

Update

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February 21, 2014



Huge Success!

In what's steadily becoming a trend, the South Seattle Community College Foundation's Gifts from the Earth event broke another fundraiser record on Jan. 25, bringing in \$210,000 for South scholarships, internships, emergency funding, tutoring and program equipment. Behind this record-breaking total were more than 300 generous South supporters, celebrity chefs, event sponsors and a true symphony of service performed by South Culinary Arts, Northwest Wine Academy and Hospitality Management students (not to mention all of our amazing staff and volunteers).

"This event would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of each and every one of you!," South **President Gary Oertli** said. "Thank you again for helping to make the 2014 Gifts from the Earth a great success!"





Special Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors!

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Honoring Achievers

On Jan. 16 the South Foundation honored Hospitality Management students **Stefani Hodgson** and **Deanna Guffey** with Outstanding Student Awards, while **Ty Swenson** received an Outstanding Staff Award.



New Staff!

Tara Compton

Student Success Specialist – Running Start and Transfer

During Tara's most recent experience at Green River Community College, she advised international students, working with them from the time they started their program through the college transfer process. She also worked with the international high school completion students. Tara possesses a wide variety of higher education experience working in various roles at Seattle University. Tara earned a B.A. in International Political Economy with a Minor in Spanish from the University of Puget Sound, and a M.Ed. in Student Development Administration from Seattle University.

Maria Rebecchi

Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Loan Programs

Maria joins the Financial Aid Office in a full-time role to implement and manage Federal Student Loan Programs. Prior work includes Director of Programs at The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis where she administered the agency's student outreach, interest-free loan, grants, and asset-building programs. She's also co-founder of College NOW!, a task force of the Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis that encourages Latino youth to complete high school and pursue postsecondary goals regardless of their legal status. She also held the position of Associate Director of Financial Aid at Bastyr University as well as WorkSource Affiliate Employment Case Manager at the YWCA in Downtown Seattle. Maria received her Master's degree in Human Services with a specialization in Mediation and Conflict Resolution from St. Edward's University, a bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Diversity from the University of California, Irvine and a certification in print journalism from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Her extensive volunteer experiences range from supporting community health initiatives to intensive work with immigrant and refugee families in matters of education and social services to volunteer tax preparation for low-income individuals. Diversity, inclusion, equity, and educational opportunity have been consistent themes in much of her work.

Derek Reddicks

New Student Services Specialist, New Student Services

Derek comes to South with a passion for access, social justice, and quality learning experiences. He has held a variety of positions providing wrap around services and support for a diversity of student populations. He served as an Academic Advisor for Aerospace at Renton Technical College and for Workforce at Bellevue College. He has worked as an Independent Living Skills Case Manager with the Pierce County Alliance for foster youth and as a Youth Counselor for the Morning Star Boys Ranch. He brings with him a wealth of outreach and orientation experiences with both the community colleges and from Eastern Washington University where he served as an Admissions Representative. Derek has served as an educational advocate in many involvements including being an Alumni Board Member and Hometown Mentor with the College Success Foundation and recruiter for the Visionary Inspiring Black Empowered Students (VIBES) program. Derek graduated with his Bachelors in Communication Studies from Eastern Washington University.

Kathy Malek

Program Assistant, Student Assessment Services

Kathy received her Business Technology – Accounting Certification from South in 2010. She has honed her accounting and customer service skills while working in South's Student Life Program, volunteering as the Project Manager at the Tibetan Nuns Project, and the Cost Documentation Assistant for NOAA. Kathy has a strong, evident passion for education and development. As a partner in the Student Assessment Program, she will be working on the "Retention and Non-cognitive Behavior" project, developing the "What Now After GED" and "From High School to College Through Aligned Testing" campaigns.

Alma Dedic

Custodian 2, Campus Services

Alma will be performing custodial duties for our Tech Center, Auto Body Repair, and Aviation buildings. She brings 15 years of skill and knowledge to the position working as a custodian and a custodial supervisor for Seattle Building Maintenance and Metropolitan Building Maintenance of Seattle.



It's Raining Art!

South's Art Gallery celebrated "The Rain" in January and December with an exhibition that honored the wet stuff we see so often during Seattle winters. Gallery Coordinator **Akiko Masker** said visitation numbers were high and the work crafted by our talented students, staff and faculty was well received.



Honor Society Helps the West Seattle Food Bank

South's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members volunteered at the West Seattle Food Bank on Feb. 10. The WSFB provides a critical service to our local citizens at risk of hunger. In 2012 they served 8699 people, and 3,406 of those were children. Way to go Phi Theta Kappa!!!!

