



# The UPDATE

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"Speak the truth, but leave immediately after."

Slovenian Proverb

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## CALENDAR

May 28

**Designing Web sites with Dreamweaver MX:** Learn this new, more powerful version of Macromedia Dreamweaver. The first session is May 28 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., and the second session is June 4 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Join Instructor Pamela Wilkins in the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC), LIB 140. Register for workshops online at <http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/tlc>.

June 2

**Annual Math Awards:** Be present as South's top math students receive certificates of achievement in various categories ranging from arithmetic to Calculus. Certificates will also be given to the top students in the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (<http://www.amatyc.org>) national math contest. Tutors in the MAST (Math & Science Tutoring Center) will also be honored. Ceremonies will be held in the MAST from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Service Awards 2004:** Join in honoring those who have reached milestones in their careers at South and the District, Café Alki, 3:00 p.m.

June 14

**Reception to Honor Student and Hourly Employees:** Come thank these employees for a job well done, JMB A, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

June 3

**Arboretum Tour & Tea:** Join the 19<sup>th</sup> year in celebrating the beautiful garden that serves both as a community resource and a living laboratory for Landscape Horticulture students. Tours are from 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Recognition of contributors to the Arboretum will begin at 2:15 p.m., and complimentary refreshments will be served in the Brockey Center from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Garden Center will also be holding a sale, with all plants marked off 20 percent.

June 8

**\$2 Tuesday:** Get a haircut or a manicure for a low price at the Beauty Center. Call 764-5814 for an appointment.

**2003 – 2004 Academic Year Excellence Awards:** Upward Bound recognizes the achievements of its students from Tyee and Evergreen High Schools, Brockey Center, 6:30 p.m. For information call the program office at 768-6676.



# Campus Kudos



Kenneth Faul, Edward Fugelsand, Richard Gartrell, Marianne Goble, Vincent Goeckner, Christopher Harris, Lolita Khachaturova, Mary Lynch, Tina Miller, Sebastian Myrick, Vince Partridge, Pedro Reyes, Daniel Stearn, Mary Taylor, Sandy Thompson, and Michael Wright

## Service Awards 2004

Thanks go to the following faculty and staff for their years of service and professional dedication to South and the District. They will be honored at the annual Service Awards on June 2 in the Café Alki, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

**30 Years:** Joan Stover

**25 Years:** Dan Cassidy, Gayle Flakus, Angie Hayden, Carol Martin, Sue Nelson, Virginia Sullivan, Marjie Vittum-Jones, and Robert Workman

**20 Years:** Arlene Atchison, Judy Bentley, Anne Chambers, De-Kong Chang, Dorrienne Chinn, Marie Coon, Marc Franco, Murray Fye, Karl Hutter, Dolores Mirabella, and Rita Rambo

**15 Years:** Maria Anderson, Kit Bean, Phillip Bradley, Jane Bremner, Maurice Evans, Sarah Little, and Mary Jo White

**10 Years:** Anna Aberle, Marianna Asaturova, Barbara Flahavan Aghai, Chonghua Gu, Brenda Hall, Margarita Ioselovich, Linda Johnston, Carol Koepke, Swaibu Matovu, Marcia Mitchell, Ken Monson, Sandra Newman, Thanh Nguyen, Arne Reed, Harold Reed, Diane Schmidt, Sarah Skamser, Stephen Sparks, Donald Vaughn, Ann Witt, and Jian Zou.

**5 Years:** Jeanne Bocian, Charles Brooks, Stephen Coates-White, George T. Curtis, Saovra Ear,

## Diverse News

Cheers go to **Cessa Heard Johnson**, Office of Diversity & Retention Director, who was selected as President-elect of the statewide Multicultural Student Services Directors Council. It is a two-year term. The organization has 33 representatives, who meet quarterly to discuss issues of diversity and multiculturalism. The council also plans the annual Students of Color Conference every spring.

On another note, Cessa is in print in the “Book Club Cookbook.” The book is described by its authors, Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp, as “Recipes and food for thought from your book club’s favorite books and authors.” In the book, Cessa offers up a recipe from her Louisiana great-grandmother – “Great Grandma Olivia’s Sweet-Potato Pie.” In the book, the Office of Diversity and Retention’s DRUM (Diverse Readings to Understand Multiculturalism) Book Club is also profiled.

## Outstanding Transfer Students

Congratulations go to College Transfer students **Shamim Ghandami** and **Maria Hosseini** for receiving Martin Achievement Scholarships for attendance at the University of Washington. Shamim and Maria were two of three recipients to receive the coveted scholarship this year.



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The Martin Achievement Scholarship program funds students who have demonstrated signs of exceptional ability in art, humanities, social sciences, music, science, and/or leadership at North, Central and South.

Each Martin Achievement Scholar receives \$5,000 each academic year for tuition, books and supplies. Funding begins during the second and/or final year at the community college and will continue when the student transfers to pursue a bachelor's at the UW. It may be renewed for up to a total of three years subject to continuing high achievement.

### Positive About Pastry

Mary Gaston, Food Service Manager, received this wonderful e-mail from a student regarding the Pastry Shop:

“Hi Mary,

I'm a student at SSCC, and a daily customer at the Pastry Shop. I wanted to send this e-mail to let you know how much I appreciate the Pasty Shop staff. The only name I know is Carl, but everyone there is worthy of praise.

I look forward to starting everyday with my mocha and the cheerful and fun conversation I'm greeted with when I go there. They're also efficient, knowledgeable about the products and eager to please.

Please let them know how much they are appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Yvonne Zagata”

### Outstanding Technical Students

Congratulations go to four of South's students, who have been named recipients of the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE).

Students **Christopher Pavese**, Engineering Technology, **Yodit Tekia**, Nursing, **Shannon Ballon**, Web Design & Development, and **Mary Chin**, Nursing, were recognized for their outstanding achievements in technical education.

WAVE recipients receive a grant that provides six quarters or four semesters of tuition, services and activities fees. Criteria for selection include occupational proficiency, leadership, community activities, work experience, character, attitude, and attendance.

WAVE was established by the Washington State Legislature. In addition to creating attention for the achievements of technical education students, the program recognizes the value of technical education and the role it plays in creating a highly trained workforce – essential to the economic health of the state.

Three WAVE recipients (two from high schools/skills centers and one from community/technical colleges) are chosen from each legislative district by a selection committee. The committee draws members from the local business community, education, labor, the legislature, and interested citizens. South's WAVE recipients were from the following districts: Christopher Pavese, District 34; Yodit Tekia, District 37, Shannon Ballon, District 43, and Mary Chin, District 43.

Visit the WAVE Web site at <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/wave-abt.html> to learn more about the scholarship and its recipients.

Submissions and questions regarding the Update can be made to Michael May in the Public Information Office at [mmay@sccd.ctc.edu](mailto:mmay@sccd.ctc.edu).

## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Arboretum Tour & Tea

The Foundation cordially invites the campus community to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Arboretum Tour & Tea on June 3 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### *Tour & Tea Timeline*

Arboretum:  
Tours, 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Program, 2:15 p.m.

Brockey Center:  
Tea, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This annual event showcases the interesting changes that have taken shape over the year in the

Arboretum. Besides being a wonderful place to take a relaxing walk and see spectacular views of downtown Seattle and Elliott Bay, the 6-acre site serves as a living laboratory for students in the Landscape Horticulture program.

Participants can tour the gardens, where Landscape Horticulture students will be on hand to answer questions. Touching on a portion of what the Arboretum has to offer, visitors may begin at the Entry Garden, which includes a formal display of ornamental grasses, herbaceous perennials and annuals, and specimen trees and shrubs. Nearby, visitors can find their way to the Helen Sutton Rose Garden, containing more than 100 varieties of roses. Newly installed steps from there lead into the Coenosium (“So-nose-ee-um”) Rock Garden, a collection of rare dwarf conifers and where progress on a new waterfall and pond can be viewed. The name of the garden is derived from Greek and means “plant community.” Participants should also take in the Anna C. Mason Garden, a perennial garden that will be showing a lot of color this time of year.

The college’s Garden Center will also be a place of interest for Tour & Tea participants. All plants will be marked down 20 percent.

## Artist Unveils Work



Chinese sculptor Ye Yushan unveils his statue of Li Bai, one of China’s most celebrated poets, at a dedication on May 18. Ye donated the statue to the Seattle Chinese Garden, where it will eventually move from its temporary home in the Robert Smith Building Courtyard. Ye is one of China’s most well known artists and is most famous for sculpting a seated figure of Chairman Mao for the former leader’s mausoleum in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. To the left of Ye is Dr. Jill Wakefield and David Buck, President of the Seattle Chinese Garden Society.

