Happy Holidays!

Have a Happy Holiday or the snowman gets it!

South Seattle Community College
"Serving the campus since 1977"

December 3, 2008

In the News

Links to the following articles may be found in News & Press on South’s website.

Instructor Mike Hickey’s campaign and election as Poet Populist was covered by the Seattle Times and West Seattle Blog.

News of South’s API grant appeared in Community College Times and Northwest Asian Weekly.

Read Omaha World-Herald coverage of a new restaurant opened by successful culinary grad Charles Jones, Jr.

Jamie Biggers, 2002 Culinary grad and chef of Anchor, was featured in Anchorage Downtown. The article also mentions another 2002 Culinary grad, Amy McCray, chef of Eva.

The Skanner covered the Grainger scholarship awarded to Automotive Technology student Muhammad Nawaz. Colors NW also carried a feature on Muhammad and the Grainger award.

State Senator Joe McDermott’s two-night Continuing Ed course on Elections 2008 was featured in the West Seattle Herald.
South Staff Stuff

New Employees/New Responsibilities

Shea Bliss
Retail Clerk 2, Bookstore
Shea is the new Assistant Manager in the bookstore, and brings over 11 years experience in retail management. Shea earned an associate’s degree in graphic design from The Art Institute of Seattle and is a full-time musician.

Ana Korsmo
Office Assistant III, Academic Programs
Ana is the new front office person for the Academic Programs Division. She obtained an AA degree from South and a BA in English and publishing & printing from Pacific Lutheran University.

Kim Preston
Campus Security Officer
Kim comes to South with over 10 years experience as a patrol officer in the Kent School District, Westin Hotel security and as Edmonds Community College security sergeant. Kim will split his time between the South and Georgetown campuses.

Mikhail Rudnev
Information Technology Specialist 2
Mikhail has been a part-time member of South’s Information Technology Department for the past year. He will receive his AA degree from South at the end of this quarter.

Vanessa Reed
Interim Outreach Director
Vanessa is handling outreach activities while Rosie Rimando is on temporary assignment. She received her BA in social studies with a Secondary Education Certification from Washington State University, and has been Program Assistant in the Outreach & Admissions office since April 2007.

Welcome!

API Grant Project Staff

May Toy Lukens
Project Director
May comes to South from Renton Technical College where she was the director of their successful Title III project. She earned an MBA from the University of San Diego and has a background in project management/program development in the public and private sector. Contact May at 764-5196, mlukens@sccd.ctc.edu.

Rosie Rimando
Retention and Student Success Program Developer
Rosie will develop initiatives to improve student success from first year experiences through graduation.

Dorrienne Chinn
API/ELL Transitions Lead Faculty
Dorrienne will coordinate the development of ELL transition strategies, as well as faculty and staff development resources.

Arleen Williams
Areleen is working with Dorrienne to build a cohesive framework for all transition-related activities.

Bob Dela-Cruz
API Articulation/Curriculum Specialist Lead Faculty
Bob will coordinate the development of curriculum (and submit courses for CIC approval) designed to improve 2 + 2 transfer of students, including a new API Studies option/emphasis.

Mike McCrath
Mike will collaborate with the articulation effort and lend his expertise in anthropology, Asian studies, and academic programs administration.

Elizabeth Pluhta
Director of Development/Foundation Executive Director
Elizabeth previously served as the Associate Director of Development for four years, and most recently was the Interim Director. Elizabeth has a bachelor’s degree in public relations and marketing from Gonzaga University, and will soon earn her master’s degree in public administration from the University of Washington.
Student Writing Opportunities
Please encourage students to submit work for the following:
Annual South Seattle Community College Student Anthology
Personal essay, fiction, poetry. Deadline March 20, 2009. Contact Holly Gilman at hgilman@sccd.ctc.edu, 768-6457.

Annual League for Innovation Literary Competition
Personal essay, fiction, poetry, one-act play. 1st place, $500; 2nd place, $200; 3rd place, $100. Deadline March 20, 2009. Contact Mike Hickey at mhickey@sccd.ctc.edu 768-6495.

Retention Success
Instructor Marc Franco’s podcasts have turned out to be a highly successful retention tool. Two years ago, he began posting recordings of all his anatomy & physiology and microbiology lectures to his website, so students who had missed class could still listen in. According to Franco, “Much to my surprise, a lot of students who actually were in the class that day listen in later anyhow, and many of them actually burn the lecture to CD, and then listen in their cars, while cooking dinner, etc. Many of the students say recording the lectures is the best thing I do.” Check it out at faculty.seattlecolleges.com/mfranco.

