

# News Release

**South Seattle Community College**

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## **South Seattle Community College and Heritage University Sign Agreement**

*Students will be able to pursue a bachelor's degree in West Seattle*

March 28 will mark an important day for South Seattle Community College students and community members. It marks the beginning of the opportunity to pursue a bachelor's degree locally, making the pursuit of higher education more accessible and convenient.

South Seattle Community College and Heritage University, a private four-year liberal arts university, will sign a memorandum of understanding on March 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the President's Boardroom in the Robert Smith Building, room 30. The agreement will allow students to pursue a bachelor's degree in education with K-8 teaching certification. The degree also carries an English as a Second Language endorsement, which will benefit the area's growing non-native English speaking population, with more qualified professionals to serve their children.

"Heritage University is pleased to offer its well-regarded teaching degree to the students of South Seattle Community College and the surrounding community," said Dr. Kathleen Ross, president of Heritage University, based in Toppenish, WA, and with branch campuses in Eastern and Western Washington.

"Heritage University's arrival on our campus is a win-win situation for our community," said Dr. Jill Wakefield, president of South Seattle Community College. "Current students can keep the relationships they have built during their stay at South, and community members can meet the demand for new teachers by learning in the convenience of their neighborhood."

Heritage's program begins this August 28. Students must enroll by May 1. All courses are taught at South by experienced professors in a convenient Monday through Thursday evening format. More program information can be found by contacting Judy Jennings, Heritage's representative at South, at (206) 768-6600 / 321-2273 or [Jennings\\_J@heritage.edu](mailto:Jennings_J@heritage.edu). Or visit the program on the web at [www.heritage.edu/RegSites/SeattleUnderGrad.php](http://www.heritage.edu/RegSites/SeattleUnderGrad.php).

Opening its doors in fall 2006, South's University Center is a 15,000-square-foot facility designed by Mithun Architects and includes the following features:

- Four offices for four-year institution partners

- Academic Center offices housing South's College Transfer program
- Five general purpose classrooms
- A casual student study space, a double height atrium area that will have a mixture of furniture to accommodate small groups and study

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Campus Community:

A press release about South's partnership with Heritage University was sent to these locations: