



MEDIA ALERT

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Gifts from the Earth – By the Numbers

South Seattle Community College Annual Food and Wine Event Celebrates Hospitality Industry.

Saturday, January 24
5:00 pm, Jerry M. Brockey Center
South Seattle Community College
6000-16th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98106

15 Celebrity Chefs

Peter Birk – Ray’s Boathouse; Dalis Chea – Herban Feast Catering; Dylan Giordan – Serafina; John Hart – Seattle Sheraton; Craig Hetherington – TASTE; David Hoyle – Westin Bellevue; Giles Van der Bogert– Ponti Seafood Grill; Jeremy McLachlan – Salty’s on Alki; Will McNamara and Eric Floyd – Washington Athletic Club; Marc Powers – SIP Restaurant; Lenny Rede and Stephen Sparks – South Seattle Community College; Sean Rogers – Broadmoor Golf Club; and Dan Thiessen – O/8 Seafood Grill

30 Wineries

Avery Lane, Barnard Griffin, Brian Carter Cellars, Cadence Winery, Cascade Cliffs, Caterina, Chandler Reach, Chatter Creek, Covington Cellars, DeLille, Desert Hills, Dusted Valley, Fall Line Winery, Flying Dutchman, Gamache Vintners, Hightower, Hoodsport, JM Cellars, Kiona Vineyards, Northstar, MaryHill, Northwest Wine Academy, Nota Bene, O.S. Winery, Pacific Rim, Pleasant Hill, Red Sky, Soos Creek, Tsillian, and Willis Hall.

150 Volunteers

100 Unique auction items

300 Guests

It all adds up to one spectacular evening that celebrates the hospitality industry and raises funds for college programs and student scholarships.

The festivities, sponsored by Food Services of America, begin at 5 pm and feature hors d’oeuvres, wine tasting and a silent auction, followed by a multi-course dinner prepared by guest chefs and paired with Washington wines. A live auction of unique fine wine and dining packages follows.

Volunteers include South's Hospitality Management bachelor's degree program students, who manage guest relations, Culinary Arts students preparing meals alongside celebrity chefs, and students in the Wine Technology program who will pour wine with winemakers.

Title sponsor Food Services of America (FSA) is the nation's sixth largest foodservice distributor, serving customers in 15 western and mid-western states from nine regional distribution centers. This is the second consecutive year that FSA, a long-time supporter of South's award-winning culinary and hospitality industry programs, has participated as Gifts from the Earth title sponsor. Additional sponsors include Boeing, Union Bank of California, Interbay Food, Tony's Coffee, Charlie's Produce, and Puget Sound Energy.

A limited number of tickets remain available at \$175 per person. For information, contact South Seattle Community College Foundation at (206) 764-5809, email: ssccfoundation@sccd.ctc.edu, or on the web at www.southseattle.edu/foundation/giftsfromtheearth/index.html.

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