



**SOUTH SEATTLE
COLLEGE**

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**Report to Our Community
2015 - 2016**



Message from the President and Foundation Chair

Dear Friends,

Each fall, thousands of students decide to take control of their future by beginning or continuing their education at South Seattle College. We are continually inspired by the tenacity and talent of our students, and by the incredible faculty and staff members who support and encourage them along the way.

South Seattle College is known for being one of the most diverse colleges in the country. We are also known for academic rigor and an environment that challenges students to be their best selves. Two students who embody these qualities are Austin Tugade and Musa Abdi, who were recently invited to join the All-Washington Academic Team, which honors community and technical college students with outstanding records in academics and community service. Like many students at South, Austin and Musa have overcome significant barriers to continue their education. You will learn more about Austin and Musa inside this edition of the Report to Our Community.

While many community colleges across the country confront challenges related to student retention and completion, South students are succeeding by completing their programs and entering the workforce in high-demand fields or transferring to four-year universities of their choice. In fact, South students who transfer to four-year universities succeed at higher rates than those who enroll directly in four-year universities. Similarly, we saw a 17% increase in graduation rates at South Seattle College in 2016.

This progress did not happen overnight. It is the result of a dedicated team and engaged community of supporters who know that when given the opportunity and means to succeed, South students are unstoppable! By supporting our students from enrollment to graduation and beyond, we are making great strides in increasing student success.

We know that affordable and quality education intercepts cycles of poverty. South Seattle College Foundation scholarships enable talented students, like Austin and Musa, to continue their education despite financial hardships. In 2015, we awarded scholarships to 336 students – a new record! And we’ve recently confirmed what we’ve suspected all along: Students who receive scholarships are about three times more likely to complete college than students without scholarships. Your investment in student success is paying off for our community. Here at South, we have a lot to be proud of, and we are working each day to strengthen our programs and cater to the evolving needs of our students and the workforce they will soon enter. We invite you to share South’s successes with friends, colleagues, and family. Let them know that South offers academic programs that position students to transfer to the college of their choice, real-world professional/technical programs that lead to well-paying jobs, and three Bachelor of Applied Science programs whose students graduate ready to advance their careers. Wherever it is you want to go, South will help you get there!

With gratitude,

Gary Oertli

Gary Oertli, President
South Seattle College

Catherine Arnold

Catherine Arnold, Chair
South Seattle College Foundation

South 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 around 15,000 students a year.

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.

South Offers:

- Career training in professional and technical programs that prepare students for today’s growing industries
- College transfer degrees (take your first two years at South at great value, and then transfer to a four-year institution to earn your bachelor’s degree)
- Bachelor of Applied Science degrees
 - Hospitality Management
 - Professional and Technical Teacher Education
 - Sustainable Building Science Technology
- Worker retraining to help you get back to work
- Apprenticeship training
- High school completion programs
- Dual-credit programs for high school students
- English as a Second Language classes
- Continuing Education classes for lifelong learning and professional development

Programs of Study

- Academic/College Transfer **27%**
- Basic & Transitional/ESL/High School Completion **22%**
- Professional/Technical **21%**
- Apprenticeship **19%**
- Continuing Education **9%**
- Bachelor of Applied Science Programs **2%**

Students Statistics

(Based on Fall profile 2014)

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

Student Ethnicity

(Excluding students who did not report ethnicity)

45%
Caucasian/
White

22%
Asian/Pacific
Islander

15%
Black/African
American

12%
Multi-Racial/
Other

5%
Hispanic/
Latino

1%
Native
American

South Seattle College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, disability, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or sexual orientation.



SEATTLE COLLEGES

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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: Steven Hill (Chair), Teresita Batayola (Vice Chair), Jorge Carrasco, Louise Chermín, and Carmen Gayton

Looking Back on a Great Year...

South Joins Forces with Colleges Nationally to Improve Student Success

South Seattle College is on the forefront of implementing innovative ways to help our students choose a program that fits their passion and skills, and leads to fulfilling careers or successful transfer to a four-year university.

