# South Seattle College and South Seattle College Foundation

Report to Our Community • 2013 - 2014



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# Message from the President and Foundation Chair





Dear Friends,

Here at South Seattle College, we tell our students "Start Here, Go Anywhere!" – and we mean it. We stand behind our motto because time and time again our students have proven that starting at South can help take them anywhere!

Our students are a constant inspiration to us. It is through their own efforts that they reach their goals, and South is here for them every step of the way. Whether enrolled to earn a professional technical certificate, associate or transfer degree, or one of our three Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, students at South reap the rewards of our supportive and inclusive learning environment.

The South Seattle College Foundation is a vital contributor to student success at South, providing scholarships, emergency assistance, faculty grants and funding for cutting-edge classroom equipment. Among the Foundation's most significant accomplishments of 2013 are awarding more than \$720,000 in scholarships to 350 deserving students and expanding the 13th Year Promise Scholarship to Rainier Beach High School. That expansion translates to a year of college tuition-free for graduating seniors from that school, as well as from Cleveland High School and Chief Sealth International High School.

In this edition of the *Report to Our Community* we share the stories of South students and alumni who embody the spirit of dedication, hard work, and ambition that are primary values at South. Representing diverse backgrounds, the students profiled are emblematic of the excellence and unlimited potential you will find here on campus every day.

Additionally, we highlight some of South's collective achievements for the year, acknowledge the contributions to student success made by South's faculty and staff, and applaud our many community partners and education collaborators who engage with us to provide opportunities for our students. We are grateful for our donors and supporters who believe in the quality academic and vocational education that South Seattle College offers.

We invite you to share the story of South with friends, colleagues and family. Let them know about our inspiring students, forward-thinking initiatives like the 13th Year Promise Scholarship, the generosity of our community partners, and, most of all, that when you "Start Here," you really can "Go Anywhere!"

Sincerely,

Gary Oertli, President South Seattle College

Gene Colin, Chair South Seattle College Foundation



### **South Seattle College**

# is a comprehensive college serving a multicultural population of 15,000 students each year who enroll for:

- Bachelor of Applied Science degrees
  - Hospitality Management
  - Professional Technical Teacher Education - Sustainable Building Science Technology
- Academic courses preparing for transfer to a four-year educational institution
- Certificates and degrees in more than 30 professional technical programs
- Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning
- Basic and Transitional Studies
- English Language Learners/English-as-a-Second Language
- Online learning

The college is located in West Seattle on an expansive, beautifully landscaped campus that overlooks downtown Seattle and Elliott Bay. The campus includes a six-acre arboretum, which is a living laboratory for Landscape Horticulture students, and the adjacent Seattle Chinese Garden site.

Real-world experience is emphasized through team-learning projects, portfolio development, internships and classes with retail customer contact.

The college also operates the NewHolly Learning Center on Beacon Hill and the Georgetown Apprenticeship & Education Center, the largest apprentice-training site in the Northwest. South is recognized as a state and national leader in workforce training.

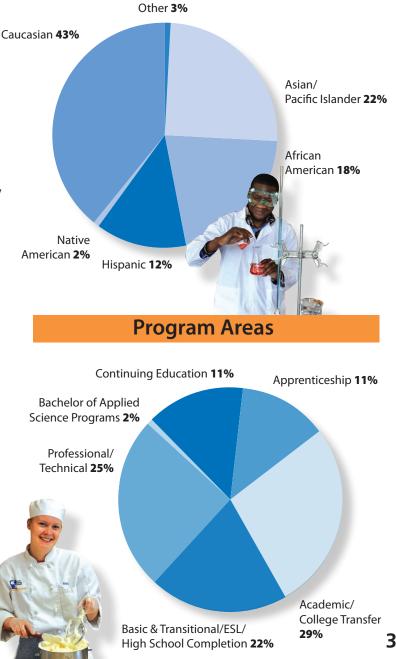
- Median student age 30.5
- First generation to attend college 54%
- Citizenship status Immigrants 8% Refugees 1%
- Number of first languages spoken 35



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: Albert Shen (Chair), Courtney Gregoire (Vice-chair), Carmen Gayton, Steven R. Hill, and Jorge Carrasco

### **Student Ethnicity**







# Celebrating Our Graduates with a Champion

South Seattle College celebrated the achievements of its 2014 graduating class at the 44th Commencement at Benaroya Hall on June 18. All told, over 800 graduates received degrees and certificates surrounded by cheering family, friends, and South faculty and staff.

