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College Names Newly Tenured Faculty

South Seattle Community College is pleased to announce that two of its faculty members have been awarded tenure.

Congratulations go to Heidi Lyman and Steve Yramategui, Math Instructors, who were granted tenure by the Seattle Community College District Board of Trustees.

Tenure is a form of academic job assurance in recognition of the quality of an instructor's teaching, commitment to students and subject area, curriculum development, and service to the community. At South, the tenure process usually takes three years.

Heidi Lyman holds a bachelor's and a master's from the University of Washington. She started her career as an aerospace engineer for the Boeing Company. She has instructed a wide range of mathematics courses at South and other community colleges. In addition, she is helping develop and promote the college's pre-engineering program. Her students describe her as one of the most enthusiastic, well informed and knowledgeable instructors on campus. Her syllabus reflects her philosophy of education: "Learning is not a monumental attempt to memorize gobs of information, but a slow, methodical and pleasurable journey to understand ideas. So let us begin!!"

Lyman's commitment to student success goes beyond the classroom. Since fall 2003, she has served as faculty advisor for Alpha Chi Phi, the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the community college national honor society. The chapter recently achieved the Pinnacle Silver level in Phi Theta Kappa's 2004 Pinnacle Scholarship Award Program.

Steve Yramategui, who received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and master's degree from Western Washington University, teaches both developmental and college transfer mathematics courses. His teaching experience includes Bellevue Community College, Mt. Hood and Olympic Colleges, and the University of Phoenix. In addition, he has worked in information technology as a programmer/analyst, software developer, and financial analyst. He is actively involved with the American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Association of America and American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges. On campus, he has served on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and Faculty Development Advisory Committee.

His students describe him as a very knowledgeable professor and good at explaining difficult materials. "He makes a tedious subject entertaining – math is fun, fun, fun!"

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