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College Prep Program Alums Go to Washington, D.C.

Students Elise Hwang and Johann Strauss recently helped represent Washington State at a national education conference in Washington, D.C.

The two are alumni of South Seattle Community College's Upward Bound program, part of the federally funded TRIO programs whose mission is to build a tradition of college among students who might never consider it an option. South's program serves Evergreen and Tyee High Schools.

The two were in Washington, D.C. to attend the Council for Opportunity in Education's 24th Annual Policy Seminar. The council is a national organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C., which represents institutions of higher education, administrators, counselors, teachers, and students in the federal TRIO programs across the country.

As a part of the seminar, Hwang and Strauss visited congressional representatives and their staff to inform them about the TRIO programs, due in part to proposed White House cuts to the programs.

Elise Hwang is in her first year at New York University, where she is studying social work. At Tyee High School she was active in shaping the campus through the school's Totem Council, which worked on improving the social climate of the school.

Johann Strauss is currently in his second year at Stanford University, where he is studying international relations. As a student at Tyee High School, he was student body president, founder of the Tyee Latino Club, and co-founder of Tyee Diversity Team.

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