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## **South Hosts Annual Summit for Pacific Islander Resources in Education**

*From Talking Story to Taking Action: Raising Pacific Islander Resources in Education*

Saturday, September 29, 2012

South Seattle Community College  
Jerry Brockey Center  
6000-16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98106  
9am - 4pm

**Free open to the public**

Breakfast and lunch will be provided

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Pacific Islander students, parents, educators, and community leaders will convene for The Annual Summit for Pacific Islanders Resources and Education (ASPIRE) - a statewide education summit at South Seattle Community College.

ASPIRE is part of the Washington State Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative (Voices Initiative), which launched last year to prepare Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) families, community leaders, and organizations to help AAPI students achieve academic success.

### **Highlights of the summit include:**

Workshops for parents and students  
Keynote speaker, Professor Vicente M. Diaz  
A special performance by Elias Ka'uhane & Napun Tasi  
A raffle for a chance to win two roundtrip tickets on Alaska Airlines

### **ASPIRE Mission**

The Annual Summit for Pacific Islander Resources and Education Summit (ASPIRE) creates a space for Pacific Islander students, parents, families, educators, and community members to come together to share and exchange perspectives, lived experiences, resources, and information on the issues facing their children in the education system. ASPIRE builds momentum behind an education reform agenda, inspired through community organizing, which supports Pacific Islander students.

Driving directions: [www.southseattle.edu/campus/map.htm#sscc](http://www.southseattle.edu/campus/map.htm#sscc). Take Metro routes 125 or 128 for front-door service to South.

Free parking.