



**SOUTH SEATTLE  
COLLEGE**

*One of the Seattle Colleges*

**Report to Our Community  
2016 - 2017**





# Message from the President and Foundation Chair

Dear Friends,

Each year at South Seattle College, thousands of students put their future to the forefront, driven by talent and determination as they pursue an education in preparation for the workforce and successful university transfers to continue their education.

South started serving our community in 1969, primarily as a technical college. While our technical programs are still going strong – from aviation technology and automotive repair to welding and winemaking – our mission continues to expand. Today, many of our students are taking their first two years of college at South at great value, and transferring to four-year universities prepared to complete their bachelor’s degrees. Others are preparing to take their career and earning potential to the next level with one of our three unique Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. South is also dedicated to meeting our community members’ educational needs at all levels, and that’s why we offer high school completion programs, English as a second language courses, and lifelong learning on a vast array of topics.

South Seattle College alumna Marady Duong (who you can read about more on page 5) truly exemplifies the transformative power of our programs. Raised in a small rural village in Cambodia, Marady immigrated to the United States in 2011 and worked low-wage jobs over 70 hours a week to support her family in their new environment. Having a humanitarian streak since she was young (she helped families impacted by HIV in Cambodia), Marady knew she wanted to earn a higher education so she could start and run her own non-profit organization, but worried she’d never have the opportunity to pay for college. Marady first came to South to take ESL classes, and through the encouragement from her instructors, financial aid and scholarship support from the South Seattle College Foundation, she eventually became a full time college student. Now a South graduate with an Associate of Business degree, Marady attends the University of Washington’s Foster School of Business and is well on her way to realizing her professional dream.

We believe in the power of a higher education to put all of our students on the right path toward a fulfilling career, and to intercept cycles of poverty for those facing financial hardship. South Seattle College Foundation scholarships enable students facing those struggles to put their focus on education instead of finances, and data confirms that students who receive scholarships are nearly three times more likely to complete college than those without scholarships. Your investments in our students are truly making a difference, and we were able to award \$700,000 in scholarships to more than 300 students in 2016!

We invite you to share South’s successes with friends, colleagues and family. Let them know that South has an amazingly diverse and talented student body supported by dedicated faculty and staff members. Let them know we have a program and a place for everyone in our community, whether pursuing a high school diploma or a bachelor’s degree. Wherever it is you want to go, South will help you get there!

With gratitude,

Peter Lortz, Interim President  
South Seattle College

Catherine Arnold, Chair  
South Seattle College Foundation

# South Snapshot

**South Seattle College** provides an affordable, quality education to our surrounding community, creating 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, and the Washington State Labor Education and Research Center.

## Learning Opportunities

- 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 Technical Education & Instructional Design
  - 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

Median student age **31.5**  
 First generation to attend college **19%\***  
 Citizenship status: Immigrants **5%** Refugees **1%**  
 Number of first languages spoken **34\***

\*Information from 2014 Community College Survey of Student Engagement.

## Student Ethnicity

(15% of student body did not report ethnicity.)



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.



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





Antonio Williams - See page 8

# Looking Back on a Great Year...

## South Awarded Guided Pathways Grant from College Spark Washington

To further support South Seattle College's implementation of a guided pathways approach to student success, the college was awarded a five-year, \$500,000 Guided Pathways Implementation Grant from College Spark Washington and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges in July 2016.

With this grant support, the college is working to help more students complete their programs as quickly as possible by simplifying class choices, supporting students with even more robust student services from enrollment to graduation, and directing students into intentional, comprehensive programs of study that lead to a credential and transition into a career or baccalaureate program.

## Aviation Maintenance Technology Program Partners with Delta Air Lines

Delta Air Lines has selected South Seattle College as an approved partner college in training future aviation maintenance technicians (AMT) for careers with the global aviation company. Delta will support South through continuous improvement to the Aviation Maintenance Technology program, help recruit future AMT professionals to the program and hire South-trained graduates for positions in their global workforce.

## President Gary Oertli Retires



After a 45 year career in higher education and nearly a decade at South Seattle College, President Gary Oertli retired on August 31, 2017.

