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Making Dreams of College Possible

Students, college graduates, administrators, counselors and instructors will gather at South Seattle Community College (SSCC) to celebrate programs that have made the dream of attending college a reality for thousands of students. The celebration will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Jerry M. Brockey Student Center, room A.

Students at SSCC who have succeeded in college with the support of TRIO programs will be honored as a part of National TRIO Day. TRIO programs, named for the initial three programs, are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. These Department of Education grants help low-income and first generation students enter college, graduate, and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. Since 1965, more than 10.5 million Americans, 67 percent from poor and working families, have benefited from the services of the TRIO pre-college and college programs.

“Thousands of students have participated in South Seattle’s TRIO programs,” said Karen Foss, Vice President for Student Services at SSCC. “Not only do the programs work to keep students in school and help them complete their educations, but the TRIO programs change their lives. The opportunity offered by TRIO is an ‘equal educational opportunity.’ This equality allows students to realize their dreams of a postsecondary education, get into a viable career, and compete on a more level playing field.”

SSCC is home to three TRIO programs. Two of them are pre-college programs – Educational Talent Search, which serves 600 middle and high school students in West Seattle; and Upward Bound, which serves 50 students in the Highline School District. These pre-college programs help students prepare for and enter college.

Student Support Services, SSCC’s college level program, serves 185 undergraduate students. Student Support Services provides academic support and other resources that help students succeed academically, graduate, and transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

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