This year's commencement address was delivered by Super Bowl Champion and Seattle Seahawk **Derrick Coleman**, who shared words of inspiration drawn from his own struggles in rising to the top of the National Football League in spite of being legally deaf since the age of three. His story aligns with that of many South students who overcome great odds, financial and otherwise, to complete their education on path to a successful future.

### **Taxi Industry Turns to South for Help**

Yellow Cab taxi drivers in Seattle knew they needed to improve their customer service to compete with an increasingly crowded ride service industry in the Puget Sound area. Out of all the training possibilities available in the region, they turned to South Seattle College's hospitality experts for help.

With smartphone app-based ride services like Uber and Lyft quickly grabbing hold of the "you do the driving" market share in Seattle, the Teamsters Local 117 Union – representing thousands of Yellow Cab drivers in our region – contacted South's Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center to build a four-hour training session specifically tailored to the ride service industry.



From there, South's Hospitality Management instructors **Hana K. Gala**, Phd. and **David Krull**, JD, created the program and met with hundreds of cab drivers over the course of two days in July. It was so popular, the Teamsters ordered more training sessions so more drivers could take part.



### 13th Year Promise Scholarship Expands to Rainier Beach High School

Eyes widened and smiles emerged as South Seattle College President **Gary Oertli** made the big announcement to an auditorium full of Rainier Beach High School seniors: South's 13th Year Promise Scholarship was coming to their school, meaning one free year of tuition at South for every graduating senior beginning with the class of 2014.

"This gives me a chance," Rainier Beach senior **Taylor Allen** said after hearing the news. "High school is getting ready for college and college is getting ready for the real world. This is our time; this is the new Rainier Beach!"

"It's important for us not just to see these students come to our campus, but to walk across the graduation stage," President Oertli said after the announcement. "The 13th Year Promise Scholarship sets up students to not only succeed in the classroom, but in life after graduation. The scholarship has made a lasting impact on hundreds of students, and thanks to the generosity of our donors we will be able to continue that legacy at Rainier Beach."

You can learn more about the 13th Year Promise Scholarship, offered at Chief Sealth, Cleveland, and now Rainier Beach high schools, on page 13.



### Harbor Island Training Center Leaves Big Impression on High-Profile Visitors

At Harbor Island Training Center, South Seattle College and Vigor Industrial have created a program where students learn welding skills on-site from the industry professionals at Vigor shipyards. Upon completion of the two-quarter program, they are prepared for



employment in shipbuilding and other welding professions. Since the program's inception in 2013, the job placement rate has been strong with 72 percent of the first cohort class finding employment within two months of graduation.

Washington Governor **Jay Inslee** (pictured above) and Seattle Mayor **Ed Murray** (pictured right) visited the Harbor Island Training Center in the past year, and both leaders came away impressed and interested in continued support of the program at state and local levels. Governor Inslee's October 2013 visit came during the program's inaugural class, when he spoke about his administration's focus on supporting the maritime industry. Mayor Murray visited in May of 2014 and met personally with students to talk about the handson training they receive, and how that training will prepare them for the industry.

The program not only produces marketable students who are ready to fill the needs of this flourishing field, but at the same time helps strengthen Seattle's maritime industry.

### New Bachelor of Applied Science Degree Approved at South

In late 2013, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges approved South's latest Baccalaureate of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Sustainable Science Building Technology (SSBT). The SSBT degree joins South's two existing BAS programs, Hospitality Management and Professional Technical Teacher Education.

Created in response to industry demand, the program teaches students the skills needed to run energy efficient facilities, including the complexities of energy codes, building codes and facility management.

