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Outstanding Faculty to be Honored at Conference

South Seattle Community College (SSCC) is please to announce that two of its instructors are to be honored with awards for excellence for their outstanding teaching.

The awards will be presented by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) in Austin, Texas in May. The ceremony is a part of the 2003 NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence.

SSCC's recipients of the NISOD Excellence Awards for outstanding teaching are Chef Jean Claude Berger and Mike Hickey. Both were selected for the honor based on evidence submitted by faculty, staff, students and administrators.

Chef Berger is an instructor in the college's Pastry & Specialty Baking program. He has over thirty years of industry experience in France, Switzerland, Northern Ireland and Canada. Prior to coming to SSCC, he held the position of Executive Pastry Chef at various Four Seasons Hotels. He received his degree, Brevet de Compagnon, at the Ecole Hoteliere Strasbourg in 1963. The culinary creations of his students can be enjoyed by the public at the college's pastry shop, which is open to the public Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except during quarter breaks.

Hickey is an English instructor in the college's Academic Programs. He also is the faculty advisor for the student paper and student anthology, a collection of writings and artwork by students. He also is a published poet. In his latest project a professional theatre group in Portland will be performing two his poems on stage, "Airborne" and "Desert Deconstruction." The poems have been selected to be performed in the Miracle Theatre Group's upcoming spoken-word production, "Conquista & Rebellion." The show will feature 26 poems and five excerpts of short fiction by 30 Northwest writers and one California poet.

For more information about NISOD and the Excellence Awards visit their Web site at <http://www.nisod.org>.

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