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Graduation Celebrates Student Success

Thursday June 12, 2008

7:30 p.m., Jerry Brockey Student Center

South Seattle Community College

6000 16th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98106

Graduation is a time to celebrate stories of success and the paths that students have taken to reach their goals. At South Seattle Community College, the accomplishments of the class of 2008 will be celebrated at the annual graduation ceremony taking place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 in the Jerry Brockey Student Center.

This year, 585 students have earned degrees and certificates – 332 in professional/technical studies and 253 in academic transfer. Among the highlights is the graduation of 23 students in the college’s first Registered Nursing (RN) Program class.

Dandan Wu’s story is just one of the many inspirational journeys undertaken by our grads. When she moved here from China in 2004, she found it “challenging and frustrating getting used to a new custom.” After enrolling in English as a Second Language classes at South, she began to adapt to her new environment and became more involved in campus life. Her experiences at the college exposed her to others who had faced similar challenges and she found support and friendship.
She recalls the three goals she set for herself and recorded in a notebook years ago.

“First, I desired to improve my English. Check. Second, when my English became strong enough, I wanted to go to college. Check. Third, I wanted to transfer to a four-year university. Check.”

“After seeing all the checkmarks on my notebook, I feel satisfied and fulfilled,” says the three-time scholarship recipient, who is transferring to the University of Washington to pursue a degree in human resources.

South’s motto – Start Here, Go Anywhere – is exemplified by our graduates, and the college congratulates them on their achievements.

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