*"My nearly ten years at South Seattle College has truly been the highlight of my career,"* President Oertli said. *"This college has such a strong culture focused on student success and a commitment to creating an environment that honors equity, inclusion and multiculturalism. That culture exists because of our dedicated faculty and staff, and amazing students."*

Oertli became president of South Seattle College in August of 2010, and had served as interim president prior to his permanent appointment. As South's leader, Oertli encouraged staff and faculty members to ask, *"What is best for our students?"* as the most important factor in any challenging decision. He also advocated for great customer service and creating a family atmosphere at the college, where students know they are supported, appreciated and can ask anyone for help.

During his tenure, the college was recognized for having the largest increase in full-time diverse faculty in the state, saw students recognized nationally for their achievements, and became a U.S. community college leader in implementing a "guided pathways" model for increasing student success. He also worked closely with the South Seattle College Foundation, and through their partnership the 13th Year Promise Scholarship program (read more about 13th Year on pages 11 and 14 ) expanded from one high school to four and gave hundreds of students the opportunity to attend college.

## Celebrating the Class of 2017

South Seattle College's Class of 2017 graduates were honored at the 47th Annual "Empowered to Achieve" Commencement Ceremony held on June 16, 2017. Over 900 South graduates were celebrated, moving into their future with a vast array of degrees, certificates and diplomas in hand, prepared to enter the workforce or continue their education.

*"Tonight we celebrated an amazing class of South students who have opened the door to their future in pursuit of fulfilling, family-supporting careers. I admire our graduates for their dedication, and thank the important people in their lives - family, friends, instructors and allies - for supporting them every step of the way."*

~ South Seattle College's former President Gary Oertli addressing the Class of 2017

South Seattle College conferred a total of 905 awards, including 460 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 257 graduates earned associate degrees and certificates that prepare them to enter the workforce immediately. Sixty-eight graduates earned their bachelor's degrees, and 120 graduates earned their high school diploma or equivalent, taking a significant step toward increased earning potential and future educational opportunities.

The ceremony was the first combined Seattle Colleges' graduation at Safeco Field, and included graduates from Seattle Central College, North Seattle College and the Seattle Vocational Institute.

## South Alumna Receives Transforming Lives Award

South Seattle College graduate and current University of Washington's Foster School of Business student Marady Duong was officially recognized as a Transforming Lives Award recipient by the Washington Association of College Trustees in Olympia on January 23, 2016.

Marady immigrated to Washington from Cambodia in 2011 and worked two full-time jobs to support her family in their new environment. Determined to receive a higher education, she started taking English as a Second Language classes at South. Eventually, through her own drive, encouragement from instructors, and scholarship support, she graduated from South in 2016 with associate degrees in both Business and Business Information Technology. Marady also became a campus leader, participating in student government and starting the Southeast Asian Association student club.

Marady's journey exemplifies how lives can be transformed by pursuing higher education at a community or technical college.





# Honoring Students & Alumni



## All-Washington Academic Team

South students **Angela Flores** (L) and **Chhavi Mehra** (R), pictured here with former **President Gary Oertli**, 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. Angela recently graduated with her Associate of Science degree with an emphasis in electrical engineering and a 3.96 GPA, and plans to become an audio hardware design engineer. Chhavi, an international student from India, plans to continue her education to become a journalist after graduating from South with her Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in communications. She currently maintains a 3.9 GPA.

## President’s Medals of Scholarship

At South’s first annual Outstanding Student Award celebration, South graduates (L-R) **Kamil Jiwa** (Engineering), **David Mickelbury IV** (Aviation Maintenance Technology) and **Luan Nguyen** (Hospitality Management) (pictured here with former President Gary Oertli, Rimando-Chareunsap, Vice President of Student Services and Peter Lortz, Interim President), were awarded the President’s Medal of Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement.



## Outstanding Alumni Award 2016

South Seattle College alumnus and Delta Air Lines Technical Operations Duty Manager **Mike Hagler** (pictured with former President Gary Oertli) received the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award at the Friends of the College Celebration this past spring. Mike graduated from South’s Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program in 1990. Since then he’s embarked on a 27-year aviation industry career that continues today in the Delta Air Lines Tech Ops division, where he was instrumental to the creation of the Delta Aircraft Maintenance Internship Program for South students. Mike is known for his enthusiasm, dedication and quick wit, and has provided our AMT students a pathway to well-paying careers in aviation.



