

# Report to Our Community • 2014 - 2015

South Seattle College and the South Seattle College Foundation



**SOUTH SEATTLE  
COLLEGE**

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# Message from the President and Foundation Chair



Dear Friends,

During the past year we've seen students in our college transfer programs receive accolades on the national stage and earn significant awards closer to home, demonstrating that South Seattle College is a great choice for students who want to earn a transfer degree.

For years, community college has been known as a great option for students seeking professional technical certificates, developmental classes, or continuing education. While that's still true, it's also the case that more and more students are realizing what community colleges have been saying for years: you can get an education that prepares you in every way to transfer to a four-year university and position yourself for future academic and career success.

Emblematic of the type of academic achievement that is possible at a college like South is graduate David Yama. David is the top scholar in the nation, as recognized by the community college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, and he is a recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. You will learn more about David inside this edition of the Report to Our Community.

Many students say that their success started when they received their first scholarships from the South Seattle College Foundation. For many of the 319 students who received scholarships this past year, a scholarship represents more than just freedom from financial worry; it also signifies that someone believes that they can succeed. Sometimes that is all a student needs to inspire them to do more, try harder, and dare to reach for their dreams. As David Yama put it, "I sought out the Foundation scholarship because I needed money, but money was the smallest thing it gave to me. The greatest thing it gave to me was validation. Validation that I belonged here, that I could succeed in school."

At South, we believe that every one of our students has the potential to be a success. That's why our motto is "Start Here, Go Anywhere." Every year we see students proving that motto true, using the firm foundation they have gained at South to propel them forward to great jobs, fulfilling careers and future academic achievement.

These are exciting times at South. We invite you to share the excitement with friends, colleagues, and family. Let them know that South offers academic programs that position students to transfer to the four-year university of their choice, real-world focused professional/technical certificate programs that lead to good-paying jobs, and three bachelor's degree programs that produce graduates who are career-ready. Wherever it is you want to go, South will help you get there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Oertli".

Gary Oertli, President  
South Seattle College

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Colin".

Gene Colin, Chair  
South Seattle College Foundation





## South Seattle College Snapshot

### South Seattle College

provides an affordable, quality education to our surrounding community that creates a fast track to good paying jobs and the option to transfer to a four-year university or college at great value. Our comprehensive programs serve a multicultural population of 15,000 students a year who enroll for:

- Bachelor of Applied Science degrees
  - Hospitality Management
  - Professional Technical Teacher Education
  - Sustainable Building Science Technology
- Academic courses preparing for transfer to a four-year educational institution
- Certificates and degrees in more than 30 professional technical programs
- Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning
- Basic and Transitional Studies
- English Language Learners/English-as-a-Second Language
- Online learning

Our graduates work and thrive in careers they love – from chefs making the world better through amazing food to aerospace mechanics making our skies safer and nurses saving lives. Our transfer students successfully continue their studies at four-year universities and colleges, taking the next steps toward their ultimate goals.

South's expansive, beautifully landscaped campus is located in West Seattle. The college also operates the NewHolly Learning Center on Beacon Hill and our Georgetown campus, which includes the Apprenticeship and Education Center, Industrial Manufacturing Academy, Washington State Labor Education and Research Center, and Corporate and Customized Training.

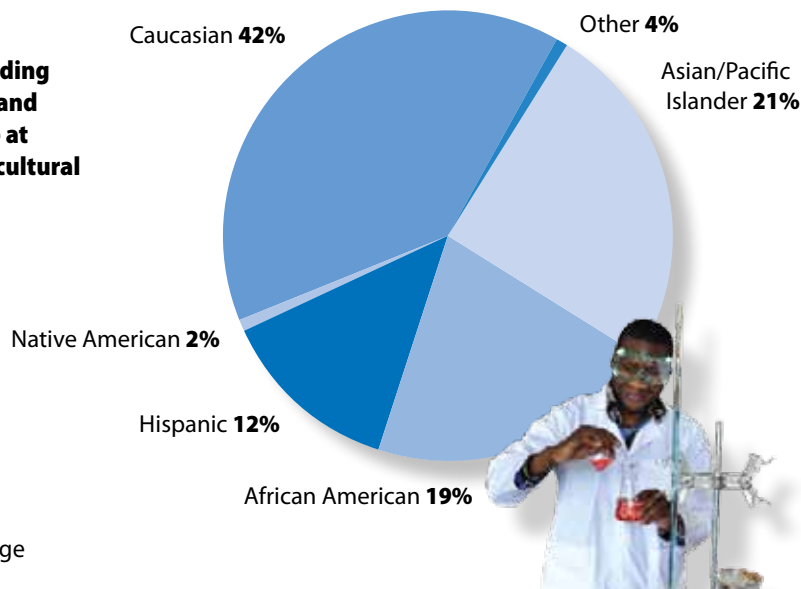
#### Students Statistics

- Median student age **31**
- First generation to attend college **42%**
- Citizenship status: Immigrants **8%** Refugees **1%**
- Number of first languages spoken **34**

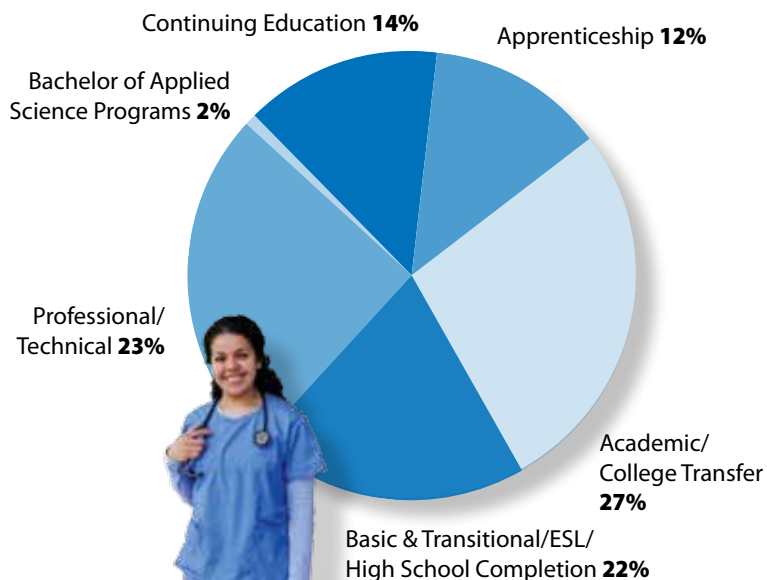


South Seattle College is one of the Seattle Colleges. The Seattle College District serves 50,000 students each year at South Seattle, North Seattle and Seattle Central colleges, the Seattle Vocational Institute, and several specialized training centers around metropolitan Seattle.

Seattle Colleges Board of Trustees: Carmen Gayton (Chair), Steven R. Hill (Vice-chair), Teresita Batayola, Jorge Carrasco, Louise Chernin and Courtney Gregoire



### Student Ethnicity



### Program Areas



## South Celebrates Class of 2015

South Seattle College celebrated the achievements of its 2015 graduating class at the 45th Annual Commencement at Benaroya Hall on June 19. All told, over 800 graduates received degrees and certificates, surrounded by cheering family, friends and South faculty.

South's 2015 graduating class is as diverse as the degrees and certificates they obtained. Awards included bachelor of applied science degrees, associate transfer degrees (which open up the opportunity to transfer to four year colleges and universities to pursue bachelor's degrees), high school diplomas, associate degrees and certificates that prepare graduates to enter the workforce with desirable skill sets.

## South Deemed Veteran Supportive Campus

The Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs renewed South Seattle College's status as a Veteran Supportive Campus.

South celebrated this distinction by hosting **WDVA Director Alfie Alvarado**, who joined **South's President Gary Oertli** for a ceremonial signing of the partnership on April 13, 2015.

Veterans on South's campus are offered several free services tailored to their needs, highlighted by veteran affairs and GI bill service support, a veteran's student center and a veteran's transition specialist on staff. In addition to granting veterans early registration, they are also eligible for up to a 50% waiver towards the cost of tuition.



## In Wake of Obama's Announcement, 13th Year Promise Scholarship Lauded

**President Barack Obama's** January 2015 announcement of a plan to make two years of community college "free for everybody who is willing to work for it" made national news in a flash. For South Seattle College, Obama's vision is a reminder of the power of the college's 13th Year Promise Scholarship, which provides all graduating seniors from Cleveland, Chief Sealth and Rainier Beach high schools with one year of free tuition.



*"By removing the financial strain of tuition for an entire year and offering transitional and support services at no cost, the 13th Year Promise Scholarship program gives our students confidence as they start college."*

~ South Seattle College President Gary Oertli

In the days following Obama's announcement, Seattle media embraced the 13th Year Promise Scholarship as a local example of how a similar program works, with coverage by *The Seattle Times*, *Q13 Fox*, and *KIRO News Radio*. Additionally, Washington **Senator Maria Cantwell** and **Congressman Adam Smith** mentioned the program in their State Of The Union responses.

13th Year Promise Scholarships are fully funded through donations to South's Foundation. To learn more, please turn to page 13 in this report.



## DNA Research by South Students Impacts the Real World

Traditionally, college-level science labs are known for a strict protocol where students follow a manual, step-by-step, to replicate work already done by scientists.

At South Seattle College, students in the Biology 211 Lab take a completely different approach by doing their own original DNA sequencing research to benefit Washington's agriculture industry and, as a result, writing their own lab manuals as they go. Once their research is complete, their findings are shared with scientists around the world.

"These labs promote critical thinking, problem solving and team collaboration - three essential skills all STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students must develop in their college education," Biology Instructor **Ruben Murcia** explained.

In the lab, students break up into teams and work with cutting-edge equipment. By learning more about the DNA sequencing of *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, a bacterium that can help farmers better protect wheat and barley crops from the ravages of fungus, students learn the scientific process and impact the real world simultaneously. This exciting new laboratory format has become the standard curriculum for Biology 211 classes at South.

*"It's a great experience because we can have an impact on society beyond the classroom, beyond our grade. To know our work can help other people makes me very proud to be here."*

~ Sopor Tan, Biology Student

## Sustainable Building Bachelor's Degree Earns \$875,000 Grant

With the support of an \$875,000 National Science Foundation grant, South Seattle College is working closely with a team of managing partners to train the next generation of building managers in the Pacific Northwest. The grant, which was awarded in August of 2014, has and will continue to aid the development of a Sustainable Building Science Technology bachelor's degree at South and the implementation of a professional pipeline to connect a diverse Washington workforce with jobs in the field.



## South Sees Largest Increase in Faculty Diversity Statewide

According to a recent study by the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, South Seattle College saw the largest increase in full-time faculty diversity over a five year period (2009-2013), compared to all other community and technical colleges in the state with a 6.4% increase. The study also shows South has the highest percentage of full-time faculty of color at 35%. South's mission relies greatly on the benefits of learning and working in a multicultural environment that is reflected in our student, staff and faculty populations.



# Honors and Awards @ South



## Student Recognized as Nation's Top Scholar

South Seattle College student **David Yama** was named the top scholar in the nation by Phi Theta Kappa and earned a spot on their All-USA Academic Team. David is the first student in South's history to earn this honor.

After dropping out of high school at the age of 14 and working a series of what David called "dead-end jobs," his academic career started at South where he earned his GED. With the encouragement of South faculty his confidence and aspirations continued to grow. David graduated with an associate degree and a 3.96 GPA. He was also awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship that he will use as he continues his education in pursuit of a bio-engineering career.

David credits much of his success to South's faculty and staff, including **Jane Harness, Rochelle Fonoti, Bob Dela-Cruz,** and **Jake Ashcraft.**

## All-Washington Academic Team

South graduates **Hassan Abdi** and **David Yama** were chosen for the All-Washington Academic Team, as selected by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Learn more about Hassan on page 8, and read about David in the story above. Both Hassan and David graduated this year and earned Associate of Arts degrees.