In October of 2015, South was one of only 30 colleges across the nation selected to participate in the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways Project. We will spend the next 2.5 years working with the other colleges to create a national "Guided Pathways" approach to higher education. Guided Pathways is defined by the belief that students will be able to complete their credential more quickly and easily if they choose a program and develop an academic plan early on, have a clear roadmap of courses and are supported from enrollment through graduation and beyond with robust student services. There is growing evidence that suggests this strategy is effective in increasing college completion and transfer rates, and narrowing completion gaps for a diverse range of students.

More recently, in July of 2016, South was one of five Washington colleges awarded a five-year grant from College Spark Washington and the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges to become statewide leaders in implementing Guided Pathways.

\$4.8 Million Apprenticeship Grant to Help South Expand Adult Training

In amazing news for South's work with apprentices in Washington State, the college was awarded a \$4.8 million grant from the federal Department of Labor as part of the American Apprenticeship Initiative Grant Program. The grant will fund the public/private Partnership for Advanced Technology Apprenticeships in Manufacturing and Marine Engineering, creating and expanding adult training programs that will serve at least 1,000 workers in the state and over 300 workers from underrepresented populations. This is just the latest example of South's steadfast work in connecting with industry to develop new apprenticeship opportunities in emerging areas.

South Ranked a Top-25 Community College in the Nation in Recent Study

WalletHub, an online service that ranks many economic sectors for value, recently released a study that ranked South Seattle College as the 23rd best community college in the U.S. based on cost and finance, classroom experience, education outcomes and career outcomes. The study pulled data from several national databases and compared over 670 community colleges. Our highest ranking of the four categories was in career outcomes, which falls perfectly in line with South's motto of **"Start Here, Go Anywhere!"**

Celebrating the Class of 2016

South Seattle College's Class of 2016 graduates were honored at the 46th Annual Commencement Ceremony held on June 16 at Benaroya Hall. Over 900 graduates were celebrated, and they moved into their future with a vast array of degrees, certificates and diplomas in hand, prepared to enter the workforce or continue their education.

"Be proud of this moment and take time to salute yourself. I want this to be a moment you won't forget."
- South Seattle College President Gary Oertli addressing the Class of 2016

South Seattle College conferred a total of 921 awards this year, including 463 associate transfer degrees that enable students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities in Washington and beyond to complete their bachelor's degrees. Another 277 graduates earned associate degrees and certificates that prepare them to enter the workforce immediately. Forty-nine earned their bachelor's degrees, including the first class to obtain a Bachelor's of Applied Science in Sustainable Building Science Technology, and 132 graduates earned their high school diploma or equivalent, taking a significant step toward increased earning potential and future educational opportunities.

New Aviation Program Helps Veterans Transition into Civilian Careers

This past academic year, South's Aviation Maintenance Program and Veteran Transition Specialist launched a training program with partners from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the local aerospace industry to assist the transition of military aircraft mechanics out of service and into employment in the civilian aviation industry. We are proud to have these service members as our students, and are glad to play a supportive role in their transition back to civilian life. The program has caught the attention of U.S. Armed Forces leadership, and in May of 2016 we had the honor of presenting the "nuts and bolts" of the program to Chief Master Sergeant James A. Cody of the Air Force (the highest enlisted level of leadership).

Honoring Students & Alumni



All-Washington Academic Team

South students **Austin Tugade** (L) and **Musa Abdi** (R) were named to the All-Washington Academic Team this past year, selected by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for their accomplishments – both in the classroom and in their communities. Austin, originally from the Philippines, is studying geology with a 3.99 GPA with plans to become an earthquake expert. Musa, originally from Ethiopia, plans to continue his education to become a pharmacist after transferring from South with a 3.5 GPA.

President's Medals of Scholarship

At South's 46th Commencement Ceremony, graduates (L-R) **Ryan Lonergan** (Business), **Agnes Chung** (Aviation Maintenance Technology), and **Robert Strom** (Sustainable Building Science Technology B.A.S.) were awarded President Gary Oertli's Medal of Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement.



