

Planting the Legaseeds at SMCCCD:

Creating Filipinx Learning
Communities Collegewide,
Districtwide, and Statewide

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Who We Are



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Skyline College



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Our Needs

Systemwide

Creation of a **Statewide Filipinx Learning Community**

Districtwide

Guidance in creating SMCCCD **Study Abroad** program in the Philippines, as well as establish sister college and university relationships

Collegewide

Support for localized efforts at our individual campuses, particularly with **dual enrollment**

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Why This Matters

Campus	Total Population (2020-2021)	Filipinx	Percentage
Cañada	6,048	363	6%
CSM	8,437	591	7%
Skyline	8,779	1,404	16%
TOTAL:	23,264	2,358	10%

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LOVE + HOPE = TRANSFORMATION



Valarie Kaur
Revolutionary LOVE



Jeff Duncan-Andrade
Critical HOPE



Carolyn Shields & Dr. Newin Orante
TRANSFORMATIVE
Critical Leadership

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Timeline of SMCCCD Filipinx Programs

PAST

- 1993: Kababayan Program (KP) at Skyline College established by Nina Floro and Jefferey Acidera
- 2003: KP was re-established by Dr. Liza Erpelo
- 2003 - Present: Courses offered and created including English, Counseling, Sociology, History, Music, Dance, Filipino, Cultural Production, and Art
- 2004: Filipinx Student Union (FSU) established
- 2005: First Pilipino Cultural Night at Skyline College
- 2007: Peer mentorship program established within KP
- 2007: Dr. Nate Nevado becomes the first of 10 KP counselors in 14 years
- 2007: Began working with Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) from the Philippines. To date, Skyline College has hosted 15 FLTAs
- 2014: KP is renamed Kababayan Learning Community (KLC)
- 2014: Kapatiran Seminar (COUN 655), a concurrent enrollment course established at Westmoor H.S. then at South San Francisco (2015)
- 2019: Katipunan Student Organization established at College of San Mateo

PRESENT

- 2020: continued remote support of FY19/20 cohort during pandemic and shelter-in-place orders
- 2020-2021: 75+ new student cohort
- Districtwide work with student organizations FSU and Katipunan, as well as staff and faculty to support Anti-Asian Hate resolutions presented to Colleges and Board of Trustees resulting in creation of Anti-Asian Hate Resolution Task Group at Skyline College.

Current projects:

- Outreach for Kapatiran Seminar for Westmoor and South San Francisco H.S. Anticipated expansion to Jefferson H.S.
- Continued support of FSU and Katipunan student organizations
- Campus Outreach via Skyline College ASSC's College Hour
- Programming for Filipino American History Month
- Discover Kababayan: campus exposure event for feeder high school students

FUTURE

Systemwide Transformation:

- Coalition for Statewide Filipinx Learning Community
- Build bridges to Bay Area California State Universities
- Districtwide Transformation:
 - Develop partnership with Philippines Department of Education Balik Aral Program
 - Student exchange programs
 - Sister college establishment

Collegewide Transformation:

- Skyline: expand dual enrollment program at feeder high schools; establish dedicated full-time counseling position; revive Kapamilya Peer Mentoring Program
- College of San Mateo: timeline of course offering expansion and submission for official learning community status in 2022
- Cañada College: identify student and staff/faculty advisory

HOPE · LOVE · TRANSFORMATION

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"Tatlong Bagsak": Kababayan Learning Community's 15th Anniversary Celebration



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Current Projects

CSM:

- Katipunan - **KAMP Peer Mentorship Program**
- COUN 240, Fall 2020 & Fall 2021 cohort

Skyline:

- **Outreach for Kapatiran Seminar** for Westmoor and South San Francisco H.S.
- Discover Kababayan for feeder high school students
- Creation of Anti-Asian Hate Resolution Task Group



CSM & Skyline:

- Continued support of FSU and Katipunan **student organizations**
- Programming for Filipino American History Month

Cañada:

- ASCC presented a **Multicultural Center** resolution
- Presentations on Addressing Anti-Asian Racism

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NEED #1: Systemwide Transformation

Leadership and **partnership** from SMCCCD with Dr. Newin Orante to connect with CCCCO, CSU Board of Trustees, UC Regents and UCOP in developing initial Statewide Filipinx Learning Community discussion.



