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## **South Seattle Community College Wins Diversity Award**

Commitment to diversity issues and the educational success of students of color at South Seattle Community College (SSCC) has been recognized by the Southwest King County Chamber of Commerce.

The Southwest King County Chamber, representing Burien, Tukwila, and SeaTac, honored SSCC with its “Diversity Organization of the Year Award” at the annual Outstanding Business Awards luncheon on Nov. 1. One of the chamber’s criteria for choosing the college was its level of community involvement.

SSCC is one of the more diverse community colleges in the state with 53 percent students of color, the second highest in the community and technical college system, and 29 percent who are immigrants.

The college has developed a broad and responsive diversity program. Its Office of Diversity and Retention is designed to advocate for a better educational environment for students of color by providing opportunities for the campus community to learn about diversity and multiculturalism.

The Office of Diversity and Retention has developed several programs including: education on cultural celebrations; the annual Student of Color Leadership Institute for incoming students of color; and a quarterly book club on campus.

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