## South Alum? Stay in Touch!

Join the “South Seattle College Alumni” Facebook group. Attend an Alumni Mixer. Fill out the alumni contact form at [southseattle.edu/foundation](http://southseattle.edu/foundation).

# Faculty Excellence



## Awarding Foundation Grants to Promote Faculty Excellence

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 40 grants to faculty members. Pictured above is grant recipient Ruben Murcia in South’s Biology Lab where he teaches students to do their own original DNA sequencing research. Here is a list of other faculty members who were awarded grants over the past year:

Howard Anderson, Larry Angel, Jake Ashcraft , Trina Ballard, Donelle Bart, Scott Bean, William Brown Jr., Caitlin Carle, Doug Clapper, Tanya Morning Star Darling, Rick Downs, Joseph Garcia, Holly Gilman, Daphne Guericke, Russell Johnson, Todd Jones, Amy Kiilsholm, Shannon King, Jessica Kuong, Kali Kuwada, Ivana LaTerza, Leticia Lopez, Kris Lysaker, Haris Mujahid, Ruben Murcia, Jan Oehlschlager, Hector Ortiz, Teresa Romaneschi, Doug Rupik, Adela Saenz, Elizabeth Schoene, David Sokal, Robert Squizzero, Elizabeth Strongman, Paige Talbot, John Toutonghi, Rudy Valdavinis, Abigail Wachter, Kathleen Wong, and Rebecca Yedlin.



# Student Scholarship Highlights

**In 2016, the South Seattle College Foundation awarded over \$700,000 in scholarships to a record 350 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.*



## Mikias Berhanu

**Recipient of the 13th Year Promise Scholarship**

With the prospect of a year of free college tuition and the potential to transfer to a four-year university, Mikias jumped at the opportunity to apply for the 13th Year Promise Scholarship as a senior at Chief Sealth International High School. At South, a chance encounter with the Cultural Center sparked Mikias' interest in social justice and gender equity, and the center quickly became a second home for Mikias on campus. As a student commissioner for the Cultural Center, Mikias worked tirelessly to connect students of color and underrepresented groups with leadership opportunities and support services at South. In May, Mikias graduated with his Associate of Science degree with an emphasis in biology, and says his time spent making friends and working in the Cultural Center has helped him "understand how to see the world from another person's point of view." He hopes to bring his interpersonal experiences to his future career as a scientist in a professional research lab.

*"I have evolved and grown so much as a person since I first came to South Seattle College and the Cultural Center. It's where I learned so much about myself and people of many diverse backgrounds." ~ Mikias*



## Antonio Williams

**Recipient of the Tessa and Jason Code Adopt-A-Student Scholarship, Fall 2016, and the Jill Wakefield Endowed Scholarship, Winter 2017**

Antonio Williams first left his Boston home when he was just 19 years old to join the U.S. Navy. As a young service member, Antonio worked long hours on a line rack servicing aircraft until he graduated and became an aircraft electrician. By the time he applied to South Seattle College in 2015, Antonio had already served four years in the Navy, learned to maintain aircrafts, travelled the world and even lived in Canada for 12 years.

In June, Antonio graduated from South with his Associate of Science degree, and looks forward to his future career studying the microscopic world to aid cancer research. For Antonio, coming to South meant a shift in professional direction as he pursued his lifelong interest in science. Becoming a college student for the first time came with its share of struggles, however. Antonio says it was his on-campus mentors and financial support from the Foundation that helped him continue his schooling at South.

*"South was instrumental in getting me the scholarships I needed to continue my education. I actually got to meet the scholarship donors who helped me out, it's moments like that that make our campus community stronger." ~ Antonio*

## Angela Flores

**Recipient of the Elmer & Joan Lindseth Endowed Scholarship, Winter 2016, and the Costco Adopt-A-Student Scholarship, Fall 2016**

Known for her tireless work as a volunteer, tutor and LGBTQ+ advocate on campus; 2017 graduate Angela Flores quickly became an ambitious and inclusive leader during her time at South. In less than two years, Angela immersed herself in the campus community; becoming a math tutor, president of the Women in STEM-Club and co-chair of the Queer-Straight Alliance.

