



# Otter Updates with Student Life

Fall 2021

## Welcome Back!

David Westley

Greetings and welcome to all our new and returning students at South. We have gone such a long time without students on campus, and I very much miss the morning rush that our Student Lounge would elicit with the promise of freshly brewed coffee in the mornings. But we're not quite there yet, that is the reality of the world right now, and that our work as students, administrators, staff, and faculty is a little (a lot) different.

Much of the college has moved to virtual means of assistance, and resources, and Student Life is no different. We have always centered students, and we are committed to getting you connected, and involved, and engaged at South. Stay tuned for our quarterly newsletter, follow us on social media, and enroll in



our Canvas page, for any and all the happenings by us and our Student Leaders.

Lastly, as we all move forward this quarter and this year, please do not hesitate to connect with us. We're glad you're here.

## Calling All Students

We want to highlight all the wonderful work you are doing here at South and are seeking entries to be included in future *Otter Updates with Student Life* editions.

Entries could be 2D/3D visual arts, videos of your performance art, or writing of all kinds (creative, op ed, literary, scientific abstracts, etc.) Have another idea not listed? Reach out!

Check out previous issues [HERE](#) for examples.

To learn more or apply, email [SouthStudentLife@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:SouthStudentLife@seattlecolleges.edu).

## Student Vaccination Attestation Requirement

Dr. Dan Johnson

Seattle Colleges have chosen to be a "fully-vaccinated" college system, per Governor Inslee's higher [education proclamation](#). The proclamation requires all students, staff and faculty to be vaccinated for COVID-19 with limited exceptions. By reporting their vaccination status, students join the entire South Seattle College campus community (including faculty and staff who are completing their vaccination reporting in October) in partnership to keep our campus, classrooms, and communities safe and help us avoid the significant disruptions exposure to COVID-19 can cause to the learning experience.

Please note: **All students**, including those taking online classes only, need to report their vaccination status or file for an exemption by (and ideally before) **Nov. 1**. If students do not report their vaccination status or file for an exemption by Nov. 1 they **will not be able to register for Winter Quarter classes** until the process is completed. Since registration for Winter Quarter classes begins on Nov. 1 for current students, it is important to get this done now so they can get the classes they want and have a seamless transition to winter.

The simple reporting process takes place within students' ctcLink account. Vaccinated students will need to have their vaccination type and date or dates administered ready. Step-by-step instructions for how to complete the attestation (including a video) are found at the following webpage: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-requirement>

See our **FAQ** on [page 4](#) for more helpful information.

## Fall Quarter Events

### Events

- Welcome Week - 9/27 - 10/1
- Latine/x Heritage Month Events - 10/8 - 10/15

### Weekly Online Events

- Mon @12:10-12:30pm - Mindful Meditation
- Thur @5pm - International Student Social
- Library Conversations on Social Issues (CoSI) @12-1pm Thursdays -10/21 - 12/2

### Holidays/No Class

- 10/11 - Indigenous Peoples' Day (Classes Held)
- 11/3 - Faculty Dev. Day
- 11/11 - Veterans Day
- 11/25 - Thanksgiving
- 11/26 - Native American Heritage Day

## Don't Forget To VOTE!

A friendly reminder from Student Leadership and the United Student Association:

On October 13, ballots will be mailed out. In partnership with King County Elections, our campus ballot box will be open Oct 14 through November 2 at 8 pm. Drive/Walk up to campus via the circular drive-way at the main or south entrance. The box is located near the campus bus stop. Signs will be posted.

For more ballot, voter registration, and elections info, visit King County Elections: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx>



## Staff Highlight: An Interview

Jessica Heide

### Colby Keene

Campus Recreation Coordinator



**Jessica:** What do you do? How does your role serve students?

**Colby:** I manage our fitness center, game-room, sports courts, and provide recreational programming both on and off campus. I also manage our wellness facilities that serve our students' health and wellness goals. I provide programming such as hiking, league sports, and workshops that students can participate in.

**Jessica:** How long have you been an Otter?

**Colby:** I have been at South since 2002.

**Jessica:** What do you love about South?

**Colby:** A lot! Mostly the students and the wide range of experiences, challenges and goals that come with them. I also appreciate my peers and the great community of folks I work along side with.

**Jessica:** What is something that you are enjoying doing right now?

**Colby:** Moving into a new home. Not the moving part so much, but rather the time I will spend making memories in the home with my kids.

**Jessica:** Could you share something you learned that you wish you knew sooner in your academic career?

**Colby:** I learned that you can never be too prepared. It's never too early to get books or preview courses and professors. Also, to not rely on natural gifts. Hard work creates better results and more opportunities.

**Jessica:** Could you share a bit about your academic/career journey? How did you come to your current position? (If you would like to share)

**Colby:** I got my first job when I was 10. I was a paperboy and delivered 7 days a week. I have been working ever since. Life offers different learning opportunities. I have learned knowledge and skills not available in traditional classrooms. I have had mentors with great knowledge in their respective fields and were kind enough to share with me life's work that they possessed.

My athletic journey contributed a lot to where I am at today. School was just an add on of academic knowledge to what would ultimately help open other opportunities.

And yes, Go Huskies!

