

South



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PRESIDENT

A REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

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South Seattle Community College exists to serve you, the community members of South and West Seattle. The purpose of this publication, *South Seattle Progress - A Report to Our Community*, is to let you know what the students, faculty and staff are accomplishing at your college.

Exciting changes have taken place at South over the past year and are continuing into 2004. Three new construction projects began and two are still underway. You can find the details in this report. Our new facilities will enable us to serve more students, and the construction jobs help with economic recovery. The college also began a new program, Nursing, in response to the need for more trained health care workers. This year, in Spring Quarter, we begin another new program, Wine Studies, which is an excellent complement to the outstanding Culinary Arts program at the college.

At South we provide an excellent education on our beautiful, wooded campus right here in West Seattle, close to where you live. Our graduates credit our small class sizes, personal attention from instructors and staff, and friendly campus as keys to their success. You can start at South Seattle Community College and go to just about any kind of a future that you want.

I'd like you to know about the broad range of educational opportunities available at South. For example, you can take your first two years of college here, then transfer to a four-year school. South has unique areas of specialization in the College Transfer program, such as Asian Studies, and also offers coordinated studies courses, such as combining English with Drama. On the Technical/Professional side, South offers more than 20 programs, including Aviation Maintenance, Computing Technology, Culinary Arts and Landscape Horticulture.

Our Continuing Education/Lifelong Learning program offers courses ranging from cooking to gardening to writing. Continuing Education also offers corporate training, and an Occupational Teacher/Trainer Education program. The college has courses in Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language, serving those special needs. South also has experience and success in worker retraining programs. And for high school students we offer the Running Start program, where you can earn college credit while still in high school.

Even if you can't get to campus on a regular basis, we can help - through "distance learning," where you can take an online course by computer, or a telecourse on your home TV.

There are many campus opportunities for community members outside the classroom, too. Delicious foods prepared by our Culinary Arts students are available to the public in our two dining rooms and the informal Food Court. Bernie's Pastry Shop offers cookies, breads and chocolates prepared by students. Cosmetology students welcome you to the Beauty Center, where every month there is a "\$2 Tuesday" special for a haircut or manicure. Our six-acre Arboretum on the north edge of campus is a peaceful refuge for many local residents, open from sunrise to sunset. The Seattle Chinese Garden is being developed at an adjacent site. Many of you have attended events at the Brockey Center, a community resource for meetings and banquets.

South Seattle Community College is an exciting place, filled with opportunities, right here in your community. Winter Quarter classes are underway and Spring Quarter will begin April 5. It's never too late to get started. Come visit us, and I welcome your ideas for improving the college and our programs.

Sincerely,

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MISSION STATEMENT

South Seattle Community College is a constantly evolving educational community dedicated to providing quality learning experiences which prepare students to meet their goals for life and work.

The College values and promotes a close involvement with the community and strong partnerships with business, labor, and industry.

The College commits to serving the diverse needs of students in our communities by providing:

- College transfer programs and technical and professional programs which prepare students to succeed in their careers and further their education
- Responsive technical and professional training developed in collaboration with business, labor, and industry
- Student-centered and community-centered programs and services which value diversity, support learning, and promote student success
- Lifelong learning opportunities for the cultural, social, professional and personal development of the members of our communities.



NEW CONSTRUCTION *more space for more students*

Several construction projects got underway or were completed in the last year, changing the face of both South's main campus and our Duwamish campus. All received support from the state legislature's capital budget, and the jobs created are helping with economic recovery.

Culinary Arts

In our Culinary Arts Center, a remodeled Food Court opened for summer quarter, greeting the campus and community with a completely redesigned food service area, along with new floors and other improvements. Both the Alhadeff Grill, our remodeled upscale dining room, and the new Food Services of America Teaching & Demonstration Kitchen opened early in October. The new kitchen features a "super stove," a custom built cooking suite from the Molteni Company, a French food service equipment manufacturer - the only one at a community college in the western hemisphere. The \$2.5 million package of improvements includes \$1.2 million raised by the SSCC Foundation Capital Campaign, and will provide job training for 20 percent more students.



