and serve event attendees. Early Childhood Education (ECE) students staffed the Kid's Corner and provided crafts, art projects and face painting. Interior Design and Marketing students provided displays at the college bookstore while Phi Theta Kappa represented student environmental concerns. The vendors were placed throughout Cañada's newly renovated campus and the remaining construction areas were draped with beautiful scenes provided by students in the Art department.



*Sampling and learning about local olive fare and artisans.*



*Attendees enjoyed live music and entertainment, among many of the attractions at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Olive Festival.*

The Arts & Olive Festival at Cañada College began in 1998 as part of Cañada's 30 year anniversary celebration to benefit student scholarships. The celebration brings together more than 70 vendors consisting of some of the olive industry's top experts to provide the community with olive education, olive and olive oil tasting, olive related products, and an abundance of quality art works and gifts.

Cañada College has had a special relationship with olives since its inception. Olive trees have been a thriving and integral part of the campus since the College's opening in 1968.

Interested in sponsoring the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Olive Festival? Contact Roxanne Brewer at [brewerr@smccd.edu](mailto:brewerr@smccd.edu) or 650.358.6849.

For more information, visit the Arts & Olive Festival online at [www.olivefest.com](http://www.olivefest.com).

# How Can I Help?

***There is Still Time to Support the Annual Campaign!***

**Investing** in education has guaranteed returns of productive and enriched lives, including our own.

Gifts to San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation's Annual Campaign support scholarships and President's Innovation Programs. The President's Innovation Fund augments the educational curriculum where it is needed most. Such programs include math and English tutoring, student-athlete mentoring, a program that reaches into local high schools to help at-risk students graduate, competitive honors programs and more.

Scholarships are provided for hardworking, talented students. Over 80% of San Mateo County Community College students work while attending school to support themselves or families. Scholarship funding increases opportunities for self-sufficiency for students and their families.

Community college programs and students have a direct impact on our quality of life – even if we've never stepped foot on one of the beautiful campuses. For over 40 years, generous community support of San Mateo County Community Colleges has matured into our community's leaders, teachers, caretakers and lifesavers.

We invite you to join or continue "**Investing in Futures**" - the investment with guaranteed returns: Education.



**Rolando Postigo**  
*SMCCCD Alumni & Annual Campaign Volunteer discusses how his experience as a student inspired him to return to help other students.*

## Support has been outstanding

**We are \$145,000 toward a \$160,000**

**goal. Your continued support is greatly needed and appreciated!**

Contributions can be made online at [www.smcccf.org](http://www.smcccf.org) (please indicate "Annual Campaign" in the Comments) or checks can be sent to: SMCCCF, Attn: Annual Campaign, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402 or in the remittance envelope provided.

{ \$1.6 million is the average lifetime earnings of a graduate with an associate's degree - \$400,000 more than for a high school graduate. }

# A Tribute

## ***Garlingtons' \$250,000 bequest crowns 40 years of service to Skyline College***

Ellis W. Garlington, widow of Philip C. Garlington, founding President of Skyline College, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, February 16, 2009. Ellis was born October 12, 1922, in Northwest Colorado. Phil and Ellis were married in December 1962.

"The movers are lugging the final stuff out as we speak," said Stan Garlington from his mother's San Mateo apartment where he had been caring for her since arriving from Anchorage, Alaska. "Our mother's single minded-focus was taking care of Phil and her children," he added. "They were the proud parents of Stan, Pam Stroud, Phil Jr. and Peggy Mackwood.

"Mom and Dad had lived in the same apartment for more than 40 years," he said, sounding a little like an archeologist assessing an ancient dig. "Pam (his sister Pam Stroud of San Mateo) and I found many artifacts of life in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. All the children agreed that our parents' book collection should go to the Skyline College library to give students access to an extensive and varied collection of literature.

"Dad had studied English literature, and retained his love of literature and reading through career and retirement. Mom was an avid reader, and they both loved crossword puzzles and double acrostics."

After Phil Garlington's four-year stint as Skyline's founding president (1968 -1972), both he and his wife remained active members of the Skyline College President's Council which he had founded. They were donors to the college library and MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement Program).

