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South Seattle Community College Alumnus Excels

Rich Earl, a 2001 graduate of South Seattle Community College (SSCC), has received a Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The scholarship, which provides \$19,000 for six months of study abroad, will be used by Earl to study Spanish in Quito, Ecuador.

As a student at SSCC Earl earned two associates' degrees, one of which was in Web design. Currently he is at the University of Washington studying Spanish and Swedish and planning to enter the Jackson School of International Studies. He hopes to one day use his bachelor's degree in international studies and high-tech skills to find a job that will give him the chance to explore the world, a dream he credits in part to his experience at SSCC.

"Attending South has totally changed my life," Earl said. "Before starting there, I never dreamed I would be where I am today. I initially chose South as a short-term step in obtaining training to find a job, but it became the first step in continuing my education."

"I have always wanted to finish my bachelor's degree and now for the first time in my life, I feel like it is within my grasp. I owe this all to my experiences at South and the help I received along the way," Earl said.

Rotary International is comprised of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all professions, and help build goodwill around the world.

"I chose Rotary because I heard about their Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship and thought it was a great opportunity to study language and culture in another country," Earl said. "I chose Ecuador because I have heard great things about the country and the language schools there."

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