Outstanding Alumni Award 2016

Recently-retired South Seattle College Director of Human Resources **Kathy Vedvick** (pictured with President Gary Oertli) received the 2016 Outstanding Alumni Award at our Friends of the College Celebration this spring. Kathy earned her associate degree from South and came to work for her alma mater over the next 45 years. She worked in administrative services for instruction nearly two decades before becoming our Director of Program Services/Human Resources in 1988 – a post she held until her retirement in summer of 2016. Kathy's career exemplifies excellence, professionalism and dedication, and she left an indelible mark on South with her amazing sense of humor and wonderful leadership style.



Celebrating Faculty Excellence

Faculty Tenure

In 2016, the Seattle Colleges Board of Trustees awarded tenure to 12 members of South's faculty.

Pictured above (L-R): English instructor Paige Talbot, Computer Science Instructor Ravi Gandham, Biology Instructor Ruben Murcia, Physics Instructor Elizabeth Schoene, Librarian Pamela Wilkins, Professional Technical Teacher Education Instructor Mary Beans, and Mathematics Instructor Ryan Dorman. Not pictured: Aviation Instructors Anton Amaratunge and Jim Bentley, Welding Instructors Rick Baker and Ken Johnson, and English Instructor Tish Lopez.

Faculty Grant Recipients

The South Seattle College Foundation makes faculty development a top priority. Funding opportunities exist for full-time and part-time faculty members for projects that encourage and promote student retention, assessment, and completion. Since 2006, the Foundation has awarded more than 120 grants to faculty members. Here's a list of faculty members who were awarded grants over the past year:

Sailaja Arungundram, Maria Azpitarte, Marc Barrington, Mary Beans, Rick Downs, Steve Ford, Ravi Gandham, Holly Gilman, Daphne Guericke, Russell Johnson, Todd Jones, Howard Anderson, Doug Clapper, Sarah Munson, Jesse Ruiz, Doug Rupik, Elizabeth Schoene, Robert Scribner, Joslin Harris Gane, Yilin Sun, Esther Sunde, Paige Talbot, Tish Lopez, Mike Hickey, Marc Barrington, Gabriella Rios, Kelly McKnight, Holly Gilman, Tim Walsh, Kathy Whitham, and Arleen Williams.

Student Scholarship Highlights

In 2015, the South Seattle College Foundation awarded over \$710,000 in scholarships to a record 336 students thanks to tremendous support from our generous donors. Students who receive scholarships from the South Seattle College Foundation are almost three times more likely to graduate from college.

You can invest in student success by establishing your own endowed scholarship, contributing to a named scholarship, or giving to the general scholarship fund through the foundation. Contact the South Seattle College Foundation at (206) 934-5809 to learn how you can sponsor a scholarship for a deserving student.

Krisna Mandujano

Recipient of the Jerry M. Brockey Endowed Scholarship

With all that she's accomplished as a South student, it's hard to believe that Krisna wasn't planning on going to college before she learned about the 13th Year Promise Scholarship. As a student at Rainier Beach High School, college wasn't initially on her radar. No one in her family had gone, and it really wasn't talked about at home. With support from South, Krisna applied for the 13th Year Promise Scholarship. Now, one year later, she is one of the most involved students on campus. In addition to being South's Community Officer for Student Government, Krisna is the Vice President of the Queer Straight Alliance, Vice President of the Drama Club, active in the South East Asian Club, and volunteers for the YMCA.

With the help of faculty and resources offered at South, Krisna is well on her way to a successful future.



"I will overcome anything that stands in my way. Once I reach my goals, I will set new ones and strive to overcome new challenges."