Stan noted that his father viewed his community college career as a high form of public and community service. "He was under consideration to head up a Peace Corp effort in Tanganyika while he was at the College of San Mateo. It was a tough decision, but he chose to continue at the college. He was honored to be appointed the founding President of Skyline College. He actively sought to make Skyline the north county's community's college, and to involve the community in the college and the college in the community."

With Ellis Garlington's passing, the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation became the beneficiary of a \$250,000 gift from the Garlington

estate. The gift will establish an endowment to fund scholarships for students of Skyline College who have completed at least 30 units of credit and who will be transferring to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree. In 2005 the Foundation honored them as its outstanding philanthropists of the year.

The generosity of the Garlington's estate plan reflected the way they lived. Skyline staff dubbed them the "Darlingtons" for their consistent support of the college's programs and students over some 40 years.

Phil Garlington died in September of 2006 at age 91. His death, despite his age, was unexpected. "Dad was a fitness enthusiast," Stan noted. "Mom was the same way. They were very active until the end of their lives."

Phil was a life-long tennis enthusiast and worked as both teacher and tennis coach throughout his academic career. He served in the Navy during WWII and in the Naval Reserve for a total of 22 years, retiring as a Commander. He recruited veterans of the war to his college tennis teams.

"Dad used to joke that he wasn't a good enough tennis player to carry his team members' bags," Stan recalled. "But he was just being his humble self. He was a nationally ranked senior player who competed until his shoulders wore out. He umpired at the professional level until he felt his eyes were not sharp enough. He had always set a very high standard for himself in all things."

After leaving the Skyline presidency, he counseled Vietnam veterans at Cañada College while taking some time to get back to teaching, his first love, before bringing his career to an end and retiring.

Phil and Ellis traveled widely together, Australia, England, and Ireland being favorite destinations. "She was supportive of him and of the college," Stan said. "They were partners in everything."

*San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation is honored to enroll Philip and Ellis Garlington as posthumous members of its Legacy Society. For Legacy Society information, contact Carrie V. Ridge, Director of Development at 650.358.6864 or [ridqec@smccd.edu](mailto:ridqec@smccd.edu).*

# People of San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation

## *New staff at San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation*

We are poised to assist you, whatever your goals, particular needs, philanthropic desires, questions or concerns.

### **Stephani Scott, Executive Director**

Stephani comes to the Foundation with a strong background in nonprofit management and planning. She is charged with overseeing the operations of the Foundation, including long-range planning for comprehensive campaign and stewardship programs, staffing, fundraising and communications. Stephani's 'career' in the community setting began in her college years as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity in East Palo Alto, and she has been engaged in the San Mateo County community in professional and volunteer capacities ever since. Contact Stephani at [scotts@smccd.edu](mailto:scotts@smccd.edu) or 650.358.6871.



### **Carrie Ridge, Director of Development**

Carrie has joined the Foundation staff to focus on developing scholarship and program fund support. Along with substantial fundraising campaign and special events experience, Carrie brings energy and passion in working with loyal donors and prospective supporters. In addition to her background in fund development, Carrie is a former elementary school teacher. Contact Carrie: [ridgec@smccd.edu](mailto:ridgec@smccd.edu) or 650.358.6864.



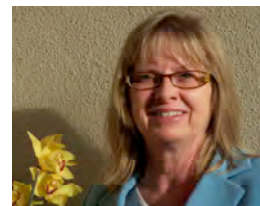
### **Roxanne Brewer, Development Associate & Administrative Assistant**

Roxanne coordinates scholarship operations and serves as the general resource person for the Foundation. Immediately prior to her current position, Roxanne worked in the Financial Aid/Scholarship office at Skyline College. Roxanne brings over 19 years of experience working within the K-12 & Community College arenas. Prior to moving to the San Mateo County peninsula a little over four years ago, she was employed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District in Fairbanks, Alaska. Contact Roxanne at [brewerr@smccd.edu](mailto:brewerr@smccd.edu) or 650.358.6849.