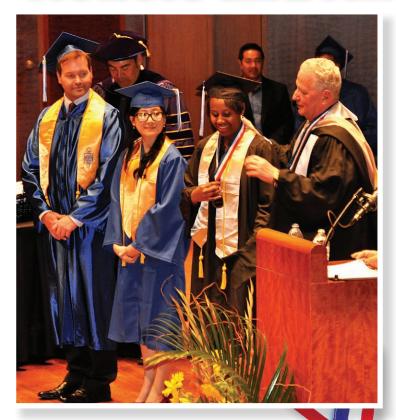
### **State Funds Support South Aerospace Programs**

On June 10, 2014 the State of Washington announced \$8 million would be made available to 21 aerospace industry training programs throughout the state, including South Seattle College's Aviation Maintenance Technology and Aerospace Composites Technology programs.

South's portion of the funding will be used to expand these aerospace programs with new equipment, additional class times to fit our students' schedules, and faculty salaries.

"These funds will open up opportunities for hundreds of students to achieve an education in the high-demand aerospace industry," South Seattle College Dean of Aviation **Kim Alexander** said. "Our goal at South is to ensure that education gives our students every necessary tool to thrive in Washington's aviation workforce."

# Honors and Awards @South



### President's Medals of Scholarship

The President's Medals of Scholarship for academic achievement were awarded to (above L to R) **Stephen Friend** (Culinary Arts), **Elva Sungkarto** (Academic Transfer) and **Shantae Duckworth** (Hospitality Management, Bachelor of Applied Science) at South's 44th Annual Commencement. They were honored by South President **Gary Oertli** at the event.





### Students Named to All-Washington Academic Team

In March 2014, outstanding South students **CrystalRose Hudelson** and **Jaden Phan** were honored by Governor **Jay Inslee** as members of the All-Washington Academic Team, selected from community and technical colleges across the state. Students selected reflect the diversity of the state, maintain high standards of academic excellence, and contribute positively to their communities.

As president and founder of South's Aviation Maintenance Club, CrystalRose Hudelson keeps a busy schedule, balancing a full-time job, volunteering, and maintaining her 3.5 cumulative GPA. She will continue her education after graduating from South to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Born and raised in Vietnam, Jaden Phan dreamed of receiving an American education to provide a bright future and to "pay his parents back" for their undying support. Phan maintains a 3.82 cumulative GPA, has served in student government, and plans to eventually earn a master's degree in business.



### **Outstanding Alumni Award 2014**

Northwest gardening guru **Ciscoe Morris** received South Seattle College's 2014 Outstanding Alumni Award during the Friends of the College dinner on April 29.

Since graduating from South's Landscape and Horticulture Program in 1977, Morris has made a name for himself as an author, television host and radio host. His energetic personality and love for gardening is captured on his weekly show *Gardening with Ciscoe* airing on King-5 TV and throughout the northwest on Northwest Cable News. Additionally, Morris hosts a weekly radio show on KIRO Radio. As an author, he is a regular contributor to the Seattle Times and has written best-selling gardening books.

"This is truly an honor for me," Morris said. "My passion for gardening has brought me to places I never would have imagined, but it all started as a student at South Seattle College. South provides the perfect balance of a practical and scientific education. I really learned the how and the why, and got a lot of support from my teachers."

South's Outstanding Alumni Award honors professional and educational achievements as well as service to the community.

# Faculty Excellence @South

The South Seattle College Foundation has made funding faculty development a priority. Funding opportunities exist for both full-time and part-time faculty to fund projects that encourage and promote student retention, assessment, completion and transfer to four-year colleges. Since 2006, the Foundation has awarded more than 100 grants to faculty members.















Howard Andersen

Doug Clapper

Stephen Coates-White

Rick Downs

Robert Houot

Yilin Sun

Marla Lockhart

Howard Andersen, Automotive Technology Instructor and Doug Clapper, Heavy Diesel and Automotive Instructor, received a grant to attend the Electric Drive Transportation Association Conference in Washington DC in June 2013. Knowlege gained about the electrification and hybridization of the automotive industry and alternative fuels was used to create a Heavy Duty Hybrid class, the first in the state.

**Stephen Coates-White**, Counselor, used his Foundation grant to attend the On Course National Conference in Los Angeles in April 2013. The conference focused on the latest trends and techniques on teaching in meaningful ways and challenging students to become active learners. **Rick Downs**, Physics and Math Instructor, and Katie Malcolm, English Instructor, received a grant to develop innovative curricula for Developmental Math and English classes based on Productive Persistence, a proven teaching method that results in increased student retention and completion.