## President's Medals of Scholarship

The President's Medals of Scholarship for academic achievement were awarded to **James A. Steele** (Professional Technical Teacher Education B.A.S.), **Monique Jones-Lee** (Automotive Technology) and **Marady Duong** (Business Information Technology) at South's 45th Annual Commencement. They were honored by South President **Gary Oertli** at the event.



## Outstanding Alumnus Award 2015

Space Needle **Executive Chef Jeff Maxfield** received South Seattle College's 2015 Outstanding Alumnus Award during the **Friends of the College Celebration** this spring.

Maxfield, a West Seattle native who graduated from South's Culinary Arts program in 1997, quickly ascended in the culinary world shortly after his graduation from South. At the age of 19, he was named the sous chef at one of Seattle's finest restaurants, Canlis, and become the youngest to ever hold that position. His decorated culinary career continued with stops at highly-regarded restaurants in Hawaii and Arizona before returning to the Puget Sound.

*"My time at South truly shaped who I am today. The relevance of the program really gives students a leg up in the restaurant world and it certainly shows when hiring graduates. Thank you, South, for giving me the tools to be successful in my career, and I'm honored to receive this award."* ~ Executive Chef Jeff Maxfield

# Faculty Excellence @ South

The South Seattle College Foundation has made funding faculty development a priority. Funding opportunities exist for both full-time and part-time faculty for projects that encourage and promote student retention, assessment, completion, and transfer to four-year colleges. Since 2006, the Foundation has awarded more than 110 grants to faculty members. Here's a look at faculty members who were awarded grants over the past year.



Rebecca Huntley



Leticia Lopez



Jill McDonough



Ruben Murcia



Jesse Ruiz



Yilin Sun



Olga Szemetylo



Paige Talbot

**Jennifer Giomi** (Home and Family Life, Hospitality and Service Occupations) received a grant to enroll in the Sound Discipline, Positive Discipline in the Classroom Facilitator cohort training course.

**Rebecca Huntley** (Home and Family Life, Hospitality and Service Occupations) received a grant to improve and update modes of public relations to prospective students, communication to retain current students, and assessment tools.

**Leticia Lopez** (Academic Programs, English) was awarded a grant to attend pre-conference workshops and institutes at the 2015 National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) Conference in Greenville, South Carolina.

**Jill McDonough** (Intensive English Program, Basic & Transitional Studies) was awarded funding to attend and present at the 2015 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference in Austin, Texas.

**Ruben Murcia** (Academic Programs, Science) received a grant to attend the 2015 National Science Teachers Association Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

**Jesse Ruiz** (Heavy Duty Diesel Program) was awarded a grant to attend the 2015 Vehicle Maintenance Management Conference in Seattle.

**Francis Linn Scott** (Wine Technology) received a grant to attend the 2015 Unified Wine and Grape Symposium in Sacramento, California and to develop a new course for the wine program.

**Yilin Sun** (Intensive English Program, Basic & Transitional Studies) was awarded funding to attend and present at the 2015 Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference in Toronto, Canada.

**Olga Szemetylo** (Computing Technology) received a grant to attend the 2015 An Event Apart Conference in Seattle, Washington.

**Paige Talbot** (Academic Programs, English) was awarded a grant to attend pre-conference workshops and institutes at the 2015 National Association for Developmental Education (NADE) Conference in Greenville, South Carolina and the 2015 Reading Apprenticeship Conference Sponsored by West-Ed in Renton.

## Faculty Tenure

In 2015, the Seattle Colleges Board of Trustees awarded tenure to three members of South's faculty: **Kim Llewelyn** (Mathematics), **John Toutonghi** (Mathematics) and **Hana Gala** (Hospitality Management). These three instructors combine a high level of expertise in their fields with a love for teaching and a passion for student success.

(Pictured L-R) John Toutonghi, Steven Hill, Carmen Gayton, Teresita Batayola, Gary Oertli, Hana Gala, Jill Wakefield and Kim Llewelyn.