Angela came to South from California, where after a short, unsatisfying stint working in a corporate setting she decided to move to Washington to pursue a career in audio engineering. In 2015, she applied to South to earn her associate degree in electrical engineering to further her career and learn new engineering skills. Angela was recently selected for the Alfie Scholars Program at Seattle University, which will provide financial aid, academic support and leadership opportunities as she works towards her B.A. in electrical engineering to become an audio hardware design engineer. Her passion for building electronics and recording music began as a kid: she can still remember pulling apart and fixing her family's secondhand music equipment and computers, "just to understand how everything worked inside."

Angela's successes both in and out of the classroom also earned her a spot in the 2017 All-Washington Academic Team, for her commitment to excellence in the classroom and community. Angela has also been selected as a 2017 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar, chosen among 1,800 applicants to receive a scholarship of \$1,250.

*"I've made so many wonderful connections at South, both students, staff and professors. But I think the most important thing I've done here is build a supportive community and family around myself that wasn't there when I first started." ~ Angela*



## Ikrame Abdi

Recipient of the 13th Year Promise Scholarship

Ikrame first came to South during the 13th Year Promise Scholarship Readiness Academy, and immediately gravitated towards the sprawling, open air campus and extraordinarily diverse student body. With support from South, after graduating from Rainier Beach High School, she applied for the scholarship and received funds to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. In fact, Ikrame can still remember playing “doctor” as a kid with her siblings and insisting she be the one to give out shots and apply bandages.

A first generation college student, Ikrame immigrated to the U.S. from Ethiopia at just ten years old. She notes her mother, a single parent of five children, as her biggest inspiration and the reason behind her nurturing personality and strong sense of responsibility. Now entering her second year studying at South, Ikrame plans to continue her education at a four-year university. Receiving a scholarship from the South Seattle College Foundation has brought her one step closer to becoming a lifesaving nurse.

*“I chose to come to South because of the help I got through 13th Year, the welcoming faculty and staff and because of the diversity on campus.”*  
~ Ikrame

# 13th Year PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

109

The 2016 13th Year Promise Scholarship cohort welcomed 109 new students to South Seattle College!

60%

In 2016, over 60% of 13th Year Scholars are the first in their family to attend college.

50%

50% of 13th Year students say they would not have attended college if not for 13th Year Promise Scholarship.

43%

All-time 13th Year scholar completion rate (those who obtain a degree or certificate) for the program, over the past eight cohorts, is 43%.

## 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 not only receive the scholarship, but specialized orientations, mentorship, and academic support to help them succeed. The program’s purpose is to increase access to higher education for our community’s students, particularly those from underrepresented groups (e.g. students of color, low-income students, and first-generation college students).

## 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. It all 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, and it will further expand to West Seattle High School starting with their Class of 2018!

## 13th Year Student Ethnicity\*

24% Black/African American

24% Asian/Pacific Islander

17% Caucasian/White

15% Hispanic/Latino

11% Multiracial

1% Native American

\*9% did not report ethnicity.



# 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 2016, our total endowment was \$14.8 million.**

### **Endowed Arboretum Funds- \$359,932**

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

### **Endowed Childcare Funds- \$77,893**

Mary Thomas and Angeline Thomas Dambacher Endowment

### **Endowed Emergency Grant Funds- \$429,712**

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Emergency Grants Endowment

### **Endowed Faculty Development Funds- \$1,077,653**

Dan Evans Endowment  
Excellence in Education Endowment

### **Fund for Opportunity Endowment- \$4,738,367**

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

### **Endowed Instructional Equipment Funds- \$718,299**

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Instructional Equipment Endowment

### **Scholarship Endowment Funds- \$7,365,980**

13th Year Promise Endowed Scholarship  
Airborne Express Endowed Scholarship  
Marjorie I. and Michael D. Alhadeff Endowed Scholarship  
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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 Gabriell 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

**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.**

Charles Hauck Jr. Endowed Scholarship  
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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- \$14,767,836**

**The Foundation awarded \$831,273 in scholarship funding in 2016 to 423 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



## **Mike Teramoto, BECU**

As a strong supporter of education, and with a passion for supporting his community, Mike Teramoto welcomed the opportunity to join the South Seattle College Foundation board one year ago.