Jennifer Giomi, Parent Educator at South Seattle College Cooperative Preschools, received a grant that allowed her to become certified in teaching the Positive Discipline method of parenting. Jennifer puts the techniques to use in discussion groups, parent meetings and seminars. Joslin Harris-Gane (pictured below) and Robert Houot, Culinary Arts Instructors, were granted funding to organize and lead a culinary tour in France from August to September 2013. The tour gave students a firsthand experience of the birthplace of classical cuisine.

Yilin Sun, faculty member in Basic and Transitional Studies, received a grant to attend and present at the International Society for Language Studies Conference in Puerto Rico in June 2013. There she presented a paper titled "Critical Language Studies: Focusing on Social Justice".

**Marla Lockhart**, Accounting Instructor, attended the Teachers of Accounting at Two Year Colleges Conference in May 2013 with Foundation funding, where she gained new strategies for improving student success in South's Accounting program.

### **Faculty Tenure**

In 2014, the Seattle Colleges Board of Trustees voted to award tenure to five members of South's faculty.

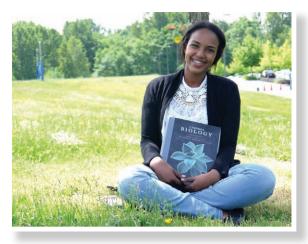
Pictured with President Gary Oertli and Chancellor Jill Wakefield are (L to R) Joslin Harris-Gane (Culinary Arts), David Krull (Hospitality Management), Stephanie Nagai (Nursing), Kimberly Smith (Pastry Arts), and Darrell Tsukiji (Culinary Arts).

These five instructors combine a high level of expertise in their fields with a love for teaching and a passion for student success.



# Scholarships @South

The Foundation awarded \$720,000 in scholarships to aid student success during the year to 350 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. To establish an endowed scholarship at South an investment gift 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.



#### Amina Sheikh Recipient of the Safeco Company Endowed Scholarship

Despite her rigorous pre-med courses, **Amina Sheikh** has a superior GPA, works a part-time job, and is the Vice President of Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Amina provides assistance to her peers by tutoring other students in math and science in the TRiO Student Success Program. The support she received from the Safeco Company Endowed Scholarship allowed Amina to excel without having to worry about how she would pay for tuition. After graduation, she will continue her education at the University of Washington, which awarded her a \$35,000 Martin Achievement Scholarship in recognition of her accomplishments. Amina plans to earn a bachelor's degree in biology with the ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric physician.

"If I had a friend considering South, I would say, 'Do it!' South will help you find the perfect fit, and will provide you with all the resources for a successful future."

~ Amina Sheikh



#### **David Morales** Recipient of the Jill Wakefield Endowed Scholarship and the Jerry M. Brockey Endowed Scholarship

Like many students at South, **David Morales** is the first in his family to attend college. A graduate of Career Link, South's high school completion program, David credits his mentor and Career Link Director Molly Ward for motivating him to pursue higher education. With her encouragement, David filled out a scholarship application and was awarded a South Seattle College Foundation scholarship which paid for his first year of college. Despite raising his two children and working, David still manages to consistently make the Dean's List. His dream is to become a police officer and work to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the Latino community.

"I am very thankful for my scholarship and the South Seattle College Foundation, because without a scholarship people in my financial situation would not be able to attend college and have a chance for a better future." ~ David Morales



#### J'Quai Holiday Recipient of the Boeing Endowed Scholarship

J'Quai Holiday came to South searching for the knowledge and skills to obtain a stable job and consistently provide for his family. Deciding to take his life-long interest in automobiles and turn it into a career, he enrolled in South's Automotive Technology Program, which he calls his "golden opportunity". Once he has earned his certificate, J'Quai will have the experience to gain employment in auto maintenance and related fields. J'Quai's teachers give him their highest praise for his "just try it" attitude and say that his presence elevates those around him, bringing everyone to new heights.

