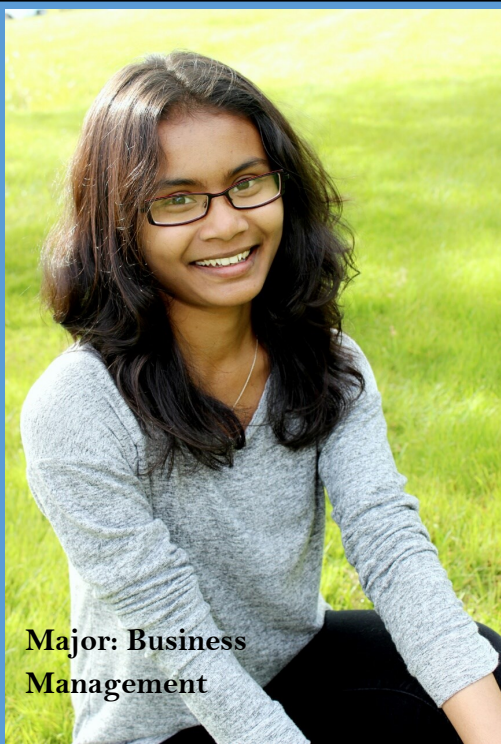


Rifka Bahaman



Major: Business Management

About Rifka: I am an International student from Sri Lanka. Its been three years since I've been in Seattle and 2 years at South. I chose South because I like the neighborhood and I feel safe. here I heard lots of compliments about South when I did research about colleges. I like to paint, draw and read whenever I have free time.

How are you involved on campus?
USA Communications Officer

Why are you involved on campus? I am involved in campus because I want to be successful in my education and also want to help people.

Qualities in an effective student leader? In my opinion it is important to be honest, humble, friendly, and helpful to be an effective student leader.

What advice would you give to other student leaders? Always appreciate each other because to be successful as a team, you need every one of your team members' support and help.



Major: Associate in Business

Megan Ambrose

About Megan: After graduating high school 20 years ago, I didn't know what I wanted to do. I worked various jobs for a few years before becoming a bookkeeper nearly 15 years ago. I then decided a few years ago that I really should get my degree in Accounting and that it was time I buckle down and just do it. So here I am! I decided to attend South Seattle College mostly because I live in this neighborhood but I also have known a several South alumni students in my family and among my friends. I have spent my life back and forth between the Seattle area and my hometown of McCall, ID. It is my plan to return to McCall after I get my BA in Accounting as I miss the small community there and all that it offers in year round outdoor recreation. When I'm not working or committing time to my studies, I enjoy spending time with my family, friends and my dogs. Either hanging out for a BBQ or going camping or vacationing with them. I love photography and 4-wheeling and Seahawks football as my hobbies. I also love to help others, whether it is family or friends or other people there is something humbling about being able to help someone who needs it!

How are you involved on campus? Current Student and I work in Financial Aid assisting other students.

Why are you involved on campus? I really want to help other students navigate the college experience.

Qualities in an effective student leader? Understanding, compassion, knowledge sharing and the willingness to help others.

What advice would you give to other student leaders? Be friendly and work together.

What our nominator(s) are saying about Rifka and Megan:

"Megan is a dedicated work study student in the financial aid office, that goes above and beyond to help out where she can. As a AA-Business major, she applies her studies in her position by helping reconcile various budgets. She is always willing to take on additional responsibilities to help out when we are short-staffed and voluntary provides input on ways we can improve the process for students"

"I like her personality because she came from a far place, with no family support and she still accomplishes her goals and gets involved in school and currently working in USA as Communications Officer"

Nominate a Student:

<http://tinyurl.com/odyrcbm>

Chau Mau



Major: Business

Accounting & IT

About Chau: *I was born in Vietnam, and came here for college when I turned to 17. I love Seattle for its diversity, friendly people and a very green environment. Outside of school, I'm passionate in travelling and foods - like cooking and participating in food festivals. I hope to have a chance to travel the world and to experience different kinds of traditional foods as well as their cultures.*

How are you involved on campus? I'm a current student at South. Also, I'm serving as a Marketing Officer in Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, and as an Accounting tutor in AANAPISI Center. I'm involved on campus by participating in different clubs, organizing community projects, and helping other students have access to our support resources when they need, just like I do.

