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South Seattle Community College Students to be Honored in Olympia

South Seattle Community College is pleased to announce that two of its students have been named to the All-Washington Academic Team.

Xuan Don and Tuyen Nhan will be recognized as top community and technical college students for their academic achievement and community service. The two are part of a group of students representing the state's two-year colleges. The students were nominated through a state program modeled after the national All-USA Academic Team, initiated by Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college international honor society.

The program has become the showcase for Washington's community and technical colleges because it honors the academic high achievers, the men and women who have demonstrated a commitment to success in the classroom and in the communities in which they live. This recognition demonstrates the state's commitment to scholarship and community service on the part of those attending the state's public community and technical colleges.

In addition to her rigorous course load, Xuan Don works to promote the academic success of her fellow students: in the Women's Center, in the International Programs Office as Vietnamese Student Ambassador, and as a campus math tutor. She volunteers organizing activities for senior residents at Providence Mount St. Vincent. Her career goal is to work with the International Red Cross to provide global healthcare and education in impoverished nations.

As a Running Start student (Washington's high school college credit program), Tuyen Nhan holds dual honors distinctions: National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa. Nhan's goal to become a pediatrician is reflected in her public service. She volunteered at the Pacific Science Center helping children with science-based crafts and at Highline Head Start helping teachers and children in the classroom. She served at Highline Medical Center as part of Project HOPE, assisting patients in their care.

The two students will be honored at an award ceremony on March 22 at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia. Each student scholar will receive an All-Washington Academic Team medallion, a \$750 scholarship, and be personally recognized by Gov. Christine Gregoire.

This year, KeyBank and the Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA) have continued their sponsorship of the program. KeyBank will be granting \$250 scholarships to each member of the All-Washington Academic Team. NELA will add an additional \$500 to each scholarship. NELA is a not-for-profit guaranty agency that partners with schools, banks and other lending institutions to help students continue their education.

To learn more about the All-Washington Academic Team, go to <http://www.spscc.ctc.edu/allwa>.

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