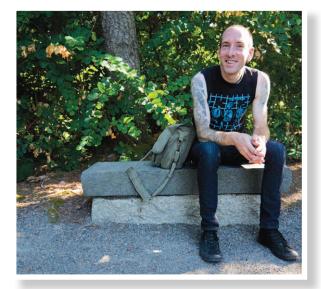
"I have gained so many marketable skills that once I complete my program there will be no limits to where I can go." ~ J'Quai Holiday

#### Niloofar Ghodsianneyrizi Recipient of the Kim Krasne Adopt-A-Student Scholarship in memory of Sally Brotman

Niloofar Ghodsianneyrizi made a multi-year journey to Seattle from her native Iran with the dream of continuing her education. Niloofar works as a tutor at South's TRiO program, holds down another job off-campus and endures a daily four-hour commute. Due to her high level of involvement, commitment and performance she was awarded the Kim Krasne Adopt-A-Student Scholarship. Soon to continue her studies as an Environmental Science major at the University of Washington, Niloofar was selected to receive the UW's Martin Achievement Scholarship based on her record while a student at South. With a bright future ahead, Niloofar will always look back on her time at South with gratitude for the institution that helped pave her way.

"I am thankful to everyone at South. Their support encourages me to work harder toward reaching my goals." ~ Niloofar Ghodsianneyrizi





#### Zachary Alexander Recipient of the Helen Jean Malmo Endowed Scholarship

As a 33 year-old first time college student, **Zachary Alexander** fits the demographic of many students at South, where the average student age is 30.5. Like many adult students, Zach came to South with a wealth of real world experience, but seeking a new direction in his life. In Zach's case, changes to the industry ended his 14-year career as a travel agent. He wasn't sure college would suit him, yet his love of the outdoors and of gardening inspired him to give South's Landscape Horticulture program a try. He was immediately hooked. Zach now works part-time for a landscape company and volunteers for the Beacon Hill Food Forest, while maintaining grades that have kept him on the Dean's List and helped him earn the Helen Jean Malmo Endowed Scholarship. He has also created the "Arboretum Awareness" project, creatively profiling the many types of trees in South's Arboretum. Zach makes giving back to the community a priority and hopes to do so by maintaining open spaces for all to enjoy by working for the Seattle Parks & Recreation Department.

"South Seattle College has given me a set of tools that I can apply to my new job, volunteer opportunities, and to my long-term goal of working for the Seattle Parks Department." ~ Zachary Alexander



#### Duyen Le Recipient of the Biella Foundation Adopt-A-Student Scholarship and the Boeing Endowed Scholarship

Born in Vietnam, **Duyen Le** has an undying motivation that produced an impressive resume of achievement during her time at South, including a place on the All-Washington Academic Team, South Seattle College President's List and several Foundation scholarships. An active member of Phi Theta Kappa, South's Honor Society, Duyen credits South Seattle College with allowing her to study in the U.S. and pursue her dream of success. Recently, Duyen added another achievement to her academic resume: she was awarded a \$90,000 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, the largest private scholarship in the country for community college transfer students. With a nation-wide pool of over 3,700 applicants, Duyen is one of just 85 students to receive this award and the only one selected in 2014 from the state of Washington. Since graduating from South, Duyen has moved to Texas where she will study business at Southern Methodist University.

"I believe this is just the beginning of what I can accomplish and I will take the opportunity to change my life and also the lives of others." ~Duyen Le



### "South is a building block for creating possibilities. Now I know that I can go anywhere!"

~ Long Dinh, South Alum 2013 Studying Engineering at University of Washington

# **Endowment Report**

Thank you to our generous donors who established endowments that provide ongoing support to South in perpetuity. At the end of 2013, our total endowment was \$12 million. Investments to support South are welcome at any time. Contact us at (206)-934-5809 for more information on how you can help.

#### Endowed Arboretum Funds- \$345,432

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#### Your contributions are highly valued investments in our students and their futures. We believe that by harnessing the power of many, we can truly make a difference in educating future generations of workers, thinkers and leaders to meet the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

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#### **Legacy Club**

South Seattle College's Legacy Club recognizes those donors who plan to contribute through a will, beneficiary designation, gift annuity or trust.

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# **13th Year Promise Scholarship**

The 13th Year Promise Scholarship is an innovative program that guarantees every graduate from Cleveland High School, Chief Sealth International High School and Rainier Beach High School the opportunity to attend South Seattle College tuition-free for one year, along with special support services to help them succeed.