Instructional Technology Center

Steel framework was completed in December for our new Instructional Technology Center, giving observers the full scope of the three-story building's size. The 47,000-square-foot structure now solidly anchors the southern edge of campus, near the Brockey Center. The \$19 million facility will include new science and computer classrooms, general classrooms, a 125-seat lecture auditorium, and the Continuing Education program; completion is expected by Fall 2004. More space will enable us to serve more students, and in up-to-date facilities.



Improved Access to Campus

A new stairway and lighting were installed in front of the College from 16th Ave SW up to the Robert Smith Building. The new access replaces an informal footpath and also opens up a little more visibility to the campus from the street.



Duwamish Campus

At our Duwamish campus, the new Building A also assumed its final outline in December when its tilt-up walls and roof were assembled. Completion of the \$5.5 million facility is moving forward rapidly, and it should be ready for occupancy in Spring 2004. This new building, which will provide better facilities for several apprenticeship programs as well as campus offices, replaces a 30-year old building that began life as a chicken hatchery.



SNAPSHOT

South Seattle Community College is a comprehensive college serving a multicultural population of 14,000 students who enroll for:

- academic courses preparing for transfer to a four-year college
- certificates or degrees in more than 20 professional-technical programs
- continuing education and lifelong learning
- basic education
- English as a Second Language

The college is located in West Seattle on an 87-acre, wooded campus that overlooks downtown Seattle and Elliott Bay. The campus includes a six-acre Arboretum, which is a living laboratory for Landscape Horticulture students, and the adjacent Seattle Chinese Garden site. The college also operates the NewHolly Learning Center on Beacon Hill and the Duwamish Apprenticeship & Education Center, the largest apprentice-training site in the Northwest.

Student learning is supported by the high-tech Library that features an "Information Commons" with 100 computer workstations, and learning labs in the Advanced Technology Center. Real-world experience is emphasized through team-learning projects and portfolio development, or internships and classes with retail customer contact.

- Median student age - 31
- 50% students of color
- First generation to attend college - 43%
- Citizenship status
Immigrant - 22%
Refugee - 7%
- Number of first languages spoken - 35
- Recognized as a state and national leader in workforce training and Workfirst Program
- South Seattle Community College is one of the Seattle Community Colleges. The Seattle Community College District is the largest two-year district in the state, serving 50,000 students each year at South Seattle, North Seattle and Seattle Central Community Colleges, the Seattle Vocational Institute, and several specialized training centers.



INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS *measuring our progress*

"Institutional Effectiveness" is the term we use at South Seattle Community College to assess our progress toward reaching our goals. For the last five years the college has had an Institutional Effectiveness Committee, made up of representatives from faculty and staff, which has oversight responsibility for measuring our achievement, and for highlighting areas where we need to improve. Data comes from surveys conducted by both the college and our state-level governing board. After review and discussion, the committee recommends appropriate changes to the President and the President's Cabinet. At the end of our successful accreditation review in 2000, the outside review team awarded the college a special commendation for the effectiveness of our assessment process.

Annual Effectiveness 'Report Card'

South's Institutional Effectiveness Committee produces an annual "report card," comparing college goals with specific assessment results. The 2003 report, a 33-page document, was distributed to the campus in April, with a summary published in the campus internal newsletter. Among the achievements reported are these:

- 34 percent increase in transfer-ready students, compared to the statewide increase of 6 per cent
- 71 percent increase over one year in the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students in classes offered through distance education
- Ratings from graduates in the area of diversity, such as "harassment-free campus," that were higher than the norm and improved over earlier SSCC ratings

Areas for improvement include ensuring that retention and completion rates for African American, Latino and Native American students equal rates for white and Asian students.

As 2003 ended, several performance indicators show continuing progress

toward South's goals. In the Basic Skills area, South has had the highest "persistence rate" - students completing coursework - of any college in the state for the last three years, 74 percent compared to the state's 51 per cent. We've also seen strength in the transfer rate for students of color - for example, a 39 per cent rate for African American students for 1998-2001, compared with 28 per cent for other state community colleges. In addition, the number of students in South's college transfer programs has increased by 41 per cent since the 2000-01 year, compared to a 14 per cent increase at the state level.