~ Krisna

Barbara "Bobbie" Martin

Recipient of the Sharing Foundation Adopt-A-Student Scholarship and Les Dames d'Escoffier, Seattle, Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship Fund in honor of Co-Founder, Dame Kathleen Stang

When Bobbie Martin was laid off by her employer of 15 years, she wasn't sure what her future had in store. She had discovered South's Baking & Pastry Arts program years earlier while attending a tour and orientation with her son. In 2015, following her employment transition, she took the leap and enrolled at South Seattle College. Today, Bobbie is in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's Honor Roll, and set to graduate in just a few months. Bobbie says that South's passionate instructors, top notch facilities, and welcoming community provide an unmatched educational and vocational experience. While juggling the responsibilities of a full course load, family, and a new job in a French bakery is challenging, according to Bobbie...

"The experience is priceless!"

~ Bobbie



Musa Abdi

Recipient of the Wyckoff Allied Health Adopt-A-Student Scholarship

Musa began his academic career at South in 2014 through the 13th Year Promise Scholarship, but his passion to thrive in medicine is rooted in his childhood. Musa was born in Ethiopia, but after his father died in the Ethiopian Civil War, his mother was forced to move her six children to a Kenyan refugee camp, where they lived for the next fifteen years. Musa describes observing shortages in "basic necessities of human well-being," during his time in the camp, and vowed to do his part to change that. He has used his difficult childhood as motivation to be the first in his family to attend college, participates in medical and dental summer programs through the University of Washington, and goes above and beyond as a math and science tutor and member of the All-Washington Academic Team. Once he completes his associate degree at South, Musa plans to continue his education and become a pharmacist to help families in crisis connect with the medications they need. Receiving a scholarship from the South Seattle College Foundation has brought Musa one step closer to that goal.

"My favorite things about South are the resources and study areas. The environment is ideal for studying. Also, South's staff and students are amazing and helpful!"

~ Musa





13th Year PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Dulce Saucedo
Recipient of the 13th Year Promise Scholarship

When Dulce Saucedo graduated from Chief Sealth International High School and enrolled at South Seattle College, she became the first in her family to complete high school and enroll in college. While a tremendous feat in itself, it's not the only obstacle she has overcome. When Dulce was 14 years old, she was diagnosed with brain cancer. The diagnosis terrified and shocked Dulce and her family, and caused her to question whether her dream of being a doctor would ever happen. Since the initial discovery and diagnosis, Dulce had a successful surgery, and has since been declared cancer-free. Dulce is now more motivated than ever to continue studying medical science, and plans to focus her studies and career on cancer research and treatment.

"The 13th Year Promise Scholarship has leveled the playing field. I'm a first-generation college student, and I want to prove to my family that I can pursue my professional dreams."
~ Dulce

Innovation in College Access

The 13th Year Promise Scholarship is an innovative program that guarantees every graduate from Cleveland, Chief Sealth International, and Rainier Beach high schools the opportunity to attend South Seattle College for their first year, tuition free. Students in this program receive specialized orientations, mentorship, and academic support to help them succeed.

Background

The 13th Year Promise Scholarship is based on research from the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, which found that even one year of college often becomes a "tipping point" for students to continue their education and earn a living wage. This scholarship opportunity was created to give students who may not have otherwise attended college access to higher education.

The scholarship began with the Cleveland High School Class of 2008; in 2011 the program expanded to include Chief Sealth International High School, and the Readiness Academy was created to help students prepare for and succeed in college. In 2013, the 13th Year Promise Scholarship expanded to Rainier Beach High School.

140

The 2016 13th Year Promise Scholarship cohort welcomes 140 new students to South Seattle College!

46%

This year, over 46% of 13th Year Scholars are the first in their family to attend college.

