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College holds commencement at Benaroya Hall.

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
2:30 pm, Benaroya Hall
200 University Street
Seattle, WA 98101

Graduation is a time to celebrate stories of success and the paths that students have taken to reach their goals. South Seattle Community College will celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2012 at the annual commencement ceremony taking place at Benaroya Hall, at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, June 19. This is the second consecutive year the college has held the ceremony at the world class downtown performance complex.

This year, 930 degrees and certificates are being awarded, including 376 in academic transfer, 387 in professional/technical studies and multi-occupational trades, and 32 students in the college’s four-year Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Hospitality Management degree program. The graduating class also includes 24 new Registered Nurses and 22 dual-graduate Running Start students, who are concurrently receiving a college AA degree and high school diploma.

In addition to honor cords, this year a number of new graduate recognitions have been added:

- Student veterans (41) – red, white, and blue cords symbolizing their military service.
- AA degree with Asian Pacific Islander emphasis – green stole.
- Student leaders of Student Life and Diversity & Retention – Kente cloth.
- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management graduates – black caps and gowns with brown stoles.
- TRiO graduates – black and red cords.

President’s Medals for academic achievement will be awarded to Dolphy Blue Jordan (Academic), Heriberto Sánchez (Professional Technical), and Joshua Fitzpatrick (BAS in Hospitality Management).

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

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