News from South
Visitors, scholarships, and AANAPISI update.

MOU Signed: (PHOTO) A delegation of representatives from Jiangsu Transportation Technician’s College near Shanghai, China, visited South on October 22 to learn more about the college’s Aviation Maintenance Technology, Auto, and Diesel programs. Following a facilities tour, Jiangsu Secretary Mr. Liu Yun and South President Gary Oertli signed a general Memorandum of Understanding to explore future collaboration between the institutions.

Scholarships Awarded: (PHOTO) A ceremony was held October 5 to honor South’s five recipients of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF)/Walmart Foundation scholarship. South is just one of three institutions offered these one-time, $2,500 scholarships for full-time, first-year Asian and Pacific Islander American community college students. Scholarships were awarded to: Kim Hanh-Lam, Vho Thi Sau High School, Vietnam; Joan Kim, Lakes High School, Lakewood, WA; Inoke Maka, James Campbell High School, Ewa Beach, HI; Fa’atau’oloa Peseta, Sammamish High School, Redmond, WA; and Son Truong, Cam Ranh High School, Vietnam.

AANAPISI Grant: As the college’s Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) grant winds down in its third year, many of the initiatives and pilot programs are now ready to be integrated into the college. These include the twice-weekly AAPI study group; the Family Actions for College Success (FACS) workshop, the third of which took place October 12; and the fall quarter Clustered Learning Community (CLC) of English 098 and HDC 101 (College Success). Data indicates that linking a developmental education course and a college success course is increasing student achievement – a full 92% of student portfolios submitted from the two previous CLCs have passed.

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**Cutline Photo #1:** (L-R) Jiangsu Transportation Technician College Assistant Director, Road and Bridge Department, Mrs. Jin Qian; Assistant Director, Student Affairs Division, Mr. BaoJin Wang; Assistant Director of Education Affairs Division, Mr. Tong Chen; facilitator, Mr. Jacky Xu; Secretary, Mr. Yun Liu; South Seattle Community College President, Gary Oertli; Vice President, Jean Hernandez; International Programs Executive Director, Kathie Kwilinski; and Jiangsu Vice Director of Administration Office, Mrs. XueRu Yang.

**Cutline Photo #2:** (L-R): Jason Chan, APIASF program director, Scholar & Alumni Programs; Son Truong; Kim Hanh-Lam; South President Gary Oertli; Joan Kim; Inoke Maka; and Prema Chaudhari, APIASF assistant director, Scholar & Alumni Programs. Not pictured is scholarship recipient Fa’atau’oloa Peseta.