

## New! Skyline's Journalism Course for Summer 2005:

- Jour 120: News Writing, 6:30-10 p.m. TTh

## Skyline's Journalism Courses for Spring 2005:

- Jour 110: Mass Media and Society, 9-10 a.m. MWF
- Jour 120: News Writing, 10-11 a.m. MWF
- Jour 300: Newspaper Staff, 12-1 p.m. MWF
- Jour 690: Special Projects, arranged hours
- Jour 670: Work Experience, arranged hours



*"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."*

--Thomas Jefferson, 1786

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## Jour AA and Certificate Program Approved

Finally Skyline students can get a piece of paper for writing for the paper. That is, as of spring 2005, students can apply for an AA degree or certificate in Journalism.

It's been more than 15 years since Skyline journalism students—including those who write for the campus newspaper, The Skyline View—could receive formal recognition for all their hard work. The journalism program, its newspaper and the AA degree in the major all disappeared when the former journalism instructor, Sam Goldman, retired.

Now, however, students can once again earn their associate's degree in journalism, something especially handy for those students working towards a 2-year degree or those pursuing a 4-year degree in another discipline.

Still, not every journalism student wants to tackle the major's *and* the college's requirements for a full-fledged degree. In fact, some of those enrolled in journalism courses already have their bachelor's or even their master's and are simply looking for the job retraining the certificate program offers. The

certificate is also ideal for those students seeking official acknowledgement of their publishing experience while focusing their sights on transferring.

Whatever these students are looking for, they'll find it at Skyline. And in the process of getting that official piece of paper—their AA degree or certificate—they'll get something even more important to anyone seeking a career in journalism—real-life experience working for The Skyline View and getting published.

## Journalism students to attend two conventions

Twice this semester, Skyline journalism students will have the opportunity to learn from award-winning journalists from such publications as the SJ Mercury News, LA Times, SF Chronicle and more. No, Skyline hasn't undertaken a massive hiring spree; rather, Skyline's aspiring journalists will be attending two major conventions this spring.

The first one, the National College Newspaper Convention, was held at the end of February in SF. The

annual West Coast convention attracts college journalists—as well as industry bigwigs—from all over the country. Students take workshops ranging in topics from news writing to page design to media legal issues.

The second is the annual Journalism Association of Community Colleges convention to be held in Sacramento in April. This one brings together community college journalists from all over the state to attend workshops and compete

in writing and photo contests against their peers. The convention, like ACP, also attracts industry professionals, most of whom are happy to mentor these students however they can.

Best of all, the conventions are open to all Skyline journalism students.

**Editor's Note:** *Congratulations to The Skyline View for taking third place in "Best of Show" for 2-year college newspapers at the National College Newspaper Convention.*