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Student Success at South

South Seattle Community College students earn prestigious scholarships

Three South Seattle Community College students – Sebastian Anderson, Buchheng Kak, and Sean E. Huertas – have been selected as 2011 Martin Achievement Scholars (MAS).

The scholarship will support the students with a \$5000 scholarship to fund the 2011–2012 academic year at South Seattle Community College. It will continue to support them financially for up to a maximum of three years when they transfer to the University of Washington.

Both Sean and Sebastian are pursuing AA degrees in Business, while Buchheng is focusing on Biology.

Buchheng, who will be the first in her family to graduate from college, was previously a recipient of South's **13th Year Promise Scholarship**, which offers a free year of tuition at South to every Cleveland and Chief Sealth High School graduating senior. She joins South grad Sochetna Chhay, currently a University of Washington Computer Science and Informatics student, as South's second 13th Year student to be awarded a MAS scholarship.

“This scholarship is a huge financial support that will help me succeed,” said the future environmental health scientist. “It will not only improve my life but also bring my daughter a better life.”

Echoed Sebastian, also a first-generation college student, “This scholarship represents hope and an educational opportunity I would not otherwise have had.”

The Martin Family Foundation established the Martin Achievement Scholarship program to fund students who have demonstrated signs of exceptional ability in art, humanities, music, science, and/or leadership at one of the fifteen community colleges located around the Puget Sound Region. The program selects Martin Achievement Scholars early in their community college career and will fund, encourage and support their study and eventual transfer to the University of Washington.

The scholarship is supported by the Martin Family Honors Foundation and administered through the Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards at the University of Washington.

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