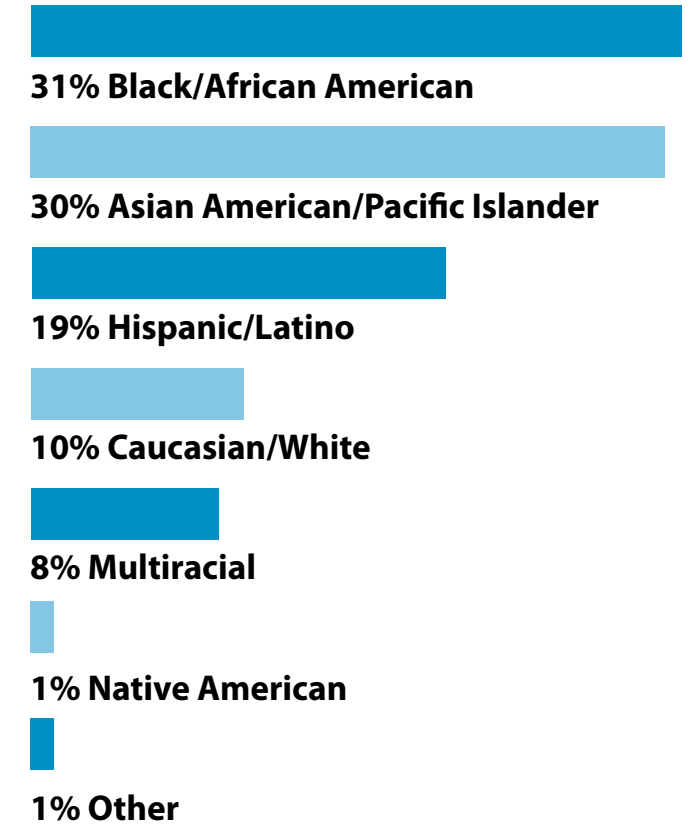
49%

49% of the 2016 cohort identify as female, 50% identify as male, and 1% prefer not to answer.

70%

Over 70% of the 2016 cohort of 13th Year Scholars qualified for free lunch programs.

Serving Students Traditionally Underrepresented



Thank You, 2015 Donors!

Endowment Report

Thank you to our generous donors who established endowments that will provide support to South Seattle College in perpetuity. At the end of 2015, our total endowment was \$12.9 million.

Endowed Arboretum Funds- \$332,695

Glen and Peggy Cullor Arboretum Endowment
Mert Dawley Arboretum Endowment
Erma Erickson Arboretum Endowment
Helen Jean Malmo Arboretum Endowment

Endowed Childcare Funds- \$75,364

Mary Thomas and Angeline Thomas Dambacher Endowment

Endowed Emergency Grant Funds- \$400,197

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Emergency Grants Endowment

Endowed Faculty Development Funds- \$1,029,523

Dan Evans Endowment
Excellence in Education Endowment

Fund for Opportunity Endowment- \$4,398,647

Edwin and Eva Gordon Fund for Opportunity
Clarence R. and Janet E. Lellelid Endowment

Endowed Instructional Equipment Funds- \$663,923

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Instructional Equipment Endowment

Scholarship Endowment Funds- \$5,987,531

13th Year Promise Endowed Scholarship
Airborne Express Endowed Scholarship
Marjorie I. and Michael D. Alhadeff Endowed Scholarship
Bank of America Endowed Scholarship
Rick Barry Endowed Scholarship
Bayview Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Norman and Betty Beers Endowed Scholarship
William H. Bennett Endowed Scholarship
Boeing Endowed Scholarship
Jerry M. Brockey Endowed Scholarship
Craig and Carol Corcoran Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Earl and Virginia Cruzen Endowed Scholarship
Glen and Peggy Cullor Endowed Scholarship
Henry F. Dambacher Endowed Scholarship
Deloitte and Touche Endowed Scholarship
James C. Douglas Endowed Scholarship
Erma Erickson Endowed Scholarship
Food Services of America Endowed Scholarship
Florence E. Galbraith Endowed Scholarship
Vern Gambriell Endowed Scholarship
Joseph L. Goodwin Endowed Scholarship
Budd Gould and Joey and Vera Ing Endowed Scholarship
Judy Gray Endowed Scholarship
Group Health Cooperative Endowed Scholarship
William and Margaret Hamilton Endowed Scholarship
Charles Hauck Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Jerry and Linda Hermanson Endowed Scholarship
Gordon E. Hungar Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The South Seattle College Foundation is fortunate to have the support of a dedicated and generous group of donors who advocate for our students and help sustain our programs. Thanks to the generous supporters of South Seattle College, the Foundation is able to respond to students' growing need for financial assistance by awarding more scholarships than ever before.

