The Northwest Wine Academy was featured in a Tri-City Herald article about award-winning student wine. South’s program was also acknowledged in WinePress NW.

South’s API grant was highlighted in Asian Week, the nation’s oldest and largest English language newspaper serving the Asian/Pacific Islander American community.

South grad Jan Marie Johnson, who gives “flavorful Pike Place tours,” was the subject of Snoqualmie Valley Record Reporter article.

The West Seattle Herald published a feature on the Delridge History Project, collaboration between the college, Seattle Public Schools, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, Southwest Seattle Historical Society, and the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association. A major product of this project is a website (http://www.delridgehistory.org) managed by the South Seattle Community College Library. The Library has also become the depository for material connected with the project.
South Staff Stuff
New Employees/New Responsibilities

Gary Oertli – Interim President
Gary Oertli brings a wealth of community college experience and enthusiasm including three-and-a-half years in the Seattle Community College Colleges – as our interim vice president for Instruction and interim dean for Business, Information Technology and Creative Arts at Seattle Central. Gary was president and CEO of Shoreline Community College for five years and was honored as President Emeritus when he retired. Prior to that he spent 20 years at Edmonds Community College as a part-time instructor, tenured faculty member, associate dean, dean, executive vice president for Instruction and Student Services, and interim president. Gary is a West Seattle native and graduate of Chief Sealth High School. A diehard Husky, he earned his BA and Master’s of Education in Business from the UW, where he also served as Alumni Association president. He also completed the UW’s Executive Management Program in the Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mary Lynch – API Grant
Mary, program coordinator for Aviation, has accepted a two-year, full-time position with the API Grant beginning January 5. Mary has contributed many years to the Aviation program, helping faculty and students alike, often being called “mom” by some of her students.

Student Writing Opportunities
Please encourage students to submit work for the following: Annual South Seattle Community College Student Anthology – personal essay, fiction, poetry. Deadline March 20, 2009. Contact Holly Gilman at hgilman@sccd.ctc.edu, 768-6457.
Annual League for Innovation Literary Competition – personal essay, fiction, poetry, one-act play. 1st place, $500; 2nd place, $200; 3rd place, $100. Deadline March 20, 2009. Contact Mike Hickey at mhickey@sccd.ctc.edu 768-6495).

Appointed
Donna Miller-Parker, dean of Basic and Transitional Studies, has been reappointed to Governor Gregoire’s Council on Adult Education and will serve through 2011. This council advises the state office of Adult Basic Education and the Governor’s office on issues related to basic skills education in Washington state.

Awarded
Kudos to Marcia Kato, learning development specialist in TRIO- SSS, who is the recipient of the Student Services Outstanding Employee Award. The award, given twice annually, recognizes outstanding work by a non-management student services employee in support of institutional priorities. Marcia was recognized for her work in promoting student learning and success. Nominations identify specific staff skills, leadership and/or actions by staff that positively impact Student Services and/or South.

“As long as the mind is enslaved, the body can never be free.”
~The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Awarded

Congratulations to instructors Brian Hughes (Automotive Technology) and Holly Gilman (English) on their selection as South’s 2008-2009 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award winners. Selection was based on their commitment to students, professional development, and the college, as well as their activities in support of the college mission and goals.

Celebrate Dr. King

On January 16, the Seattle Community Colleges hosts the 35th annual community celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year’s theme is “New Voices – Dr. King’s Message for a Changing World.” The event features guest speaker Rev. Aaron Williams, Mount Zion Baptist Church Senior Pastor, musical performances and special recitations. See “Events Calendar” for details.

Reading

English instructor Mike Hickey, Seattle’s newly-elected Poet Populist, will read his poetry at 2 pm, Sunday, January 25 at the Seattle Public Library. The reading, sponsored by Poet Populist Seattle, also features Cody Walker and Jack Hirschman. Admission is free.

Become a Community Council Member

The Women’s Center and Cultural Center are seeking Community Council members for the remainder of the current academic year and for the upcoming 2009-2010 academic year. Share your experiences and ideas in a community of individuals dedicated to supporting these organizations’ mission. Faculty, staff, students and community members (women and men) are all welcome to apply. For more information and an application, contact Cara Pierson, Women’s Center coordinator, at 768-6831 or Juna Alvarez, Cultural Center coordinator, at 764-7950. Applications are due January 15, and mandatory first meeting for selected applicants is January 22.

