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SOUTH ADDS TWO TO ALL-WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM
South students Hassan Abdi and David Yama honored

March 5, 2015: SEATTLE – South Seattle College students Hassan Abdi and David Patrick Yama have been selected for the All-Washington Academic Team, as selected by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Abdi and Yama will join the rest of the outstanding students who were selected for this exclusive company on March 26th where they will be honored with a luncheon at South Puget Sound Community College.

Members of the All-Washington Team are chosen from the state’s community and technical colleges. These students are chosen not just for their outstanding achievements in the classroom, but also in their communities.

In addition to maintaining a 3.96 GPA, the Somali-born Abdi also serves as a volunteer on campus (as a math and science tutor), and off-campus at the Somali Youth and Family Club and at the Burien King County Library. Currently working on his associate degree, Abdi plans to continue his studies at the University of Washington and ultimately earning a master’s degree in Computer Science. Professionally, Abdi would like to work as a software developer to support his family – both stateside and in Somalia – and help improve the world through his work.

Like Abdi, Yama has also dedicated his time to the community. At South, he has volunteered as a tutor and has also donated his services off-campus as a tutor at Neighborhood House. Earlier this year, he was chosen as the key-note speaker and shared his inspiring story at the South’s annual fundraiser “Gifts From the Earth.” He started his academic career at South to earn his GED, but has continued his studies and will graduate with an associate degree this Spring. After graduation, Yama plans to transfer to the University of Washington, where he already volunteers up to 30 hours a week conducting research in a laboratory, and study bioengineering. He ultimately plans to obtain a doctorate in the discipline and work as a researcher and professor to further our understanding of health and the human body.

In addition to representing South as All-Washington Academic Team members, their applications will be forwarded on to be considered for the All-USA Scholarship process.

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