***"Joining the South Seattle College Foundation Board seemed like it would be an ideal way for me to contribute my skills, knowledge, resources and time in support of my deeply held value of the importance of education."***

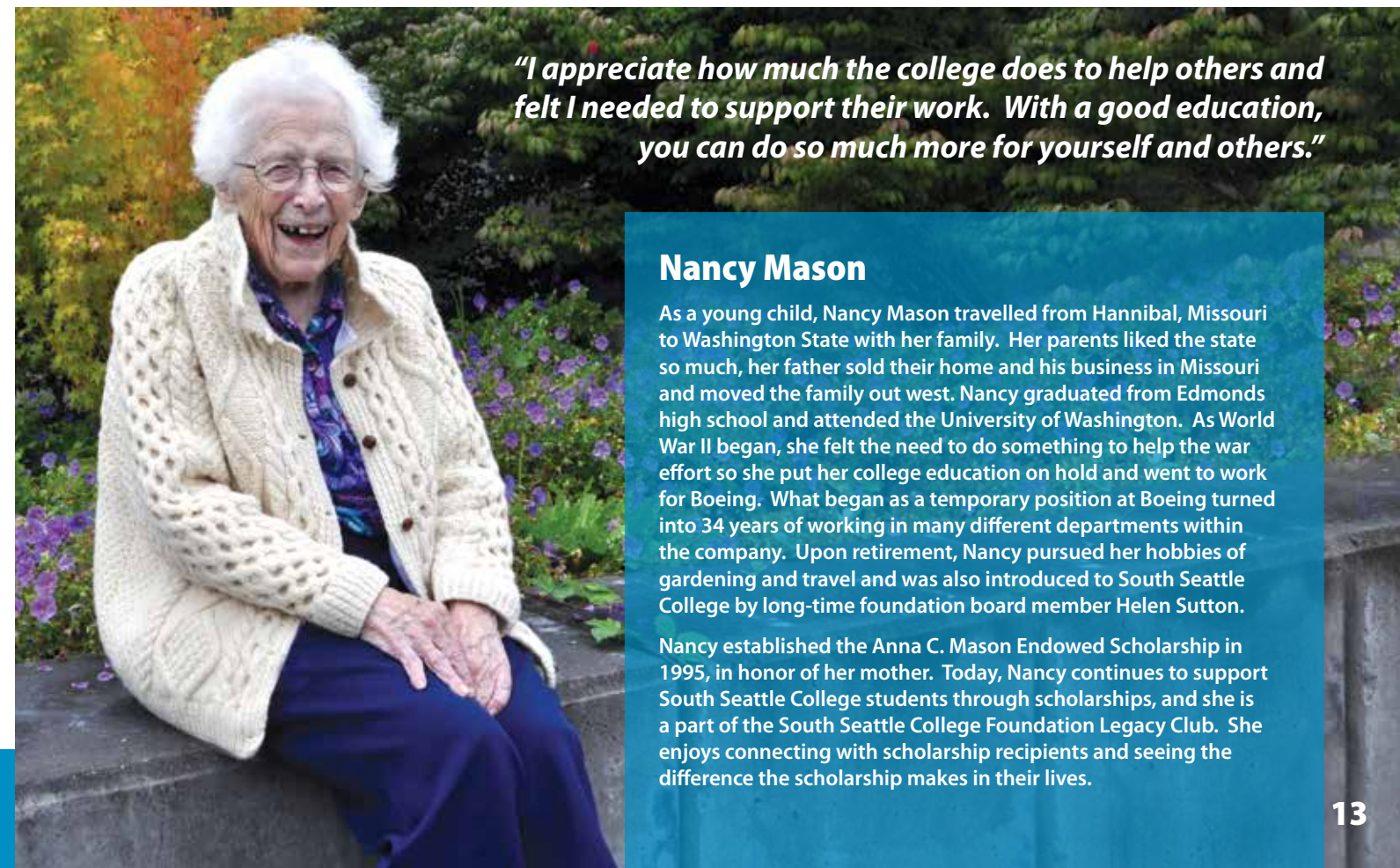
Looking back on his first year as a board member he has been amazed to learn about all of the good things that are happening at South. He is especially proud of the foundation's groundbreaking work in establishing the 13th Year Promise Scholarship program which not only removes the financial roadblocks of attending college, but goes a step further in providing tools and support services that are critical to ensuring the success of these students.