KOMO News Covers Our Sweets

KOMO News sent a news crew to South's chocolate lab on Feb. 11 to do a story on our Pastry Arts students' handcrafted Valentine's Day chocolate boxes (where even the boxes themselves are made of chocolate, just like a scene out of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!). It was good coverage of students and faculty doing great things that aired on KOMO's 6 o'clock news. The proceeds from the chocolate sales go right back into the Pastry Arts program.



Students Rally in Olympia

On Feb. 11, community and technical college students from across Washington State, including several students from South, traveled to Olympia to rally and bring attention to the issues of rising tuition costs, community college funding and looming transportation cuts in 2014. Student Programs Manager **Monica Lundberg** coordinated the rally and provided transportation to and from Olympia.





Talent show winners (from left to right) **Victoria Long**, **Changlong Ke** and **Jesse Herinckx**.

Talent Show

Faculty, staff and students jammed the Olympic Hall Auditorium for South's Winter Quarter Talent Show on Jan. 30. With a total of seven acts, the talents were as diverse as the campus: from an Elvis cover, to a Whitney Houston rendition, to spoken word and everything in between. With an enthusiastic standing-room only crowd, the performers' felt an overwhelming amount of support from the audience with plenty of cheering and even a few standing ovations. Votes were collected from the audience and were combined with the scores of a celebrity panel of judges representing faculty and staff.

Student **Victoria Long**'s rendition of the Whitney Houston classic, "One Moment in Time," took third place while student **Jesse Herinckx** original music performance earned second place honors. The top-spot went to pianist **Changlong Ke**. The first-year student made quite an entrance and quickly captured the crowd by playing the "Mario Brothers" theme before transitioning into a medley of classic and contemporary songs that won the crowd and the judges over.



She's Back!

After a very long absence from work, **Rita Rambo** is back and her candy bowl is finally full again! Welcome back, Rita!

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The Update is South's monthly newsletter produced by the Public Information Office: **Glenn Gauthier**, graphic design specialist and photographer; **Kevin Maloney**, director of communications; **Ty Swenson**, communications specialist; **Mario Mitchell**, web specialist.

Get the publicity you need!

The South community is encouraged to submit items of interest, including events, awards, presentations, conference attendance, student achievements, and photos. Fun pics also welcome! Email your items to ty.swenson@seattlecolleges.edu. Contact PIO 4-6 weeks prior to an event you want publicized via press release and/or readerboard.

More photos?

Go to the G drive, PIO folder, Photos of South folder.





NISOD Winners Announced

President **Gary Oertli** announced South's 2013-2014 NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Award Winners in January. Congratulations to **Jill McDonough** (ESL Instructor, Basic and Transitional Studies, International Programs) and **Liz Strongman** (First Step and Aerospace Composite Instructor, Professional Technical Education)! "These outstanding faculty represent excellence and a commitment to students," **President Oertli** said.

The awards committee was composed of former NISOD award winners, including **Don Bissonnette**, **Van Bobbitt**, **Sarah Skamser**, **Paul Safstrom**, **Annette Stofer**, **Jane Harness**, and **Allen Stowers**.

Get the Latest News First!

South students and staff members can sign up to receive text messages and email alerts in case of a situation that may pose a safety concern for the community, or an unplanned closure due to unsafe weather conditions. Several weeks ago, you should have received an email from SeattleCollegesAlerts inviting you to sign up for our new alert system. If you did not receive this email, or simply ignored it, please click www.seattlecolleges.edu/alerts and sign in with your seattlecolleges.edu email address. Then you can click on "Forgot your password?" and that will give you access to manage your account to receive timely alerts. If you have further questions, please send an email to alerts@seattlecolleges.edu.



Mercedes Benz Pays a Visit

In late January **John Shepard**, service manager at Mercedes Benz of Seattle, stopped by South and brought a "modest" vehicle with him for our talented automotive students to inspect. That unassuming machine was a 2012 Mercedes Benz AMG C-63 with a 400 horsepower V-8 engine and 7-speed automatic transmission. New off the lot, those rigs go for \$100,000. Students in **Doug Clapper's** Automotive Technology class got a chance to talk with John about his job, learn technical information about the car, tools needed to repair it, job opportunities in their future and what is expected from an entry-level technician at a dealership.

The Popular Let's Do Lunch Program is Back!

Let's Do Lunch is a Student Leadership program that enables students to invite a faculty member to dine at Café Alki, Alhadeff Grill or the cafeteria. Students obtain a Let's Do Lunch Program application in Student Life, JMB Student Center 135. The student then needs to obtain the instructor's signature on the application. Once the appointment has been made, a \$30 meal ticket is issued to the student. After lunch, the student and faculty member will be asked to complete a simple evaluation form. Thank you for your participation in this retention initiative! For more information, contact **Monica Lundberg** monica.lundberg@seattlecolleges.edu.



