



News

June 30, 2010

NORTH
SEATTLE
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

SEATTLE
CENTRAL
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

SOUTH
SEATTLE
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

SEATTLE
VOCATIONAL
INSTITUTE

Georgetown
Campus

NewHolly
Learning Center

Seattle Maritime
Academy

Wood
Construction
Center

Washington District VI

1500 Harvard Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122-3803
206.587-4100
206.587.4155/TT
Fax 206.587.3883

www.seattlecolleges.edu

WALMART SCHOLARS WORKING TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE AT THE SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SEATTLE — A group of 24 students enrolled at the Seattle Community Colleges moved closer to their career goals by the end of Spring quarter 2010, with assistance from a national grant focused on getting dislocated workers into new jobs. The students are taking part in the Walmart Brighter Futures Project, a national demonstration project designed to assist community colleges in meeting the increasing need for training and services for dislocated workers.

The national project is funded through a two-year \$3.5 million grant from the Walmart Foundation to the League for Innovation in the Community College. Seattle is one of eight community colleges across the country developing programs and services to serve as models for other community colleges facing increased numbers of dislocated workers resulting from the economic downturn.

In addition to the Seattle Community Colleges, other community colleges receiving funding are Central Piedmont Community College (North Carolina); Cuyahoga Community College (Ohio); Lane Community College (Oregon); Miami Dade College (Florida); Moraine Valley Community College (Illinois); Sinclair Community College (Ohio); and St. Louis Community College (Missouri). The colleges are employing a variety of approaches, including scholarships, to serve the needs of dislocated workers across the country.

The first Walmart Brighter Futures scholarships were awarded to Seattle students for Spring quarter 2010. One of the students graduated from North in June 2010 with an Accounting Achievement certificate, and the rest of the group is continuing their education and training. All of the students are enrolled in programs that will give them 21st century skills for the workplace, with training in career areas ranging from network administration and nanotechnology to health care, business occupations, pre-apprenticeship and HVAC. All of the Seattle Community College campuses will award scholarships for Fall quarter. Spring quarter Walmart scholars gathered for photos in May (see the following pages).

Details about the national project are at the [League for Innovation](http://www.leagueforinnovation.org) website.

- more -

About the Seattle Community Colleges

The Seattle Community Colleges are the largest district in Washington state, serving more than 52,000 students at Seattle Central Community College, North Seattle Community College, and South Seattle Community College, as well as at the Seattle Vocational Institute and four specialized training centers located throughout the city. For more information about the district and the colleges, go to www.seattle.colleges.edu.

About the League for Innovation in the Community College

The League for Innovation in the Community College is an international organization dedicated to catalyzing the community college movement. The League for Innovation hosts conferences and institutes, develops Web resources, conducts research, produces publications, provides services, and leads projects and initiatives with more than 900 member colleges, 160 corporate partners, and a host of other government and nonprofit agencies in a continuing effort to make a positive difference for students and communities. Information about the League for Innovation and its activities is available at www.league.org.

About Philanthropy at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. Through its philanthropic programs and partnerships, the Walmart Foundation funds initiatives focused on creating opportunities in education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009, Walmart – and its domestic and international foundations – gave more than \$423 million in cash and in-kind gifts globally. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

CONTACT

Patricia Paquette, Communications Director
Seattle Community Colleges
ppaquette@sccd.ctc.edu | 206. 587.4105

- See photos next page -



Above: Spring 2010 Walmart Scholars at South Seattle Community College enrolled in Network Administration training are (from left) William McCreary, Sean Schafer and Matthew Bracken.

Spring 2010 Walmart Scholars at Seattle Vocational Institute are (foreground) Lee Garcia, (seated) Jon Studyvin, Tristian Bergeron, Brenda Sanchez, (standing front) Nelia Flores and (back) Mihaela Matea. Not pictured is Anthony Ivery.



Spring 2010 Walmart Scholars at North Seattle Community College include (from left) Carla Miller, Rinkoo Johari, Sunny Kwong, Wendy Borgatti, Dzarme Rosalie Federick, Ariana Pinto, Jeremiah Williams, Christa Ahearn, Colleen Davis, John Woeck and Michael Barter. Not pictured are Alognon Dekadjevi, Sheila Doell and Yamel Zanarini.