Kiwanis Club of West Seattle Endowed Scholarship
Phillip J. LeDuc Jr. Endowed Scholarship
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John E. Lein Endowed Scholarship
Les Dames d'Escoffier Seattle Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship
in Honor of co-founder Dame Kathleen Stang
Les Dames d'Escoffier Seattle Northwest Wine Academy-
Wine Technology Endowed Scholarship
Elmer and Joan Lindseth Endowed Scholarship
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Macy's Endowed Scholarship
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Anna C. Mason Endowed Scholarship
Keith G. and Helen B. Massart Endowed Scholarship
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Laura Remington Parkins Endowed Scholarship
Plumb Level and Square Endowed Scholarship
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E.T. and Barbara Sleem Endowed Scholarship
Stephen and Laurie Sparks Endowed Scholarship
Lois Tice, Art is Life Endowed Scholarship
John and Kusumam Titus Endowed Scholarship
United Student Association Endowed Scholarship
Jill Wakefield Endowed Scholarship
West Seattle High School Class of 1939 Endowed Scholarship
Corrinne and Perry Wing Endowed Scholarship
Wunder Family Endowed Scholarship

Total Endowment Balance- \$12,887,880

The Foundation awarded \$710,200 in scholarship funding in 2015 to 336 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. A commitment of \$25,000 or more creates a fully-endowed fund from which investment interest is used in perpetuity for tuition scholarships. Contact the South Seattle College Foundation at (206) 934-5809 to establish your own fund today.

Donor Highlights

Eileen Hsieh

Eileen Hsieh began supporting South Seattle College in 2008, the same year she joined Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor. Since then, Eileen's career has taken off. After gaining experience in the financial sector, Eileen quickly rose through the ranks and partnered with her mother, Cora Chan, to found the mother-daughter team of Chan Hsieh Wealth Management. While her career and passion for finance keep her busy, Eileen manages to dedicate a significant amount of energy to supporting South Seattle College students. In 2014, Eileen joined the South Seattle College Foundation Board of Directors. Since joining the board, Eileen has acted as the Chair of the Steering Committee for Gifts from the Earth, and was recently elected as the board's Secretary.



"I want to pay it forward and invest in others, just like those who have invested in my family and me."

~ Eileen



Robert E. Frey

When Robert Frey attended the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1965, he was able to complete his degree in chemistry thanks to receiving financial support through scholarship awards. Years later, Robert is continuing the legacy of investing in talented students through scholarship awards by establishing the Robert Frey Adopt-A-Student Scholarship in Memory of Sally Brotman at South Seattle College. Robert started this scholarship fund in 2007, and since its creation, the scholarship has enabled 15 South students to continue their education. Robert owns a Seattle-based financial management company, Lakeside Advisors, Inc. where he combines his passion for finance, science, and art to strengthen his clients' portfolios. Robert established this scholarship award in memory of Sally Brotman, a former member of the South Seattle College Foundation Board of Directors, and member of the foundation's Scholarship Committee.

James Lewis

James Lewis serves as South Seattle College's Security Director, and has been working to keep the campus safe since 1980. James has spent over three decades working at South, and his commitment to the college has only grown stronger over the years. While James has dedicated his career to protecting the well-being of South students and staff, he also supports students personally through donating a portion of each paycheck to the South Seattle College Foundation, which funds student scholarships, emergency funding, and more.

"Over the years, I have talked to a lot of students who are homeless or on the edge of homelessness. Many have to decide between spending money on gas to get to class or their electric bill. But they still come to school with lots of hope."