# Scholarships@South

**The Foundation awarded \$803,000 in scholarships to aid student success during the year to 319 deserving students enrolled at South Seattle College. You can help by establishing your own endowed scholarship, contributing to a named scholarship or giving to the general scholarship fund at South's Foundation. Contact the South Seattle College Foundation at (206) 934-5809 to learn how you can support a scholarship for a deserving student.**



**Hassan Abdi**  
**Recipient of the Andy and Doris Nelson**  
**Adopt-A-Student Scholarship**

As a Somali immigrant, Hassan Abdi has encountered numerous challenges in his pursuit of a successful career. Upon moving to the United States, Hassan learned that the college degree in Computer Science that he earned in Somalia was not going to help him land the kind of job that he wanted. Realizing that he would need a degree from a college in the United States, Hassan chose to begin at South.

While at South, Hassan worked full time and volunteered as a tutor. He participated in the Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Club, and facilitated a community program that teaches students how to create computer programs, all while maintaining a 3.96 GPA. His involvement in the community and his drive to help others were factors that led to being awarded the Andy and Doris Nelson Adopt-A-Student Scholarship.

Hassan's exemplary academic record and history of community involvement also earned him a place on the All-Washington Academic Team, chosen by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society from the state's community and technical colleges. A member of South's Class of 2015, Hassan is continuing his studies at the University of Washington, where he is a Computer Science major. His long-term plan is to become a software engineer at one of the Seattle area's major tech companies and to use his skills to develop computer software that will improve people's lives.

***"Thanks to my scholarship from South, I will be able to continue my education, help myself, and help others."*** ~ Hassan Abdi

**Marady Duong**  
**Recipient of the Safeco Company Endowed Scholarship**

After arriving in the United States from Cambodia in 2010 with limited English language skills, Marady Duong soon realized that her lack of a college education was holding her back. After a year at South in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program, Marady began taking pre-college courses, though she was only able to afford one class per quarter, while at the same time working two jobs and helping to support her family. The Safeco Endowed Scholarship made a big difference for Marady, allowing her to focus on school and worry less about her financial situation.

Marady credits the resources she found at South as changing everything for her and helping her stay on track to complete her Associate of Arts degree in Business Information Technology. After graduation, she plans to continue her studies at a four-year institution to earn a degree in Business Management. TRiO Student Success Services, the ANNAPISI Center (a campus organization that celebrates and supports Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander students), the office of Financial Aid, South's writing and tutoring centers, and the South Seattle College Foundation have all played roles in her college success story. As president of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society and a student mentor for TRiO, Marady has worked her way up the ladder to become a student leader at South and positioned herself for success as she moves on to the next stage in her academic career.



***"South has changed my life. Without the support that I have received from everyone here, I would not be who I am today."***

~ Marady Duong





**Jesse Harris**  
**Recipient of the American Institute of Wine and Food**  
**Adopt-A-Student Scholarship, Sharing Foundation Adopt-A-Student Scholarship**

Like many other South Seattle College students, Jesse Harris will be the first person in his family to earn a college degree. Also, like many of them, he will have done it while caring for and supporting his family and working full-time. The scholarships that Jesse was awarded while a student in South's Culinary Arts program made it possible for him to complete his Associate of Arts degree without going into debt.

Jesse uses the skills he gained at South as a line cook at ART in the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Seattle. Jesse's supervisor says of him, "Jesse is wise beyond his years and has more motivation and drive than I have seen in a long time."

Despite the demands of his job, Jesse maintains grades that have kept him on the Dean's List throughout his time in the Culinary Arts program. Jesse plans to continue at South in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Hospitality Management program, which he knows will provide the solid foundation on which to build a successful career.

***"At South it's never too late to be who you want to be."*** ~ Jesse Harris

**Chau Mai**  
**Recipient of the Marjorie I. and Michael D. Alhadeff**  
**Endowed Scholarship**

On her seventeenth birthday, Chau Mai left her family in Vietnam to come to the United States to pursue her education at South Seattle College. Coming to a new country with an unfamiliar way of life presented serious challenges. As she struggled alone to adjust, at first, Chau isolated herself, but eventually discovered that the key to thriving in her new life was not isolation, but involvement. With the help of advisors and the resources at South, she started to engage in opportunities offered at the college.