## **Darren Clanton**



Darren Clanton has been a member of the South Seattle College Foundation Board since 2016. As a community college alum, it is important to Darren to give back. Since joining the foundation Darren is proud of what the Foundation has accomplished with the 13th Year Promise Scholarship.

***"I started out in a small community college, and others helped me get there, so if I can do the same for someone else, I will. There is something bigger involved, and it keeps me coming back."***



***"I appreciate how much the college does to help others and felt I needed to support their work. With a good education, you can do so much more for yourself and others."***

## **Nancy Mason**

As a young child, Nancy Mason travelled from Hannibal, Missouri to Washington State with her family. Her parents liked the state so much, her father sold their home and his business in Missouri and moved the family out west. Nancy graduated from Edmonds high school and attended the University of Washington. As World War II began, she felt the need to do something to help the war effort so she put her college education on hold and went to work for Boeing. What began as a temporary position at Boeing turned into 34 years of working in many different departments within the company. Upon retirement, Nancy pursued her hobbies of gardening and travel and was also introduced to South Seattle College by long-time foundation board member Helen Sutton.

Nancy established the Anna C. Mason Endowed Scholarship in 1995, in honor of her mother. Today, Nancy continues to support South Seattle College students through scholarships, and she is a part of the South Seattle College Foundation Legacy Club. She enjoys connecting with scholarship recipients and seeing the difference the scholarship makes in their lives.

Visit [southseattle.edu/foundation/donors.aspx](http://southseattle.edu/foundation/donors.aspx) for a complete list of donors who made gifts from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.



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 is South Seattle College’s signature annual fundraising gala. This event showcased South’s Hospitality Management, Culinary Arts, and Wine Technology programs, featured 24 of the Seattle area’s top chefs (nine of whom are alumni of South’s Culinary Arts program) and included exciting live and silent auctions. Held on January 28, 2017, it was an unforgettable evening of generous giving, with a record-breaking \$273,000 raised to benefit South Seattle College students and programs! Our sincerest gratitude to all who attended, especially our generous sponsors!

**Thank you, 2016 Gifts from the Earth sponsors:**  
Food Services of America, Boeing, BECU, McGranahan Architects, Vigor Industrial, Riddell Williams, WSECU, Rebar & Associates, QBSI and Hargis Engineers.



South Dedicates Hermanson Sustainable Building Science Technology Center

In recognition of steadfast South Seattle College supporter Jerry Hermanson, South celebrated the dedication of the Hermanson Sustainable Building Science Technology Center on May 17. Jerry, a construction industry trailblazer, is a former member of both the President’s Advisory Council at South and the South Seattle College Foundation Board of Directors. Jerry and his wife Linda have been longtime advocates of post-secondary student success at the college. Their generous contributions include the Jerry and Linda Hermanson Endowed Scholarship and the Hermanson Sustainable Building Science Technology Endowment, which supports programs and activities associated with the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Sustainable Building Science Technology.

2016 Financial Report

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

How the Funds Were Used

Scholarships & Student Success Investments	\$ 535,482
College Programs	\$ 622,760
Faculty & Staff Support	\$ 66,199
Fundraising	\$ 97,258
Management & General	\$ 115,022
TOTAL	\$ 1,436,721

Statement of Financial Position

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 647,957
Investments	\$16,804,834
Pledges, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts	\$ 897,709
Prepaid expenses & other assets	\$ 8,619
TOTAL ASSETS	\$18,359,119
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 246,996
Events payable	\$ 6,100
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 253,096
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 6,453,729
Temporarily restricted	\$ 3,944,681
Permanently restricted	\$ 7,707,613
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$18,106,023
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$18,359,119

The South Seattle College Foundation’s mission is to change lives by providing students with scholarship s 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 1980. Throughout its history, the Foundation has been dedicated to removing economic barriers to academic achievement and helping students reach their graduation day. Foundation scholarships help students succeed and stay on track to accomplish their education al goals, earn their degree or certificate and transfer to a four-year college. The South Seattle College Foundation began the 13th Year Promise Scholarship at South, which has provided upwards of 1,000 students with a first year of college tuition-free. The 13th Year scholarship is now catching on city and state-wide. 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 all.

