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Record Summer Enrollment at South

Increase credited to expanded course offerings and recruitment.

(Seattle, WA) Summer quarter enrollment at South Seattle Community College has reached an all-time high of 3751 students, up 431 from last year. This headcount represents a 13 percent increase over last summer's record of 3320.

The college also set a new Full Time Equivalent (FTE) record of 1959, an increase of 137 from last summer. FTEs are based on a formula of 15 quarterly credits equal to 1.00 quarterly FTE. Community college budgets are determined in large part by meeting FTE enrollment goals set by the legislature, and South has already surpassed its target for academic year 2007-2008 by 59.

South credits effective recruitment and increased academic course offerings as factors in the increasing enrollment, a trend which has continued throughout the 2007-2008 academic year.

“Access, affordability and class options have really made South the place to be this summer,” said President Jill Wakefield.

Academic transfer class enrollment experienced the largest increase, from 505 FTEs to 583, and students taking academic courses represent over half the summer student body. Professional technical programs experiencing notable growth this summer include Automotive Tech, Aviation, Wine Technology, Business Information Technology, Welding Fabrication, Computer Systems, and the Georgetown Campus Apprenticeship programs. An additional 528 students are enrolled in non-credit community education classes.

Registration is currently underway for fall quarter, which begins September 22. Visit www.southseattle.edu or call 206 764-7943.

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