### **Sue Harrison, Grant Research**

Sue Harrison lends her expertise to the Foundation in researching funding opportunities for college programs. She works for the College District in the Chancellor's office where her duties include grant coordination, research and writing for various District-wide programs. Sue also serves as Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor. She has been with the District for nearly 8 years and during that time has also worked for the Executive Vice Chancellor at the District Office and at College of San Mateo as Staff Assistant in the Counseling Division. Sue also has non-profit experience as a board member of an organization serving youth on the San Mateo County coast. Contact Sue at [harrisons@smccd.edu](mailto:harrisons@smccd.edu) or 650.358.6755.



# People of San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation

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Ron Galatolo, Chancellor  
San Mateo County Community College District



# Year At-a-Glance

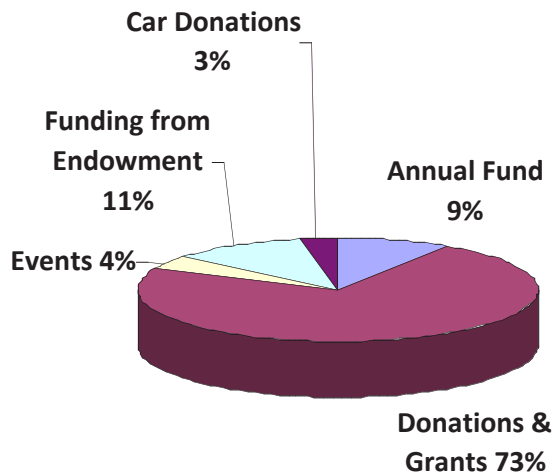
## Accomplishments & Fiscal Facts for Year ending June 30, 2008

**\$342,323 in scholarships provided**  
**\$357,153 in grants awarded to support college services & programs**  
**\$4.9 million endowed for scholarship and program support**  
**552 scholarships awarded**

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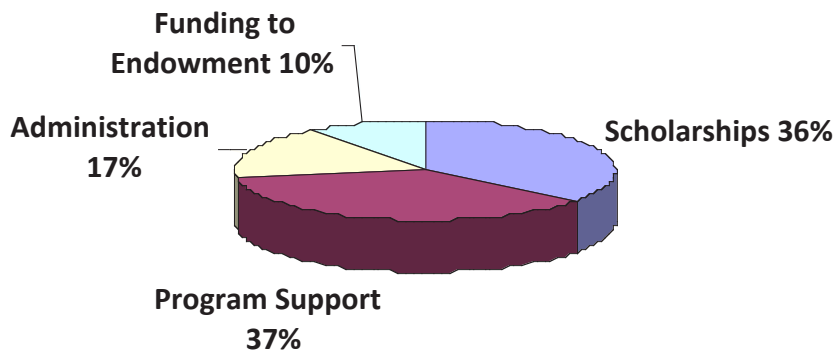
### Operating Revenues (Unaudited) June 30, 2008

Total Revenues: \$884,000



### Operating Expenses (Unaudited) June 30, 2008

Total Expenses: \$962,000



## from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,



*I hope you enjoy reading about what supporters make possible as much as we enjoy sharing these success stories. We know you are asked to give to many worthwhile organizations and efforts. Thank you for the investments you've made in community college students, especially during an unsettling period in our country's economic history.*

*The past year has been a pivotal one for SMCCC Foundation. The Foundation is poised for increased activity in endowment administration, donor stewardship, fundraising efforts for scholarships and programs, alumni outreach, planned giving and more. In this issue, you "meet" the new staff of San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation. It is with deep gratitude to donors, previous Foundation administrators and the San Mateo County Community College District that the new Foundation staff continues the work of building on the mission of student achievement through program and scholarship support.*

*SMCCC Foundation has a new look! The final design is the result of a process of input from donors, community members and more. We aimed to create an image that communicates SMCCC Foundation as a welcoming environment for all levels of philanthropic aspirations and a competent steward of donor dollars.*



**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
FOUNDATION**

*The ring of three stylized live oak leaves is meant to signify the three colleges and our commitment to advancing the growth and development of students as they become integral factors in the community's future.*

*Finally, we welcome your comments on this newsletter - let us know what other kinds of information you would like to see here.*

Sincerely,



Stephani Scott, Executive Director



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