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College Names Newly Tenured Faculty

South Seattle Community College is pleased to announce that three of its faculty members have been awarded tenure.

Congratulations go to Mike Hickey, English department, and Eric Klevstad and Robert R. Pierre, Aviation Maintenance Technology, who were granted tenure by the Seattle Community College District Board of Trustees.

Tenure is a form of academic job assurance in recognition of the quality of an instructor's teaching, commitment to students and subject area, curriculum development, and service to the community. At South, the tenure process usually takes three years.

Mike Hickey holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Arizona and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Washington. Hickey has been at South since 1991 instructing a wide range of courses, including English, Journalism and English as a Second Language. Hickey has written numerous publications and received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award in 2003, the Dan Evans Innovation Award in 2001, Who's Who of American Teachers in 2000 and the Seattle Community Colleges Board of Trustees' Lifelong Learning Award in 2000. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is involved with college committees having served on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Arts and Lecture Committee, and the Student Conduct Committee.

Eric Klevstad holds an Associate of Science Degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology from the Northrop Institute of Technology. Klevstad has instructed a wide range of aviation courses at South Seattle. He has experience working on virtually every type of aircraft, and is certified to perform maintenance on virtually every aircraft, from Boeing 727 and 737, to DC 10-30, MD-80s, and Airbus. He has performed maintenance tasks for international airlines ranging from Global Air, China Airlines and Air New Zealand. Students compliment Mr. Klevstad's technical knowledge and his ability to tie subject matter to the oral and practical FAA exams. One student noted that "Eric has well prepared lectures and projects with clear and concise goals."

Robert R. Pierre holds a Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University in Economics and History and Associate of Science degrees from South Seattle in Aviation Maintenance,

Digital Avionics and Vocational Teacher Training. Pierre has worked as an aircraft mechanic and avionics technician for 28 years. He brings valuable industry experience to the classroom. Following a 13-year career in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for Tramco (now Goodrich), Fluke Manufacturing, the Boeing Company, Rockwell Collins, and Northwest Airlines. His students note the value of this experience to their education. Students appreciate Pierre's hands on approach and his commitment to help them learn. They commend his "industry experience." They particularly find his "hands on" projects valuable.

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