## South and HCC Join for Concert

South’s Community Choir and the Highline Community College Choir have teamed up to present “Music of the Pacific Rim” on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Highline’s Artist Lecture Hall (Building 7). Admission is free and open to the public. Singers from both colleges will present a set of music, and the concert will conclude with joint numbers featuring the music of Hawaii. Songs of Samoa, New Zealand, Hawaii, Thailand, Japan and China will be featured in addition to other works. For more information contact Paula Herd, Choral Director, at 768-6450.

**Student Success Sought**



Dr. Vincent Tinto speaks with participants at the “Building a Culture of Achievement, Connection, & Success” event on May 21. Dr. Tinto is a nationally recognized expert on student persistence and retention. He was on campus to help the college begin a campus-wide conversation on creating the conditions that support student success. Over 320 faculty, staff and students participated in the morning session led by Dr. Tinto. To learn more about his work, go to <http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/southnet/instruction.html>. Your Outlook user name and password are needed to access the site.

**Governor on Campus**

Gov. Gary Locke was at South on May 18 to recognized 73 businesses for being outstanding WorkFirst partners.

WorkFirst is Washington State’s welfare reform program. The program began in August 1997 to help low-income families become self-sufficient by providing training and support services necessary for parents to get a job, keep a job and move up a career ladder. The college’s role is to provide short-term training to program participants, so they can build employable skills. Some of the programs include First Step (beginning

computers and office skills), Commercial Truck Driving, Community Corrections, Medical Office Clerk, and Certified Nursing Assistant

“Today we celebrate the power of opportunity and the power of helping people better their lives,” Locke told employers during the awards ceremony at the college. “WorkFirst goes well beyond just getting people off welfare. It helps people get a job, get a better job, and achieve a better life.”

**New Staff**

The Foundation would like the campus community to welcome its new Associate Director of Development, **Elizabeth Pluhta**.

Elizabeth will be responsible for leading the Foundation’s annual giving campaign and for coordinating the work of staff, faculty, students and volunteers for its annual Gifts from the Earth food and wine event – slated for January 29 of 2005.

Elizabeth comes to us from Bates College in Tacoma where she has served as Development Officer since 2001. She previously worked in the development offices of the Girls Scouts Inland Empire Council and Cancer Patient Care. While at Bates, she managed the annual giving campaign and the alumni association. She was also the principal organizer of over 16 large fundraising

events. Elizabeth holds a bachelor’s in public relations (marketing minor) from Gonzaga University. She also has roots in the wine industry – her father owns a wine distribution company based in Spokane.

Elizabeth will be starting on June 7.

## ITC Becomes Olympic Hall

What for months has been taking shape on the south side of campus – the Instructional Technology Center – will now be known as Olympic Hall

**Take a Tour:** Departments are welcome to tour the new buildings at South. If you would like to tour Olympic Hall or the new Building A on the Duwamish campus, contact Kelly Goad, Capital Projects Coordinator, by e-mail or at 764-5386. After 3:30 p.m. is best.

The name “Olympic” is one that resonates well with the West Seattle community the college serves. The Olympic

Mountains are part of the community landscape, and they are visible from campus. Olympic Hall provides excellent views of the mountains from the upper floors, especially from the deck built on the north edge of the third floor, giving great atmosphere for campus events.

Olympic Hall will meet several instructional needs at South, with new science classrooms, general classrooms, computer classrooms and a high-tech lecture auditorium, which is also suitable for musical presentations. Olympic Hall will also be the new home of our Continuing Education Program, offering a better opportunity to connect with campus visitors.

Construction is on schedule and on budget, with moving in plans for this fall and a dedication event in September.

**Web Update:** Check out the newly revamped Culinary Arts Web site – [www.chefschooll.com](http://www.chefschooll.com). Thanks for this marketing tool go to Chef Stephen Sparks, who has used his computer skills to provide a wealth of information to prospective students and patrons.

## Student Success Captured



Student Success Service (SSS) students Lan Phuong and Lan Chi Nguyen (left to right) attend the Foundation’s annual Friend’s of the College dinner on May 14. The event is to celebrate the donors to Foundation giving campaigns and to honor student recipients of scholarships. The two are sisters and currently taking prerequisites with the intent of applying to the Nursing program and eventually completing a two-year degree. Lan Phuong has a 3.51 grade point average and Lan Chi has a 3.68. “Both are active in our program and role models for other students,” says Maureen Shadair, Director of Student Success Services. Lan Phuong was at the dinner to support her sister, who was a recipient of the William H. Bennett / West Seattle Endowed Scholarship and the Andy & Doris Nelson Adopt-a-Student Scholarship.

