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SOUTH FACULTY MEMBER CHOSEN “KEY INFLUENCER”

Math instructor one of two selected to ride with the Blue Angels.

(Seattle, WA) The sky’s the limit for South Seattle Community College instructor Heidi Lyman. She is one of just two local residents selected as a Key Influencer, and offered the opportunity to take a practice ride with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels during Seafair Week. Designated the primary flyer, her ride in the two-seat, Number 7 F/A-18 Hornet jet is scheduled to occur on Monday, August 1, at 11 am, departing from Boeing Field.

Key Influencers are civilian leaders nominated by a commanding officer of a local Navy or Marine Corps recruiting district. They are selected based on their impact on the community, particularly youth.

Exuberantly passionate about math, Heidi is thrilled about incorporating her upcoming flight experience in the classroom.

“I often talk about the equations of motion in space as position, velocity and acceleration, using examples such as bike riding, skiing, sky diving and bungee jumping,” explained the former aerospace engineer. “A flight with the Blue Angels will be an incredible example to use!”

The daughter of a math and astronomy teacher, Heidi attended Spokane Falls Community College before completing BS and MS degrees at the University of Washington. She embodies South’s “Start Here, Go Anywhere” motto.

“At the community college we often get students who are motivated but do not know what direction to head,” said Lyman who, with her husband, teaches an aviation merit badge to a local Boy Scouts of America troop. “My students seem to really enjoy hearing about my experiences and how I use math in my daily life or how I used it as an engineer. I do not know what will be more fun, flying with the Blue Angels or telling all my students and the Scouts of my wonderful exhilarating experience.”

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