Procedure for Emergency Closing

The college is open unless a closure announcement is made. In the event of closure, the Public Information Office posts the message first on the Public Schools Emergency Communications System site: http://www.schoolreport.org; then on college main telephone, 206 764-5300; and web at www.southseattle.edu. (Refresh your browser window once at the campus website to ensure you see updated information.)

It Keeps on Giving

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 24! South’s signature event, Gifts From the Earth, features fabulous meals prepared by celebrity chefs and wine from Washington wineries. Become involved by attending the event, contributing an auction item, or volunteering. Contact Heather Foss at 768-6616 or hfoss@sccd.ctc.edu to join in the fun!

On Alert

Students, faculty, and staff may sign up to receive text message and email alerts in case of a campus emergency or unplanned closure. Log in to: https://alert.seattlecolleges.edu, using your college SID and PIN. You may then designate a phone number or email address to receive text message alerts. You may use more than one number or email address. Contact James Lewis at 763-5157 if you have questions.

From the Foundation

The Foundation recently awarded $4,000 during a special round of Faculty Development Grants. Congratulations to the following recipients: Holly Gilman, Academic Programs; Stephen Coates-White, Teri Eguchi and Don Howard, Counseling; and Kim Llewelyn and Asha Esterberg, Academic Programs.
Bernie’s Pastry Shop Has Moved

Now open for business! Open M-F from 6:30 am until 8 pm.

The coffee shop features pastries, chocolates, cakes, pies, and decorative desserts produced in our award-winning Pastry & Specialty Baking program and coffee from Bellingham roaster Tony’s Coffee. Bernie’s features Wi-Fi, seating for over 50, and an expanded menu including sandwiches, soups, hot dogs, and salads!

Because of expanded hours at Bernie’s, the Food Court will now close at 1 pm.

Security Reports

December 1
A student discovered that two of the tires on his car had been slashed while it was in the north parking lot.

December 2
Security was called to the Library because of a disruptive student who would not leave the Library after refusing requests to quiet down. The student was persuaded to leave.

A staff member’s car received rear-bumper damage in a hit-and-run incident in the Olympic Hall parking area.

December 4
A student reported that someone gained access to his locker in the Welding area and removed tools and equipment valued at $2,000. The student said his locker had been locked, and Security found no evidence of tampering with the lock.

December 12
A student reported her wallet missing from a purse that had been left unattended in the Student Life area of the Brockey Center.

December 16
A student handed her cell phone to two people who asked to use it, and then she left the area for a short time. When she returned, the borrowers and her cell phone were gone.
**Update**

**South Seattle Community College**

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**Events calendar**

**January 5 – February 6**

**Art & Poetry Exhibit**
Art Gallery
For Art Gallery hours, visit http://studentlife.southseattle.edu/art.html, or contact Renee Rhodes at 764-5337.

**Wednesday, January 14**

**Blood Drive & Bone Marrow Registry**
10:30 am-3:30 pm (closed 12:30-1:30)
Clock Tower Plaza
Contact Monica Lundberg, 768-6750

**Friday, January 16**

**35th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**
Noon – 1:30 pm, Mount Zion Baptist Church
1634 19th Avenue, Seattle

**Monday, January 19**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Campus closed.

**Thursday, January 22**

**Nursing Program Orientation**
11 am – 2 pm (NAC, LPN, RN)
Call 768-6654 for details.

**Saturday, January 24**

**Gifts From the Earth**
5 pm, Brockey Center
Contact Heather Foss, 768-6616

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Winter Quarter College Transfer Fair**
10 am – 1 pm, Brockey Center
Contact Elaine Gottschalk, 768-6478

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**International Education Week**

**Photo Contest Winners!**

**People category:**
Photography student **Leboshoro Ngara**’s photo of the jeep stuck in the mud in DR Congo.

**Food category:**
**Catherine Phipps**’ photo of the cooking demo in Spain.

**Architecture category:**
**Lisa Sever**’s photo of an Irish Rainbow in Dublin.

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**Jill & Chinese TV Reporter**

Dr. Jill Wakefield was interviewed about the Seattle Chinese Garden by a television news crew from sister city Chongqing, China. The station is traveling throughout the US shooting a documentary that will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of US/China diplomatic relations. Dr. Wakefield was joined by the Garden’s executive director and board of directors.