Graduation Success

South's transfer degree totals are increasing. For the 2002-03 academic year South awarded 207 degrees that allow transfer to four-year institutions - up from a total of 192 in the 2001-02 year. Of those 207, 124 South students transferred to a public, four-year school in the state, an increase from the 107 transfers from South in 2001-02.

Master Plan Update *looking to the future*

South is working on an update to the campus 10-year Master Plan, a formal document that guides development of the campus into the future. The plan is required by the city of Seattle and our state oversight board. The Mithun company, a design and planning firm, is guiding the college through the 18-to-24-month process. Work began in mid 2003 with an on-campus Master Plan Advisory Committee, which evaluated Mithun's initial recommendations. Mithun did a complete review of present facilities and conducted campus-wide interviews to consider how the college of the future might best serve its students. The final document will present campus development plans, while also building in flexibility for future opportunities not seen today. A key part of the process will be community review and comment on the plan.

Asian Studies Expands

South celebrated the second year of its unique Asian Studies A.A. Degree. The program, pioneered at South, will become a District-wide offering, available for the North and Central campuses to award. With as many as 32 students a quarter in the program at South, the transferable Asian Studies degree has opened doors for further study in the field at area four-year institutions.

Industrial Excellence Center

South is helping lead an effort to bring together a coalition of private and public groups to create a world-class resource and training center to serve business, industry, labor and the community. The proposed "Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center" would provide a "one-stop shopping" array of services, including support for the manufacturing and transportation industries, the building trades, and offer training for businesses. At the same time, it would serve the needs of South Seattle residents, helping maintain and create family-wage jobs. The target location is the "Hat 'n Boots" property adjacent to our Duwamish Campus. The first step is to gain support for acquiring the necessary land, while the planning group continues to refine the vision.

NewHolly Ownership

South now owns the second floor of the new library building at NewHolly, the revitalized residential community on Beacon Hill. The college has had a presence in the community for many years, featuring Adult Basic Education, GED, ESL and technical instruction requested by residents. A permanent site now gives us an even stronger position in the area. The NewHolly Learning Center intends to expand continuing education programming and academic courses. Purchase of the site was supported by a \$500,000 state matching grant.

UW Comes to West Seattle

The University of Washington's Evening Degree Program is offering an upper division evening class at South beginning in Spring Quarter - perfect for those working on or interested in beginning a UW bachelor's degree. "Effects of Mass Communications," a five-credit, 300-level UW course, will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The UW Evening Degree offers alternative access to students, with flexible hours and no enrollment limits. For more information call (206) 543-6160 or visit the web at <http://www.evedegree.washington.edu/edp/sscc.asp>.



NEW PROGRAMS *meeting community needs and interests*

Health Care

Early in 2003 South completed remodeling in our Science Building to create a seven-bed laboratory for nursing instruction, preparing for our new Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program, which began last Fall. The LPN instruction links with the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course that began in 2002, and features strong support for bilingual students. Our Health Care programs, including Medical Office Clerk, were developed in response to a serious shortage of qualified medical support employees.

South's CNA students achieved a 100% pass rate on the Washington State CNA Examination in two course periods in 2003. Our students come from more than ten diverse countries and languages, which makes coursework more challenging. Student success is due to a high level of student motivation; inspirational instructors; the expert coaching of our Vocational ESL instructor who has nursing knowledge and language teaching skills; and a weekend remedial skills tutor who reinforces "practice makes perfect." Licensure prepares students to work in home care, long term care and a variety of acute and chronic care settings where they can earn between \$9 to \$14 an hour.

Wine Studies

A new Wine Studies Program begins Spring Quarter 2004, the first wine education program on the west side of the state. Classes will be for people seeking a career in the wine industry, professionals already in the wine or hospitality industry, and for those who want more in-depth knowledge of wine. Our approach will give special emphasis on wine marketing/sales and pairing wine with food. The new program, in conjunction with our well-established Culinary Arts program, is a natural progression of combined studies. We will include theory classes in viticulture (grape growing) and enology (wine making), plus an introduction to Washington wine. All courses in the program are being designed to allow transfer to schools offering four-year degrees in related fields. Wine industry professionals are supporting the new program, citing the need for such training on the west side, especially in the Puget Sound area. For more information contact the Culinary Arts office at (206) 764-5344 or link to www.chefschooll.com.