- Coalition for Statewide Filipinx Learning Community
- Build bridges to Bay Area California State Universities
- Collaboration with CCCCO, UMOJA Statewide, and UCOP Puente



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California Filipinx Statewide Learning Communities: Current & Emerging

***approval pending*



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NEED #2: Districtwide Transformation

Integration with Study Abroad programs at each of our respective SMCCCD colleges. Identify SMCCCD point of contact for leadership and **guidance** in formalizing cross-institutional relationships.



- Create SMCCCD **Study Abroad** program in the Philippines, as well as establish sister college and university relationships.
- Develop partnership with Philippines, Department of Education **Balik Aral** Program



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NEED #3: Collegewide Transformation

Given that our colleges are at different maturity levels in programming and our efforts to respect the autonomy at each of our colleges, we ask our esteemed Presidents to **support** our localized efforts.



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NEED #3: Collegewide Transformation

Cañada College

- Development of the Multicultural Center
- Identify student and staff/faculty **advisory**

CSM

- Establish and approve **Katipunan Filipinx Learning Community** in Fall 2022
- Begin **outreach/dual enrollment** at feeder high schools

Skyline

- Expand **outreach/dual enrollment** at feeder high schools, especially Jefferson H.S.
- Revive Kapamilya Peer Mentoring Program



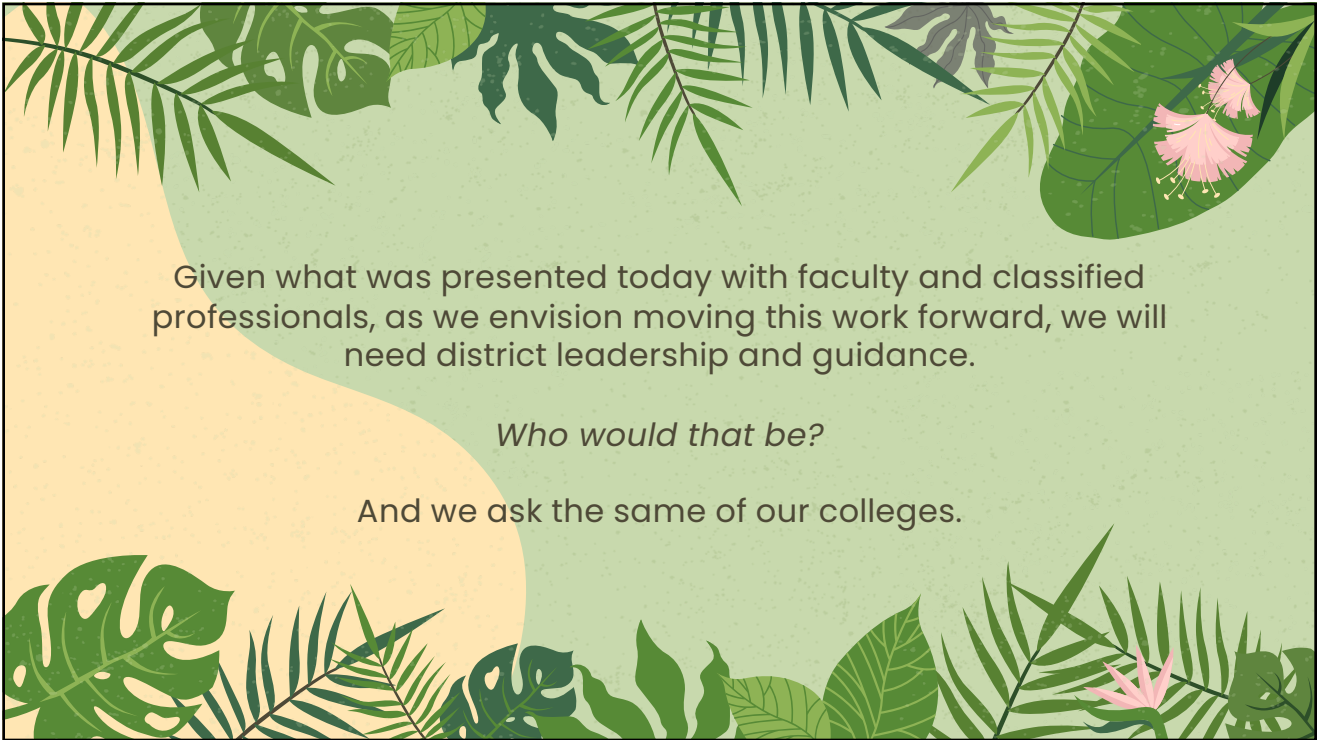
Commitment

The SMCCCD commitment in fulfilling this work is predicated by the pillars of LOVE + HOPE = TRANSFORMATION.