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Events calendar

Monday, February 24 - Wednesday, March 19

Reception: March 10, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

South's Art Gallery presents a Juried Community Art Exhibition. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25

Record-breaking WSU quarterback, NFL alum and White Center original **Jack "The Throwin' Samoan" Thompson** will discuss his football career, his business career in banking, and his White Center roots at the Olympic Hall Theater (OLY 100) from 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

College Night 2014 invites the community to our school to learn about all we have to offer. The event runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Brockey Student Center.



campus

Security Reports

January 7

Back on Jan. 7 a campus security officer witnessed a male pluck two used textbooks from a bookshelf in the bookstore and exit without paying. When approached, the suspect initially denied the theft, stating he had purchased the books but immediately threw away the receipt. After checking with bookstore staff to ensure they hadn't sold the books to the suspect, he was questioned further and eventually changed his story, admitting to the theft. The books, valued at \$164 and \$236, were returned to the bookstore manager.

January 10

A female student was walking in the RSB Courtyard on Jan. 10 when she said a man walked up to her, leaned in close and whispered, "Terrorist, get out of my country." The victim stopped in her tracks and asked the suspect to repeat himself, which he did – repeatedly and with increasing volume – until a South Staff member exited Registration and told the man that language was not tolerated on our campus. The suspect quieted down at that point and slithered away into a nearby building.

January 16

Around 10 a.m. a husband and wife came to the security office to report they witnessed a hit-and-run in the south gravel parking lot. The witnesses wrote down vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers for both vehicles involved (the offending Nissan Altima and the victimized Honda) and gave them to security. Campus Security Director James Lewis investigated the damaged Honda and found a note with contact information on the windshield. When the student came to his office a half hour later, she reported the note was gone. The registered owner of the Altima is not a registered student at South.

January 19-21

A South faculty member contacted security after returning to work from a three-day weekend to report harassment. Over the weekend, the victim received 17 calls of "computer generated text to land-line messages confessing love and how much they care for (her)." Seattle police were contacted to investigate further.



Speaker **Frank Abe** is pictured with (L-R) **Rochelle Fonoti, Teri Nakashima, Dorrienne Chinn, Chanda Ishisaka, and Monica Lundberg.**

Japanese American Day of Remembrance

South commemorated the **Japanese American Day of Remembrance** on Feb. 20 with a screening of filmmaker **Frank Abe's "Conscience and the Constitution."** A discussion of the film followed. Abe's film tells the true World War II-era story of a group of young Japanese Americans who refused to be drafted into the war from their Wyoming internment camp unless their rights as U.S. citizens were restored and their families were released. The U.S. government ordered the internment of over 110,000 people of Japanese heritage in the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

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**College
Night!**

**Let's Show Our Community
What South is All About!**

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Brockey Student Center

Free Event!

Free parking • Free refreshments • Families welcome!

Click!

Information

www.southseattle.edu/collegenight

(206) 934-6691 • vanessa.calonzo@seattlecolleges.edu

This event is supported by Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Funds and South's new Student Services Department.



12th Man Frenzy at South!

Well, that was convincing. The Seattle Seahawks demolished the Denver Broncos 43-8 in Super Bowl XLVIII on Jan. 2, bringing the Lombardi Trophy to Seattle for the first time in franchise history. In the lead up to that historic trouncing (we're guessing there may have been historic "call in sick" numbers the Monday after as well), South Seattle Community College students, staff and faculty represented the "12th Man" en masse, and we captured the spirit.



in the news

Links to news articles may be found in News & Press on South's website. Click <http://www.southseattle.edu/press/>

Our Core Themes

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



PIO wants to hear a peep out of you!

Contact: Ty.Swenson@seattlecolleges.edu



The Northwest Wine Academy has wine tasting every Thursday and Friday, 1 pm to 4 pm.

South Seattle Community College

Community Choir

Presents...

Oh Edwards
Mozart
to be Beethoven
30 Gershwin
Walker
Purcell



Celebrating its 30th year, the choir will be performing works written by composers in their thirties. Composers include Beethoven, Mozart, Purcell, Gershwin, Edwards and Walker.

Sunday, March 23, 7pm

Fauntleroy Congregational Church • 9140
California Ave SW, Seattle, WA

Free!

This free concert is open to the public.
For more information contact paula.herd@seattlecolleges.edu.



Red Banana Leaf
acrylic on canvas
by Gretchen Flickinger

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Gallery Hours: 10:00am – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday
(Hours are subject to change.)

Location: Jerry Brockey Student Center

Information

Akiko Masker, Art Gallery Coordinator
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Phone: 206.934.5337

Website: Click www.southseattle.edu/art-gallery

Save the Date!
Islamic Art Community Exhibition
Monday, April 7 – Friday, May 2, 2014

Admission is always free and open to the public!