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West Seattle Native to Speak on Sweden

Dodi Axelson, West Seattle Native and West Seattle High School graduate, will be speaking at South Seattle Community College on her adopted country of Sweden and the changes that are taking place there.

Axelson will speak at South Seattle Community College (SSCC) on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed will include the similarities and differences between America and Sweden. Axelson will also touch upon the changes that are taking place in the Sweden's capital, Stockholm, as the global economy and the age of information technology shape this historical city in the 21st century. As was recently cited in Newsweek, Stockholm is home to more high-tech start-ups than any other European city at the moment.

Axelson, whose family has ethnic ties to Sweden, made the leap to the Scandinavian country in 1997 to teach ballet after leaving her post as the Morning Drive News editor at KIRO 710 Newsradio. Axelson eventually landed a position with the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation's English language news program, where she has been working since 1998.

This event is a presentation of South Seattle Community College, the University of Washington Scandinavian Studies, the Swedish Cultural Center and Scandinavian Airlines. It is in conjunction with SSCC's "Introduction to Scandinavia" course being taught at the college this spring quarter.

What: "Out with the Old, in with the New: A West Seattle Native Working in the Media in Stockholm Looks at the New Sweden"

Open to the public and free admission

Where: The South Seattle Community College Library
6000 16th Avenue, S.W., Seattle, WA 98106-1499.

When: April 30, 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to arrange for an interview please contact
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