~ James

Visit southseattle.edu/foundation/donors.aspx for a complete list of donors who made gifts from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Foundation News

Highlighting the Generosity of Our Amazing Supporters



Record Fundraising at Gifts from the Earth

Celebrating Washington's finest food and wine, Gifts from the Earth (above photo) is South Seattle College's signature annual gala. This event showcases South's Hospitality Management, Culinary Arts, and Wine Technology programs. Gifts from the Earth features 16 leading chefs, more than 30 Washington wineries, and exciting live and silent auctions. Gifts from the Earth is an unforgettable evening of flavor, festivities, and generous giving! Held on January 23, 2016, Gifts raised a record breaking \$222,000 to benefit South Seattle College! Our sincerest gratitude to all those who attended, and especially our generous sponsors!

Thank you, 2016 Gifts from the Earth sponsors: Food Services of America, Northern Trust, Southern Wine and Spirits, Rebar and Associates, WSECU, McGranahan Architects, Vigor, Boeing, QBSI, Gene Colin & Susan Janus Charitable Fund, and Hargis Engineers.

SAVE THE DATE!
Gifts from the Earth, Saturday, January 28, 2017.
(206) 934-5809 • ssccfoundation@seattlecolleges.edu



South President Gary Oertli and WSECU President and CEO Kevin Foster-Keddie officially dedicate the WSECU Advising Center in 2015.

WSECU Advising Center Celebrated

In recognition of the Washington State Employee Credit Union's significant and ongoing support of the South Seattle College Foundation and our 13th Year Promise Scholarship, we renamed our advising center the WSECU Advising Center. *"The support that WSECU has given us over the years has been tremendous,"* South President Gary Oertli said. *"They are making a tangible difference in the lives of our students and helping them realize their full potential."* Our advising team's mission is to provide students with academic advice to keep them on track toward graduation and continued success after South.

Biella Foundation Makes Exceptional Gift

Since 2010, Kirkland-based Biella Foundation has generously supported the South Seattle College Foundation, and through that experience became inspired by the role of Washington's community and technical colleges in providing an affordable, accessible education to all Washingtonians. That inspiration led to an exceptional gift from Biella: a \$340,000 donation dispersed to all 34 community colleges in Washington. Each college, including South, received \$10,000 in the form of scholarships that can be granted to any student in any program.

Boeing Donates 777 Engine

South's Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program has long been a source of workforce talent for The Boeing Company, and Boeing recently donated a Pratt & Whitney 777 engine to our college that will expand our students' learning opportunities with this exciting new technology. Boeing has shown our college and aviation programs great support over the decades, and this engine will benefit the quality of education we are able to provide for many more to come.

2015 Financial Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

How the Funds Were Used

Scholarships & Student Success Investments	\$ 487,687
College Programs	\$ 2,885,651
Faculty & Staff Support	\$ 36,385
Fundraising	\$ 106,673
Management & General	\$ 94,417
TOTAL	\$ 3,610,813

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 641,998
Investments	\$14,793,910
Pledges, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts	\$ 1,314,019
Prepaid expenses & other assets	\$ 9,360
TOTAL ASSETS	\$16,759,287
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 148,875
Events payable	\$ 3,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 152,675
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ 5,885,453
Temporarily restricted	\$ 3,500,648
Permanently restricted	\$ 7,220,511
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$16,606,612
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$16,759,287

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About 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 13th Year Readiness Academy to increase performance in high school.
- Encourage success after completion of the 13th Year through mentoring/industry partnerships.

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"My favorite thing about South is the support I get as a student. I love how the staff is on my side; there are no limits to my future."

~ Monica Elenes



South's 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

South Seattle College has been serving the educational and industry needs of our community for more than 46 years. We offer:

- Career training in professional and technical programs that prepare students for today's growing industries
- College transfer degrees (take your first two years at South at great value, and then transfer to a four-year institution to earn your bachelor's degree)
- Bachelor of Applied Science degrees
 - Hospitality Management
 - Professional and Technical Teacher Education
 - Sustainable Building Science Technology
- Worker retraining to help you get back to work
- Apprenticeship training
- High school completion programs
- Dual-credit programs for high school students
- English as a Second Language classes
- Continuing Education classes for lifelong learning and professional development

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