**Jessica:** Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

**Colby:** I love Muay Thai and other forms of martial arts.

# Meet Your USA President

Monica Lundberg

## Addiemaymae (Addie) Winston

USA President



**Monica:** What high school do you attend?

**Addie:** Evergreen High School

**Monica:** You are a running start student, what does this mean?

**Addie:** I am taking both high school and college classes.

**Monica:** What is your major?

**Addie:** Biology

**Monica:** What is your favorite South Seattle College class so far?

**Addie:** Digital Art

**Monica:** Do you have a favorite study location?

**Addie:** Since I haven't been able to study on campus, my favorite study location is probably my dining room table.

**Monica:** What is your go to study playlist?

**Addie:** I like to listen to R&B while I study.

**Monica:** How did the social justice movements of this past year impact you? (share what you feel comfortable about your identity, etc)

**Addie:** Since I grew up biracial, Lao and Black, in a mixed-race household, I was taught at a young age about the racial inequities in our society. Fighting for justice for POC is nothing new to me, but it was new and impactful to see how many of my peers and community members were getting involved in different movements this past year. It's comforting knowing I have people around me who share similar values with myself.

**Monica:** How did you deal with on-line learning?

**Addie:** I got through online learning by using a big desk calendar. Every time I sat at my desk, I was forced to look at that day's to-do list. It helped remind me of the work I needed to submit that night.

**Monica:** What are you hoping to accomplish this year as the student government president?

**Addie:** My top priority is to advocate for the students at South. Since this is my first in-person experience at SSC, I would also like to get to know the students at SSC first.

**Monica:** How can folks reach you/USA and how to get involved?

**Addie:**

- My personal email: [addiemaymae@gmail.com](mailto:addiemaymae@gmail.com)
- My SSC email: [addiemaymae.winston@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:addiemaymae.winston@seattlecolleges.edu)
- Weekly Meetings will be announced soon

**Monica:** Any other info you would like to share?

**Addie:** Please come to me to talk about anything! I love meeting new people :)

# Connect with Us

Learn about upcoming events and programs:

- Social Media - FB [@SouthStudentLife](https://www.facebook.com/SouthStudentLife)
- Canvas Course - [SSC Student Life](#)
- Website - [HERE](#)

Have questions?

- Email: [SouthStudentLife@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:SouthStudentLife@seattlecolleges.edu)
- Phone: 206-934-5332

OR fill out the Student Interest Form, telling us about yourself and we will connect you with virtual campus opportunities for fall quarter!

- Form: <https://tinyurl.com/yxjd9nco>.

# Grab a SLICE of SL

**S** - Student  
**L** - Life  
**I** - Involvement  
**C** - Community  
**E** - Engagement



## About SL:

Student Life is a department made up of centers created to support co-curricular learning and development. We believe that student involvement leads to student engagement, which leads to student success. We want to help you succeed, not just in your academic goals, but also in your personal goals.

Reach out today and to find out how we can support you.

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Congratulations Addie and all our new **United Student Association (USA)** officers!

- **Anne Le, Marketing Officer**
- **Phuong To, Issues & Concerns Officer**

Several USA officer positions remain open. If you're interested in serving on your student government team and advocating for student interests, email the USA Advisor for more info: [monica.lundberg@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:monica.lundberg@seattlecolleges.edu). To learn more about USA, visit our [website](#).

# FAQ - Student Vaccination Attestation/Exemption Requirement

This list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is intended to guide students, and staff supporting them. The most current and up-to-date information can be found here: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/coronavirus>

## How can I report my vaccination status?

You can report your vaccination status by logging into your ctcLink account

- Login to ctcLink at <https://gateway.ctcLink.us>.
- Select your student homepage from the menu in ctcLink.
- Select the Immunization Attestation tile, enter your information, and hit the submit button.

You can find a video and PDF document with step-by-step instructions on this website: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-requirement>



## Why am I being asked to report my vaccination status?

In the interest of everyone's health and safety, Seattle Colleges has chosen to be a [fully vaccinated campus per Governor Inslee's higher education proclamation](#). This requires all students, staff, and faculty to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. An individual is considered fully vaccinated [two weeks after receiving the final dose of the vaccine](#). Exemptions to this requirement may be granted for medical or sincerely held religious reasons.

## What if I don't report my status?

Students who do not report their status before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will be blocked from registering for winter quarter. If your registration is blocked, the hold can be removed after you submit your attestation. New incoming students will also be required to report their status before being able to register for classes.

## Will my reported status be checked or verified?

Qualified college staff will only check if you have submitted your attestation for the purposes of applying or removing a hold on your ability to register. At this time your report will not be verified officially, but the Seattle Colleges reserves the right to verify your status in the future.

## What if I received a vaccine other than Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson?

The drop-down menu in the immunization attestation tile includes a selection for "other COVID-19 Vaccine". Select this option and enter the date or dates you were vaccinated.

## Will I have to report my vaccination status each quarter?

No, you will only have to report your status to South Seattle College once.

## What if I am in the process of getting vaccinated but not yet fully vaccinated?

Please submit your attestation with the most current information you have.

## Can I request an exemption?

Yes, you can request an exemption. When you log into ctcLink to submit your immunization attestation, the drop-down menu includes selections for "exemption – medical" and "exemption – religious." At this time that is all you are required to submit for an exemption.

## What if I just don't want to get vaccinated?

As a fully vaccinated campus you will not be allowed to register for classes if you do not report your vaccination status or submit an exemption. Knowingly providing incorrect information on your status may result in disciplinary action.

## Do I still have to submit an attestation if I am only taking classes online?

Yes, all students attending South Seattle College, regardless of whether they attend in-person or online are required to attest to their vaccination status to be able to register for winter quarter.

## If I do not submit my attestation by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> will I be dropped from my fall quarter classes?

At this time there are no plans to remove students from fall quarter classes if they do not attest by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, but you will not be able to register for winter quarter classes.

## What else is the college doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Anyone coming to campus must fill out the online [daily wellness screening](#). Everyone on campus is required to wear a [mask/face covering](#) regardless of [vaccination status](#). Full details can be found at: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/coronavirus>