Why are you involved on campus? I think being involved on campus really makes a difference in my college life. It's not just about going to school to finish a degree; my college life has lots of fun and many unforgettable moments with amazing people because I'm involved.

Qualities in an effective student leader? Passion & knowledge

What advice would you give to other student leaders?

I think everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses. Thus, it's very important to understand each others, and then together we can help everyone better off by applying these traits wisely in teamwork.

What our nominator(s) are saying about Chau:

"Chau is a very great PTK officer. She is very friendly, funny, and helpful. No matter how she is busy, she always takes her time to get things done on time. She has been involve at school for so many activities such joining SeAA, taking intern for the i-count act, and working as a marketing officer for PTK honor society at the same time she is taking full time class. Her birthday is coming soon. I would like to take this opportunity to say happy birthday Chau. I wish you full of happiness and success all your wish. It has been fun to work with you as a team. Love you little sister :) I will miss you!!! Good luck on your journey :)"



Major: Computer Science

Molly Watson

About Molly: *I grew up in Olympia, then moved to Tacoma to attend Pacific Lutheran University where I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. After several years working as a website designer, I realized that I loved coding more than design. I began teaching myself web languages, and built websites for clients as a freelancer. After four years as a web developer, I decided to go back to school to get a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, and expand my skills as a programmer. I love coding, and I have become passionate about creating inclusive, diverse coding spaces where those who are normally turned away from computer science can see how much fun coding is, and witness the potential it has to change the world. I chose South because it's close to where I live, but I have grown to love the community that South has to offer. I'll miss it when I leave!*

How are you involved on campus? Head Coordinator for #HourofCode (coding workshop)

Why are you involved on campus? To give students an introduction to computer programming and show them all the potential it has to offer them.

Qualities in an effective student leader? Organizational skills, communication, and willingness to put in long hours for the sake of your leadership goals.

What advice would you give to other student leaders? Be bold, and seek support from fellow students and professors/faculty. You don't have to go it alone! South has an excellent community and many resources to aid you in your leadership goals.

What our nominator(s) are saying about Molly:

Molly Watson has been instrumental and played key role over the last five quarters in planning, organizing and running weekly sessions of #HourofCode on our South Seattle campus. #HourOfCode (or affectionately known as #HoC) are learn to program workshops that are open and accessible to all our campus community. These sessions have very popular with our students and have been well attended.

Molly thought of this initially after seeing similar efforts on other university campus and modeled it after Code.org effort to make coding accessible to students of all genders and backgrounds. From the very beginning, Molly planned this activity meticulously and took my and other feedback seriously to execute to make these students run project a huge success.

In addition, Molly has been a key officer of Women-in-STEM club and a scholarship recipient to attend the very first Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference from our college. Also, Molly has successfully completed two quarters of National Science Foundation (NSF) funded, sponsored by Ready-Set-Transfer (RST) leadership capstone projects based on her rich and varied experiences as an organizer of #HourofCode.

Marady Duong



Major: Business Information
Technology and Accounting

About Marady: *I am a Cambodian immigrant student who has been in Seattle for almost five years. I have grown up in a divorce family since I was five years old, and I am the first person in my family attending college. I have faced with many challenges in my life; however, I never want to give up.*

What our nominator(s) are saying about Marady:

Marady is the president of PTK and she is very involved with PTK sponsored activities. Not only is she involved with PTK, but she is also a very active member of the Southeast Asian Association and she is essential for the club meetings and events to run smoothly.

How are you involved on campus? I am serving as a President, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and TRiO's Peer Mentor

Why are you involved on campus? I am involved on campus because I would like to help other students, give back to my community and improve my professional skill. I am happy when I see others happy. I help by sharing them the available resources on campus, organizing workshops which related to scholarship, internship, and collaborating with the nonprofit organization to organize volunteer activities to help our community.

Qualities in an effective student leader? An effective student leader should be flexible, approachable, honest, respect, listen, care about others, willing to help and be who you are.

What advice would you give to other student leaders? As student leaders, we are role models to other students, and we commit to make a better change. We could success because of the support from everyone around us. Be mindful and listen to other people opinion. We there to love to care and to help each other. Keep calm and stay positive.