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## **College Welcomes New Dean**

Hospitality industry veteran Michael Ryan is the new Dean of Hospitality & Service Occupations at South Seattle Community College. Ryan, whose extensive hospitality career began 18 years ago with a college job at the Sheraton Inn and Suites in Lowell, Massachusetts, has instructional and operational responsibility for the college's Culinary Arts, Pastry & Specialty Baking, Northwest Wine Academy, and Landscape Horticulture programs.

Ryan is well-versed in all aspects of operations, food and beverage, and retail outlets. After relocating to Seattle in 1993, he honed his senior-level management skills at a number of hotels offering a wide range of service levels, including the Edgewater and Mayflower Park Hotel. In 2006, he left his position as general manager of the Southcenter Residence Inn to become general manager of the new Hilton Garden Inn in Issaquah.

Ryan's roots within the Seattle Community College District grow deep. He earned an AA degree and AAS in Marine Carpentry at Seattle Central before completing a BA at the University of Washington.

"My background managing hotels and F&B outlets, my first-hand experience as a community college student, and my desire to move my career in a more rewarding direction all led me here," he said. "I look forward to taking leadership of the multi-faceted division."

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