#### Background

South Seattle College's 13th Year Promise Scholarship is based on research from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges that found one year of college often becomes a "tipping point" for students to continue on with their education and earn a living wage. This forward-thinking scholarship program was created to provide the opportunity to attain a college education to our community's graduating seniors, particularly those in underrepresented groups, including students of color, low-income students and first-generation college students.

The scholarship began with the Cleveland High School class of 2008; in 2011 the program expanded to include Chief Sealth International High School and a Readiness Academy was created to further increase student success.

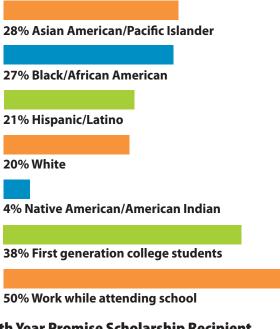
In 2013, the 13th Year Promise Scholarship expanded again, this time to Rainier Beach High School, available to the graduating class of 2014. South Seattle College President **Gary Oertli** made the surprise announcement of the expansion at Rainier Beach High School on November 20, 2013.



### **Access to Higher Education**

- An estimated 65% of seniors from Chief Sealth International, Rainier Beach and Cleveland high schools apply for the 13th Year Promise Scholarship.
- 50% of those students said they would not have attended college if not for the 13th Year Promise Scholarship.
- 73% of 13th Year students state that the Readiness Academy they attended at South as part of the program prepared them for college.

### Serving Students Traditionally Underrepresented



#### 13th Year Promise Scholarship Recipient Merissa McEwan

As a 13th Year Scholar, **Merissa McEwan** was awarded a full year of tuition at South Seattle College after graduating from Chief Sealth International High School. She enrolled in the Nursing program in pursuit of the dream she has had since the age of twelve to become a labor and delivery nurse. In addition to her older sibling responsibilities, volunteer efforts as a middle school mentor, and after-school jobs, Merissa excels in the classroom as an Honor Roll student. After graduating from South, Merissa plans to transfer to a university and obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

"South Seattle College helps me to achieve my goals by giving me the opportunity to further my education after high school as a 13th Year Scholar. Without this scholarship, I would not be able to afford college and I don't know where I would be right now."



## "Gifts from the Earth" Event Raises Record Total

The generosity in the air was unmistakable at "Gifts from the Earth" on January 25, 2014 as South supporters raised nearly \$200,000 – a new record in the event's 11-year history. Proceeds from the event benefit South's Foundation in its mission to change lives by providing students with scholarships so they can pursue quality academic and vocational education.

The sold-out crowd of South supporters started their evening with a reception featuring hors d'oeuvres created exclusively by the college's Culinary Arts program and wine tasting from alumni vintners from South's Northwest Wine Academy. From there, the event moved to the Brockey Center for a multi-course meal of Northwest-inspired dishes crafted by a lineup of guest chefs, including several South alumni, and paired with wine from boutique Washington wineries, while an exciting live auction gave guests the opportunity to contribute to the Foundation. Students from South's culinary, wine and four-year hospitality management programs served as sous chefs, sommeliers, servers and other volunteer roles, making the event a valuable hands-on learning experience.

#### Our deepest appreciation to our sponsors!

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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Celebrate South at the next Gifts from the Earth Saturday, January 24, 2015 For information email ssccfoundation@seattlecolleges.edu

## Students and Donors Connect at Friends of the College

On April 29, 2014, South Seattle College celebrated student success and donor generosity at the annual "Friends of the College Dinner." The event recognized scholarship recipients and the donors who made the scholarships possible. Each year, "Friends" provides a unique opportunity for scholarship donors and students to share a meal and make a personal connection.



Stephanie Sandino-Chang, recipient of the Warren Smith Adopt-A-Student Scholarship, and scholarship donor Warren Smith at the Friends of the College Dinner.

The event also recognized the South Seattle College Foundation's "Excellence in Education" grants. These grants are made to members of the college faculty to support the innovative educational techniques they bring to their classrooms. The evening was capped off with a student open mic, allowing scholarship recipients to let their donors and the audience know about the difference their scholarship has made in their lives.

