

# News Release

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## **South Seattle Community College Students Win Scholarships**

South Seattle Community College is pleased to announce that four of its students have been named recipients of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE).

Students Shannon Ballon, Web Design & Development/Multimedia; Mary Chin, Nursing; Christopher Pavese, Engineering Technology; and Yodit Tekia, Nursing, were recognized for their outstanding achievements in technical education.

WAVE recipients receive a grant that provides six quarters or four semesters of tuition, services and activities fees. Criteria for selection include occupational proficiency, leadership, community activities, work experience, character, attitude, and attendance.

Graduating this year, all four have plans after South Seattle Community College, including: Ballon has been accepted by Evergreen College and will major in “Mediaworks – Experiments with Movement, Light and Sound”; Chin plans to go to Everett Community College and train to be a registered nurse; Pavese intends to pursue a bachelor’s in electrical engineering at Gonzaga University; and Tekia plans to pursue a bachelor’s in nursing.

WAVE was established by the Washington State Legislature. In addition to creating attention for the achievements of technical education students, the program recognizes the value of technical education and the role it plays in creating a highly trained workforce – essential to the economic health of the state.

Three WAVE recipients are chosen from each legislative district by a selection committee. The committee draws members from the local business community, education, labor, the legislature, and interested citizens. South Seattle Community College’s WAVE recipients were from the following districts: Shannon Ballon, District 43; Mary Chin, District 43; Christopher Pavese, District 34; and Yodit Tekia, District 37.

Visit the WAVE Web site at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/wave-abt.html> to learn more about the scholarship and its recipients.

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