Two years later, Chau is a co-facilitator of the Southeast Asian Association and Marketing Officer in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She volunteers for many school and community activities while working two part-time jobs and maintaining a 3.78 GPA.

Chau's ambition is to transfer to the University of Washington Foster School of Business to pursue a bachelor's degree in finance and international business, with the goal of becoming a representative for an international non-profit organization in order to help advance economies in third world countries, such as her native Vietnam.

***"South is my second family. South gives me courage to pursue my dreams and motivation to make a positive impact in not only my life, but the lives of others."***

~ Chau Mai





***"South provided me with the capability to overcome challenges I faced at the University of Washington."***

~ Myron Ramires, South Graduate 2013,  
University of Washington Graduate 2015

## Endowment Report

**Thanks to our generous donors who established endowments that will provide ongoing support to South in perpetuity. At the end of 2014, the total endowment was \$13 million.**

### **Endowed Arboretum Funds – \$354,472**

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### **Endowed Childcare Funds – \$81,319**

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### **Endowed Emergency Grant Funds – \$432,373**

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Emergency Grants Endowment

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# 13th Year Promise Scholarship

**The 13th Year Promise Scholarship is an innovative program that guarantees every graduate from Cleveland High School, Chief Sealth International High School and Rainier Beach High School the opportunity to attend South Seattle College for their first year, tuition free. Students in this program also receive special academic outreach and retention services to help them in their path to success.**

## Background

South Seattle College's 13th Year Promise Scholarship is based on research from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges that found even one year of college often becomes a "tipping point" for students to continue on with their education and earn a living wage. This forward-thinking scholarship program was created to provide the opportunity to attain a college education to our community's graduating seniors, particularly those in underrepresented groups, including students of color, low-income students and first-generation college students.

The scholarship began with the Cleveland High School class of 2008; in 2011 the program expanded to include Chief Sealth International High School and a Readiness Academy was created to further increase student success; in 2013 the 13th Year Promise Scholarship expanded again, this time to Rainier Beach High School.

The 13th Year Promise Scholarship is supported by a combination of financial aid and private philanthropic gifts.

## Access to Higher Education

- 656 students from Chief Sealth, Cleveland and Rainier Beach high schools applied for the 13th Year Promise Scholarship since 2008.
- 58% of students applying for the 13th Year program are the first in their family to attend college.
- 50% of 13th Year students say they would not have attended college if not for the 13th Year Promise Scholarship.
- 73% of 13th Year students state that the Readiness Academy they attended at South as part of the program prepared them for college.

## Serving Students Traditionally Underrepresented

27% Black/African American

23% Asian/Asian American

18% Hispanic/Latino

17% White

7% Pacific Islander

3% Native American



***"The 13th Year Scholarship program not only helped with my financial needs, but also provided resources that I would never have found without it. It has helped me further my education and achieve my goals as a college student."***

~ Louise Faye Parafina

## 13th Year Promise Scholarship Recipient Louise Faye Parafina

The 13th Year Promise Scholarship provided an avenue to college for Cleveland High School graduate **Louise Parafina** (left). As a Filipino immigrant, Louise was no stranger to facing the challenge of adjusting to new situations and conquering obstacles. She had already overcome the language barrier and cultural differences by relying on her strong desire to succeed, utilizing available resources at her school and learning to ask for help when she needed it. The first in her family to attend college, Louise found the guidance and resources that are available to help 13th Year students invaluable in helping her thrive in a new environment. Her involvement in college activities, whether TriO Student Success, ANNAPISI (a campus organization that celebrates and supports Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander students) or the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, all play a part in her academic achievement. Upon earning her associate degree from South, Louise looks forward to transferring to a four-year university.

# Gifts from the Earth

## Pairing of Washington's Finest Food and Wine

So much more than a gala, **Gifts from the Earth** is South Seattle College's signature annual celebration, showcasing the college's Hospitality Management, Culinary Arts and Wine Technology programs and our close ties with those industries. Featuring sixteen of the Seattle area's pre-eminent chefs, more than 30 boutique Washington wineries, and exciting live and silent auctions, **Gifts from the Earth** is an unforgettable evening of delightful flavors, community connection and generous giving!