'Tis Better to Give
The Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP) Club is holding a Campus Food Drive to benefit the White Center Food Bank. Donations may be dropped off in designated boxes found around campus, or at the Student Club Center in JMB 142. The Food Drive continues through December 8. For more information, contact Katie Pham at 764-5330.

Procedure for Emergency Closing
Please remember that the college is open unless a closure announcement is made. In the event of closure, the Public Information Office posts the message first on the Public Schools Emergency Communications System site: http://www.schoolreport.org; then on college main telephones, 206 764-5300, and 206 764-5308; and web www.southseattle.edu. (Refresh your browser window once at the campus website to ensure you see updated information.)

Presenters
Instructor Tom Mayburry, representing South’s Hospitality Management bachelor’s degree program, and Malcolm Grothe, Executive Dean for Professional Technical Programs, were presenters at the National Council for Workforce Education Counsel conference in Austin, Texas, in October. They were part of a panel discussion of community colleges conferring baccalaureate degrees to meet workforce needs.

Winner Winner!
Congratulations to South’s own Mike Hickey, English instructor and AFT president, on his election as Seattle Poet Populist 2009. Mike, who was nominated by It’s About Time Reading Series, was the top vote getter among 13 nominated poets. Upon taking office he promises no new taxes and an end to the economic downturn.

Wheel Winners
Mike Steffancin is the grand prize winner of the Wheel Options promotion and will receive a $100 Gift Card to Home Depot. The following winners each receive a $40 Bonus Plus Voucher: Katrina Barmuta, Stephen Coates-White, Shireen Deboo, Rick Downs, Kyle Hatch, Marcia Kato, Barbara Krompholz, Patricia Naylor, Kate O’Brien, Curt Peterson, Bob Sullivan, Ben Taves, Kathy Vedvick, Jerimiah Willhite, Betty Williams. Each of the 59 participants is eligible to receive a two-for-one coupon on Amtrak Cascades, anywhere between Vancouver, B.C. and Eugene, Oregon. Pick up your vouchers in James Lewis’ office, and thanks for doing your part to decrease traffic and promote clean air.

Cultural Competency Training – Free!
The Minority Executive Directors Association is offering a free one-day workshop for its community partners on Wednesday, December 10. The workshop “integrates anti-racism work with cultural competency, setting a foundation for understanding cultural competency through a social justice lens.” For more information and to register, go to http://ga6.org/medcofkc/events/2008_Dec_ccoe/details.tcl, or contact Jo Anderson for details at janderson@sccd.ctc.edu, 768-6455. See Events Calendar for more.

Student Retention & Success Initiatives
The services and activities (S & A) fee board has allocated approximately 5% of their annual 2008-2009 budget of $545,000 (approximately $27,000) for new student retention and success initiatives. Requests are limited to one time expenditures and must be submitted by 12 noon on the first Monday of every month during the academic year, between November and April. Send proposals to Cessa Heard-Johnson at, chjohnson@sccd.ctc.edu. She may be reached at 768-6749.
Salute!
Congratulations to South’s Northwest Wine Academy on its showing at the prestigious and highly competitive 30th annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival. South took home five medals: Silver – 2007 Chardonnay Un-Oaked, 2007 Chardonnay Barrel Fermented, and 2006 Cabernet Franc 2006; Bronze – 2006 Merlot and 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon-Filtered.

Student Success
Culinary grad Duane Nutter is chef of the first fine dining establishment, One Flew South, at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Nutter and his chef partner Todd Richards created an upscale menu featuring premium ingredients from regional farmers and purveyors. The pair appeared on an episode of the Food Network’s Iron Chef. Nutter is the former Chef de Cuisine at The Oakroom in Louisville, Kentucky, one of only 48 AAA Five-Diamond restaurants in the world.

Gifts From the Earth
Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24! An all-star cast of 15 celebrity chefs from the Seattle area, 30 Washington state wineries, local companies, and South students join together once again to celebrate the hospitality industry and raise funds for college programs and student scholarships at the annual Gifts from the Earth gala. The event is sponsored by Food Services of America/Dining Out in the Northwest, with additional support from Tony’s Coffee and Teas, Union Bank of California, Boeing, and Interbay Food Company. For complete information, visit the website at http://www.southseattle.edu/foundation/giftsfromtheearth/index.html, or contact Heather Foss at 768-6616.