## Deadline for President’s Medal Nominations:

If you know of a worthy student, May 28 is the deadline to get your nominations to Carol Martin, Student Services Administrative Assistant. This annual honor, which will be awarded at graduation on June 17, is based on a student’s grade-point average, rigor of course work, obstacles that had to be overcome, or other extenuating circumstances. Evidence that the student has provided extra help and service to a college department, division, office, service unit, or the college community in general is also considered.

## Revised Summer Hours

This summer South will test a revised Friday operating schedule, with a 1:00 p.m. closing time, beginning July 2. The purpose is to try to reduce utility costs and at the same time offer employees more flexible summer schedules. Many community colleges in Washington have adopted a similar summer schedule.

The college will officially close at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays, from July 2 through August 27. Because some classes are already scheduled for this summer, and some student support services are necessary, such as the Child Care Center, a few areas of the college must remain open. Open buildings will be minimized in order to take advantage of the utility savings. Those departments that need to stay open may still maintain flexible schedules depending on the needs of students.

Since the Friday workday will be shorter, staff must reschedule the rest of the week to put in the necessary number of work hours for the week. Here is how the summer system will work:

- Each exempt and classified employee will fill out an Alternate Week Schedule form to be located in Program Services. This is done in consultation with one's supervisor. It needs to be completed and sent to Program Services by mid-June. Contact Kathy Reistad, Senior Administrative Assistant in Program Services, at 764-5826 if you need a form
- For those employees extending their days, the earliest start time will be 7:00 a.m., unless a program starts at 7:00 a.m. Under those circumstances, a 6:30 a.m. start is acceptable.
- Lunch and breaks must be taken in accordance with Civil Service requirements. Employees working five hours on Friday (8:00 a.m. – 11:00

## Learning from Each Other



Chef Instructor Derrick Moffat (center) of the University College of the Cariboo in British Columbia, Canada visits the Culinary Arts program during the week of May 24. Chef Moffat is at South to learn about the college's program, as well as share his experiences as an educator. To learn more about his college, go to <http://www.cariboo.bc.ca>.

p.m.) must take a 15-minute rest break, but are not required to take a 30-minute meal break. Anyone working longer than 5 hours must take a meal break, which would then extend the day by 30 minutes.

- Employees wishing not to extend their day may use vacation, leave without pay, or documented compensatory time.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Vedvick, Program Services Director, at 768-6415.

## Classified Retreat in Review

*Special to the Update*  
 Marcia Mitchell  
 CDAC Member

South's Classified Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) put together an outstanding breakaway retreat for classified staff on May 5 and 6.

The retreat was held at West Seattle's Fauntleroy Hall, where attendees gathered in the Vashon Room for this year's breakaway, entitled "Tuxedos and Tennis Shoes." The food, including continental breakfast and lunch, and service provided at the hall were terrific.

Providing substance to the retreat was Employee Advisory Service (EAS), which presented 4 topics, 2 per day in 2-hour increments for classified staff to choose from. EAS is a service for state employees and their dependents and is part of the Department of Personnel. EAS provides assessments and referral services for all types of personal and job related problems. EAS highly recommends that employees use this confidential and free service for their benefit. To learn more go to <http://hr.dop.wa.gov/eas.html>.

On May 5, Sarah Maxwell from EAS presented two PowerPoint presentations: "Introduction to EAS Services" in the morning session and "Generations in the Workplace" in the afternoon. She provided useful handouts to follow along, and a folder with handouts for later reference.

On May 6, Tom Sweeny from EAS presented two Power Point presentations: "The Three C's, Change, Conflict, & Communication" in the morning session and "Living & Working in Difficult Times" in the afternoon session.

## Dedicated Professionals



CDAC members enjoy the sun in the courtyard at Fauntleroy Hall during the annual classified employee retreat. Pictured from left: (back row) Diane Heuman, Tram Bui, Sharon Norman, and Vince Partridge, (front row) Della Beebe and Marcia Mitchell.