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Thank You West Seattle Garden Club

The members of the West Seattle Garden Club have been supporting scholarships at South Seattle College for many years. Founded in 1929, the West Seattle Garden Club promotes interest in home gardening, as well as a wider knowledge of plant culture. The club began partnering with the college through late foundation board member Helen Sutton. Each year the club provides a scholarship for students in the Landscape Horticulture program. Through this support, the club provides students the support they need to complete the program, as well as develop many long-lasting connections.



**South Seattle College** thrives on providing an affordable, accessible and high-quality education that opens the door to a career you'll love. Opportunities to reach your goals include high school completion, ESL classes, career training, transfer degrees and bachelor's degrees. We have the right programs to connect with the Power of You!

- ✓ *Excellent faculty and small class sizes*
- ✓ *Outstanding academic and career success services*
- ✓ *Diverse campus community in West Seattle*

## Get to Know South!

### Schedule a Campus Tour

Get a first-hand look at why South is the perfect place to find your future.

### Take an Admissions Workshop

Get hands-on help understanding the admissions process, completing your online application and planning your next steps.

Email [SouthOutreach@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:SouthOutreach@seattlecolleges.edu) or call (206) 934-6684 to schedule a visit or reserve your spot at an upcoming workshop.

## Our 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.

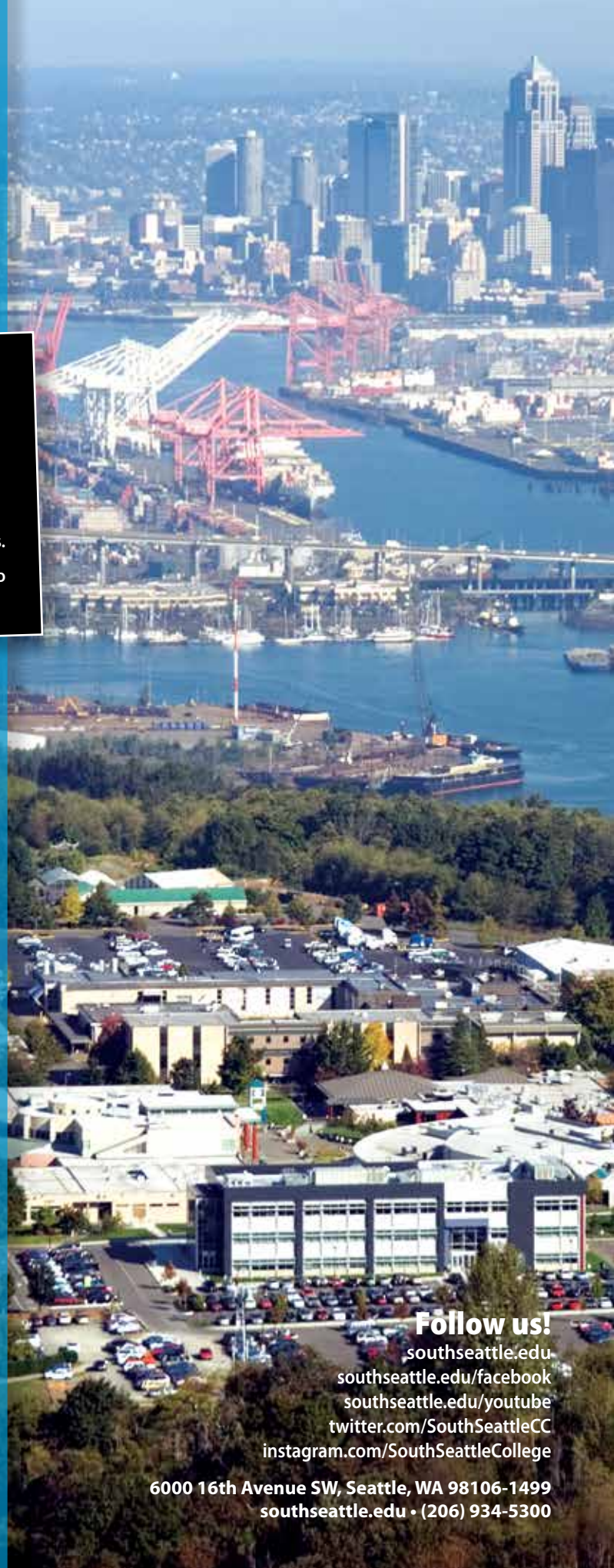
## College Community Responsibilities

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



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