All must be present to impact our institutions, the lives of our students, and the well being of our community. That is the educational work that we are striving for.

We ask for the support and commitment of the Board of Trustees, SMCCCD Chancellor, and College Presidents to stand with us in this critical work.



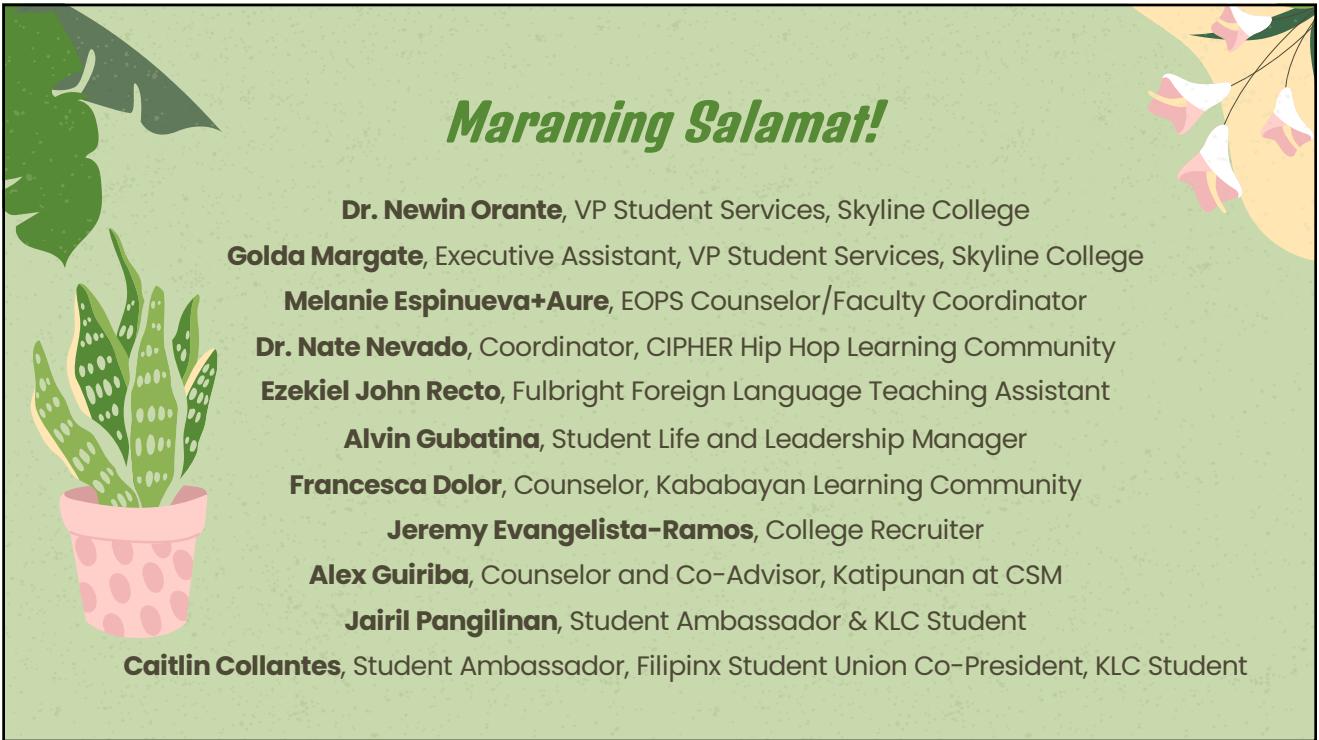


Given what was presented today with faculty and classified professionals, as we envision moving this work forward, we will need district leadership and guidance.

Who would that be?

And we ask the same of our colleges.

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Maraming Salamat!

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- Alex Guiriba**, Counselor and Co-Advisor, Katipunan at CSM
- Jairil Pangilinan**, Student Ambassador & KLC Student
- Caitlin Collantes**, Student Ambassador, Filipinx Student Union Co-President, KLC Student

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