On Alert
Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to sign up to receive text message and email alerts in case of a campus emergency or unplanned closure. Log in using your college SID and PIN to designate a cell phone number for text message alerts or the email address you would like to use to receive alerts. You may use more than one number or email address. Log in at: https://alert.seattlecolleges.edu. Contact James Lewis at 763-5157 if you have questions.

From the Foundation
The most recent recipients of Foundation Appreciation Awards are Brian Hughes, Automotive faculty; Sherri Lewis, Technical Education staff; and Mohammed Nawaz, Automotive student and recipient of a Grainger scholarship.

The Foundation recently awarded $8,750 during the most recent round of Faculty Development Grants. Congratulations to the following recipients: Regina Daigneault, Wine Studies; Peter Bos, Wine Studies; Catherine Pipiens, Culinary Arts; Stephen Sparks, Culinary Arts; Sandy Chen, Hospitality BAS; Raymond Spizman, Career Link; Yilin Sun, Basic and Traditional Studies; Carol Ohop, Basic and Transitional Studies; and Jian Zhou, Math.

The Foundation also awarded a grant to support the following faculty members’ participation in the Pacific Institute: Arleen Atchison, Charles Creech, Jason Cromwell, John Delapena, Margo Harder, Mike Hickey, Laurel Holliday, Danielle Ingels, Michelle Kasim, Jan Koutsky Jill McDonough, Dolores Mirabella, Catherine Pipiens, Remy Rullan-Millare, Paul Safstrom, Martin Sauer, Carey Schroyer, Barbara Silas, Stephen Sparks, Sabrina Spannagel, and Sabella Wells.

Power & Promise Campaign Gifts - The Foundation recently received $200,000 to support the Excellence in Education Faculty Development Endowment. The Boeing Company contributed $100,000, and this gift was matched by another $100,000 from the State Board. We also received a gift of $95,000 from Safeco to support endowed scholarships.

Holland America is sponsoring their third scholarship to cover tuition and books for a student in the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Hospitality Management program.

Campus Security Reports

November 4: Classroom disruption involving two students. One student said another student had made a physical threat against her. The students were directed to leave the classroom by the instructor. It was later reported that the student threatened had received an apology from the other student.

November 7: Security was called to the Culinary area because of an argument/fight between two students. It was reported that one student was responding to an instructor over a difference in understanding about work assignments, and the second student became involved. The students gave conflicting accounts about how the altercation began. Both were referred to the vice president of Student Services for further investigation.

A student’s car received side-door damage in a hit-and-run incident in the south parking area.

November 12: A student reported her iPod stolen in the Fitness Center from where she had put it down.

November 18: A truck-driving student reported physical threats made against him by another student, saying that friction began in the classroom and escalated when the two were together in a truck-driving exercise off campus.

November 26: A Culinary student was seen removing meat from the teaching program’s meat storage area and attempting to put it in his personal backpack. The meat was recovered, and the student was sent home. The incident was referred to the program dean.
Events calendar

Friday, December 5, 4-8 pm
Saturday, December 5, Noon-4 pm
Northwest Wine Academy Holiday Release
Wine & Welding Building
Award-winning wines, holiday gift baskets and wine accessories will be available for purchase.
Contact Reggie Daigneault, (206) 764-7942, rdaigneault@sccd.ctc.edu.

Sunday, December 7
SSCC Community Choir Fall Concert
7 pm, Olympic Hall 120
Free admission, no reservations required. Contact Laura Matson, 768-6895, lmatson@sccd.ctc.edu.

Wednesday, December 10
Fall quarter ends!
From Awareness to Action: Skills Building for Cultural Competency
9 am - 4:30 pm, with an hour lunch break on your own
Casey Family Programs, 1123 23rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122
Free admission; www.medcofkc.org; (206)325-2542

Thursday, December 11
Nursing Program Orientation Session (CNA, LPN, RN)
11 am – 2 pm, RAH 126, information at 768-6654.

Monday, January 5
Winter quarter begins.

January 5 – February 6
Art & Poetry Exhibit
Art Gallery
For Art Gallery hours, visit http://studentlife.southseattle.edu/art.html, or contact Renee Rhodes at 764-5337.

Grant Celebration

The community gathered to celebrate the college’s new designation as an Asian Pacific Islander Serving Institution and the award of a $2.4 million Department of Education grant focusing on API students.

(Left) Long-time college advocate and community activist Velma Veloria spoke at the grant festivities.

Pictured (L-R): Mark Mitsui, May Lukens, President Wakefield, Sergio Cueva (representing Sen. Patty Murray), and Nate Caminos (representing Sen. Maria Cantwell)