The event, held on January 24, 2015, raised a record breaking \$210,000 to benefit the South Seattle College Foundation, which provides scholarships for deserving students, professional development grants for faculty and staff, tutoring resources, and funding for instructional equipment. Our sincere gratitude to all those who attended and especially our sponsors!



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Celebrate South at the next Gifts from the Earth

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Call 206-934-5809 or email

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## Friends of the College Celebration

The South Seattle College Foundation honors donor generosity and student achievement at the annual **Friends of the College Celebration**. The event provides a unique opportunity for South students and Foundation supporters to meet and make personal connections, and for all to hear inspiring messages of gratitude from students.

Each year at the **Friends of the College Celebration**, South's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year award is presented to a graduate who has achieved significant professional and educational accomplishments, is involved in the community, and has provided service to South Seattle College. This year's awardee is **Jeff Maxfield**, Executive Chef at the Space Needle and a class of 1997 Culinary Arts graduate.

The event also recognized the South Seattle College Foundation's "Excellence in Education" grants. These grants are made to members of the college faculty to support the innovative educational techniques they bring to their classrooms.



## Alumni Mixer Reconnects and Creates New Bonds

This year the Foundation hosted South's inaugural **Alumni Mixer** at the Northwest Wine Academy. With nearly 100 alumni, staff, and faculty members in attendance, the event provided a lively opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, with the common bond of an education at South. Both recently-graduated alumni and those who attended long ago turned out, seeking to maintain a connection to the place that many of them consider the catalyst of their subsequent success. The celebratory atmosphere was complemented with wines from the Northwest Wine Academy and appetizers from alumni-owned Lavish Roots Catering. Join us for the **Alumni Mixer** next year, and don't miss out on the chance to reconnect!

### Are You a South Alum?

If you're among South's many alumni, we want to stay in touch.

Connect with us!

- Join the "South Seattle College Alumni" Facebook group.
- Attend next year's Alumni Mixer.
- Fill out the alumni contact form at [southseattle.edu/foundation](http://southseattle.edu/foundation).
- Nominate a fellow alum (or yourself) for our Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Any student who has attended South, regardless of whether he/she completed a certificate or degree, is considered an alumnus. If you've learned with us, you're one of us!



# 2014 Financial Report

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

## How the Funds Were Used

Scholarships & Student Success Investments	\$ 536,782
College Programs	\$ 314,530
Faculty & Staff Support	\$ 21,089
Fundraising	\$ 93,314
Management & General	\$ 118,659
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,084,374</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 1,296,779
Investments	\$13,729,903
Pledges, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts	\$ 1,388,128
Prepaid expenses & other assets	\$ 8,904
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$16,423,714</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,901
Events payable	\$ 8,435
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 13,336</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 5,865,169
Temporarily restricted	\$ 4,019,509
Permanently restricted	\$ 6,525,700
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$16,410,378</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$16,423,714</b>



*"I started reaching for my dreams at South. It is my foundation; the building blocks to success."*

~ Sarah Philips

Honors Student, Studying Computer Science

# South Foundation

The South Seattle College Foundation's mission is to change lives by providing students with scholarships so they can pursue quality academic and vocational education. We do this through relationship building, fundraising, and stewarding resources.

A nonprofit 501(c)(3), tax exempt organization, the South Seattle College Foundation has supported student success at South since its inception in 1980. Throughout its history, the Foundation has been dedicated to removing economic barriers to academic achievement and helping students reach their graduation day. Many South Seattle College students face challenges such as working a part-time or full-time job, caring for family members, or speaking English as a second language. A full 42% of the South Seattle College students are the first in their family to attend college. Foundation scholarships help these students stay on track to accomplish their educational goals, earn their degree or certificate and transfer to a four-year college or go on to find good-paying jobs and have fulfilling careers in their field of choice. The South Seattle College Foundation has always regarded an investment in the future of our students as an investment in the future of our community, and ultimately, in a better future for us all.

