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South Seattle Community College Honors Washington Legislator

Washington State Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney has received the first-ever honorary degree awarded by South Seattle Community College (SSCC).

Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney has been a strong supporter of community and technical colleges. She is a former member of the Board of Trustees with the Seattle Community College District, May 1987 to Sept. 1998, and is currently Chair of the House Higher Education Committee.

Gutierrez Kenney recently helped SSCC develop its certified nursing assistant program by bringing together the college and SeaMar Community Health Centers, a community-based organization that serves primarily the Latino community.

The certified nursing assistant program is unique in that it is bilingual – giving opportunities to serve an under-served population and to help diversify the health care workforce. It incorporates vocational English as a Second Language instruction with health care curriculum content. The program has been so successful that it has been replicated throughout the state and has attracted the attention of colleges throughout the nation.

The presentation of the Associate of Arts Degree took place at SSCC's 32nd Annual Commencement, which was held on June 13.

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