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***Updated Information:
New Chef, Wineries***

Food and Wine Celebration at South Seattle Community College

Gene Vosberg, Washington Restaurant Association Chief Executive, Honored

Seattle, WA – An all-star cast of 15 award-winning chefs from the Seattle area will join with 30 Washington State wineries to create the 2nd annual “**Gifts from the Earth**” gala on January 29th at South Seattle Community College.

Individual chefs will prepare multi-course dinners for two tables of 10 guests each. Each chef will be joined by a Washington winemaker who will pour specially selected wines that will be paired with each course.

Gene Vosberg, president and chief executive officer of the Washington Restaurant Association, will be honored at the event for his lifetime of achievements in the industry and support of the college’s Culinary Arts and Wine Studies programs. Vosberg is the past chair of the Society of Restaurant Association Executives. He has been in the hospitality industry for 44 years.

“Gifts from the Earth is a culinary experience that will tease the senses and delight the palate,” said Dr. Jill Wakefield, president of the college. “Our guests at the first Gifts dinner told us it was a wonderful evening.”

“Gifts from the Earth” is sponsored by the South Seattle Community College Foundation. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation, providing support for College programs and student scholarships. The evening will include live and silent auctions, featuring fine wine and food packages.

Chefs include: Wayne Johnson – Andaluca, Bobby Moore – Barking Frog, John Sarich – Chateau Ste. Michelle , Bruce Ross – Columbia Tower Club, Steve Smrstik - Flying Fish, Lisa Dupar – Lisa Dupar Catering, Diane Symms – Lombardi’s, Eddie Montoya – Ovio Bistro, Mike Bryan – Palisades, Bill Morris – The Rainier Club, Charles Ramseyer – Ray’s Boathouse, Roy Breiman – Salish Lodge, Dan Thiessen – Salty’s, Stephen Sparks – South Seattle Community College Culinary Arts, and Vicky McAfree – Yarrow Bay Grill.

Wineries scheduled to participate to date include: Apex Cellars, Basel Cellars, Bridgman, Boudreaux, Cave B, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia Crest, Dunham Cellars, Gamache Vintners, Genesis, Goose Ridge Winery, Hogue Cellars, Januik Winery, J. Bookwalter Winery, JM Cellars, Kestrel Vintners, Maryhill Winery, Matthews Cellars, Nota Bene, Northstar, Owen Sullivan, Pavin & Reilly, Saintpaulia Vintners, Snoqualmie, Sockeye, Soos Creek Wine Cellars, Washington Hills, Waterbrook Winery, Wilridge Winery and Wineglass Cellars.

The award-winning Culinary Arts program at South Seattle Community College is accredited by the American Culinary Federation. Students learn real-world skills working in full-service dining rooms on campus.

Ticket Sales

More information on ticket sales to “Gifts from the Earth” may be obtained by contacting the South Seattle Community College Foundation – 206.764.5809 or e.mail – ssccfoundation@sccd.ctc.edu. Information is also available on the college web site – <http://southseattle.edu> . Individual tickets are \$150. Corporate and table sponsorships are also available, ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000.

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