"Coming from a working class family, I actually spent my first year funding myself and my family, and it was always stressful," South student and scholarship recipient Peteri Faletogo said. "[Receiving a scholarship] takes a lot of stress off, knowing that I have enough money to help my parents and at the same time have my education funded."

### Are You a South Alum?

If you're among South's many alumni, we want to stay in touch.

Connect with us by:

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- Filling out the alumni contact form at **southseattle.edu/** foundation
- Nominating a fellow alum for our Outstanding Alumni Award
- Joining our "South Seattle College Alumni" Facebook group

Anyone who was a student at South is considered an alumnus, regardless of completion of degree or certificate. If you've learned with us, you're one of us!

### **Financial Report**

January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

### **How the Funds Were Used**

Scholarships & Student Success Investments	\$ 466,662
College Programs	\$1,325,901
Faculty & Staff Support	\$ 31,186
Fundraising	\$ 92,113
Management & General	<u>\$ 74,053</u>
TOTAL	\$1,989,915

### **Statement of Financial Position**

ASSETS	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 728,131
Investments	\$13,332,124
Pledges, net of allowance	
for uncollectible amounts	\$ 427,395
Prepaid expenses & other assets	<u>\$ 35,228</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,522,878
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 252,430
Events payable	\$ 32,785
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 285,215
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$ 5,574,653
Temporarily restricted	\$ 3,695,829
Permanently restricted	\$ 4,967,181
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$14,237,663</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$14,522,878



### "South is a small community where I feel a part of a group. I think this is what makes it special."

~ Arana Wang, South Alum 2011 Seattle Design Center Art Gallery intern

## **South Foundation**

#### **The Foundation Mission**

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.

#### **Next Destinations**

- Every graduate in our entire service area (West Seattle, Rainier Beach, Chief Sealth International and Cleveland high schools) can attend college through the 13th Year Promise Scholarship.
- Reach students earlier (10th grade) with the Readiness Academy to increase performance in high school (graduation and readiness rates).
- Encourage success after completion of the 13th Year through mentoring/ industry partnerships.

The South Seattle College Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c)(3), tax exempt organization, promotes and supports educational programs and training pursuits at South.

The Foundation's Board of Directors is comprised of business and community leaders who generously contribute their time and resources to enrich lives, build hope and provide opportunities to fulfill dreams. The Foundation has taken a leadership role in seeking private support to maintain standards of excellence at South.

#### **Board of Directors**

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# Serving the educational and industry needs of our community for 45 years. We offer:

- College transfer degrees (AA & AAS)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees in:
   Hospitality Management
  - Professional-Technical Teacher Education
  - Sustainable Building Science Technology
- Over 30 Professional technical programs computer technology, culinary arts, nursing, automotive and more
- ESL and Adult Basic Education
- Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning
- Programs for high school students
- Worker Retraining
- Financial aid
- Day, night and online classes

## **The College 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

#### **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.

personal development of the members of our communities.

• Maintain a safe and welcoming community.

#### **Our Core Themes**

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

# **Did You Know?**

At \$4,000 per year for a full-time student, **tuition at South Seattle College is about one-third that of research universities** and nearly half the tuition at state colleges and universities in Washington!

40% of Washington's bachelor's degree graduates started at a community college, and studies show **students** who transfer from commuity colleges to four-year universities do just as well as those who started as freshman, with similar GPAs and credits earned.<sup>1</sup>

**Degrees can lead to better pay!** Median wages for Washingtonians from 2009-2011: high school graduate - \$30,393; associate degree holder -\$40,424; bachelor's degree holder - \$54,2572<sup>2</sup>

54% of South students are the first generation in their families to attend college. As our motto states, "Start Here, Go Anywhere!"<sup>3</sup>

South Seattle College prides itself on a diverse student and faculty population. There are 35 different first languages spoken among South students!<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges, "Eight Things You Should Know About Community and Technical Colleges," Jan. 31, 2014. <sup>2</sup> Washington Student Achievement Council, "Staff Analysis of 2009-2011 American Community Survey 3-year PUMS data file." <sup>5</sup> South Seattle College. "Fall 2013 Community Profile"

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