## Next Destinations

- Every graduate in our entire service area (West Seattle, Rainier Beach, Chief Sealth and Cleveland) can attend college through the 13th Year Promise Scholarship.
- Reach students earlier with the Readiness Academy to increase performance in high school.
- Encourage success after completion of the 13th Year through mentoring/industry partnerships.

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# SOUTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

*One of the Seattle Colleges*

**Serving the educational and industry needs of our community for 45 years. We offer:**

- College transfer degrees (AA & AAS)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees in:
  - Hospitality Management
  - Professional-Technical Teacher Education
  - Sustainable Building Science Technology
- Over 30 professional-technical programs - computer technology, culinary arts, nursing, automotive and more
- ESL and Adult Basic Education
- Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning
- Programs for high school students
- Worker Retraining
- Financial aid
- Day, night and online classes

## The College Mission

**South Seattle 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:

- Applied baccalaureate, associate degree, college transfer, certificate, technical and professional, and pre-college programs which prepare students to succeed in their careers and further their education.
- Responsive technical and professional training programs 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.

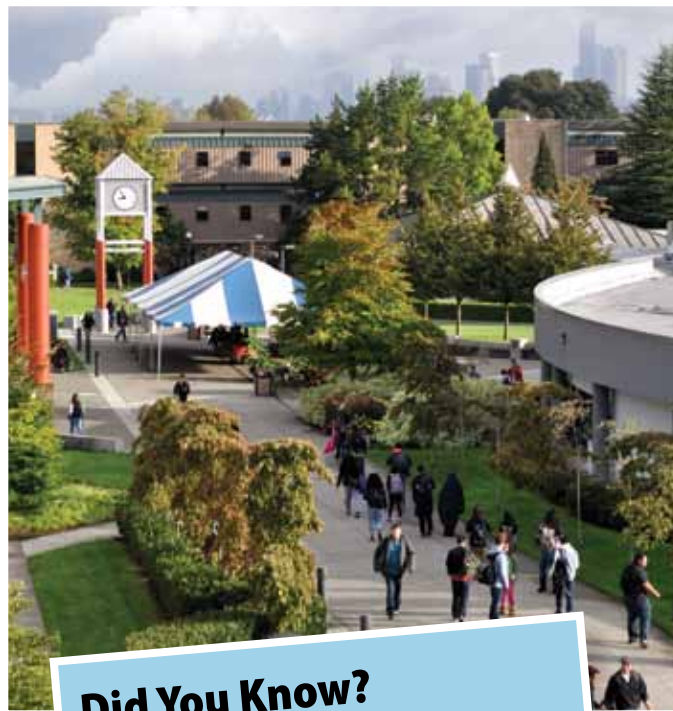
### College Community Responsibilities

We at South Seattle College believe that each of us shall:

- Treat each other with courtesy and respect.
- Speak civilly and act responsibly with consideration for the rights of others.
- Affirm the value of diversity and promote cultural sensitivity.
- Maintain a safe and welcoming community.

### Our Core Themes

- Student Achievement
- Teaching and Learning
- College Culture and Climate
- Community Engagement and Partnerships



## Did You Know?

At \$4,000 per year for a full-time student, **tuition at South Seattle College is about one-third that of research universities** and nearly half the tuition at state colleges and universities in Washington!<sup>1</sup>

40% of Washington's bachelor's degree graduates started at a community college, and studies show **students who transfer from community colleges to four-year universities do just as well** as those who started as freshman, with similar GPAs and credits earned.<sup>1</sup>

**Degrees can lead to better pay!** Median wages for Washingtonians from 2009-2011: high school graduate - \$30,393; associate degree holder - \$40,424; bachelor's degree holder - \$54,257.<sup>2</sup>

**42% of South students are the first generation in their families to attend college.** As our motto states, "Start Here, Go Anywhere!"<sup>3</sup>

South Seattle College prides itself on a diverse student and faculty population. **There are 34 different first languages spoken among South students!**<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, "Eight Things You Should Know About Community and Technical Colleges," Jan. 31, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Washington Student Achievement Council, "Staff Analysis of 2009-2011 American Community Survey 3-year PUMS data file."

<sup>3</sup> South Seattle College, "Fall 2014 Community Profile."

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