On the first retreat day, President Jill Wakefield, Dr. Cheryl Roberts, Vice President of Instruction, and Kathy Vedvick, Program Services Director, presented plaques to CDAC members Vince Partridge, Tram Bui, and Marcia Mitchell in thanks for their two years of service and acknowledged and thanked other members, Della Beebe, Sharon Norman, and Diane Heuman, who will be on the committee next year. Dr. Wakefield encouraged classified staff to participate on the committee. Any classified staff interested in joining the CDAC team may contact any of the above members.

Courtesy of the Foundation and others, door prizes were drawn at the end of each day and lucky winners received the following: a free oil change from Automotive Technology, \$25 gift certificate for Café Alki and Alhadeff Grill, \$25 gift certificate for the Beauty Center, \$20 gift certificate for the Pastry Shop, \$25 gift certificate for the Garden Center, and Microsoft Office XP donated by Dr. Wakefield.

### Celebrating Diversity



Campus community members are treated to traditional Thai dance during the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Rainbow Festival, May 17-21.

### East Meets West Grilling Class

Continuing Education is offering the campus community a unique opportunity to see the combined talents of two of its instructors – Kris Dews, Sushi Chef, and Ross Johnson, Brockey Center Banquet Chef.

Join the two as they explore the endless variety of combining Asian and American ingredients, techniques and sauces for a one of a kind grilling experience – East Meets West Grilling.

Amaze your friends and relatives with your newly acquired skills. Students will learn everything from prepping the grill and choosing the right cuts of meat to marinades and saucing and of course, an East/West beer tasting will be included.

### Regional Artists at Art Gallery

The Art Gallery welcomes the works of two Northwest artists – sculptor James W. Washington, Jr. and photographer M. Allen Sykes. The exhibit will run through June 17, with a reception on Tuesday, June 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sculptor James W. Washington, Jr. is a nationally recognized artist. He migrated from Mississippi to Bremerton in 1944 as part of the migration of southern blacks seeking war industry work on the West Coast. His works are in several national collections including the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. and the Whitney Museum in New York City.

A video about the life and works of Washington, who passed away in 2000, will be shown at various times during the exhibition.

At the June 15 reception Reverend LaVerne Hall, Executive Director of the James W. Washington and Janie Rogella Washington Foundation, will give a presentation on Washington's life and work.

Living in the Seattle area since 1962, M. Allen Sykes is a nature and landscape photographer. His images have been collected during his hikes and travels both in America and abroad.

For more information, call Esther Ervin, Art Gallery Coordinator, at 764-5337. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The class will be held in the Brockey Center on Wednesday, June 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for \$49. Contact Continuing Education at 764-5339 or [southced@sccd.etc.edu](mailto:southced@sccd.etc.edu) to sign up for classes or for questions, or register online at <http://continuinged.southseattle.edu>.

# Transportation Tidbits



## Transportation Plan Benefits Many

Did you know the City of Seattle requires that all major institutions have a Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which is a part of the Commute Trip Reduction Law? The TMP seeks to reduce traffic and parking problems on and near the campus and offers incentives to achieve these goals. The following are some of the many benefits. Contact James Lewis, Safety and Security Manager, at 763-5157 to see if you are eligible.

### Go-Pass Gives Access to Transit

A Go-Pass is a transit pass created for the District that is accepted by Metro, Sound Transit, Sounder Train, as well as the Water Taxi. All you have to do is pay \$10 per quarter, paid through either a payroll deduction or the Cashiers Office. Employees who have a parking permit are automatically eligible to receive the pass, as its cost is part of parking fees.

### Shop with Commuter Bonus Plus Vouchers

Commuter Bonus Plus vouchers are distributed around mid-quarter and can be used to buy goods or services related to your commute, for example auto service, bicycle equipment, or walking shoes. If you meet the criteria (see following) for a carpooler, walker, or bicycle rider, you may use the vouchers, which amount to \$35, to purchase goods or services at many area retailers.

### Carpools Mean Money

Employees who work 50 percent or more of a fulltime schedule and carpool to campus receive discounted parking and may be eligible for

Commuter Bonus Plus Vouchers. You must register at the start of each quarter as a carpooler and carpool at least 3 days a week. If you choose to receive a Go-Pass, which is included in the cost of a parking permit, you are not eligible to also receive the vouchers.

### Walkers and Bike Riders

If you are an employee who works 50 percent or more of a full-time schedule and walk or bicycle to campus at least three days a week, you may also be eligible for the Commuter Bonus Plus Vouchers.

### Campus Shuttle

Campus community members also have a resource in the campus shuttle, a free service provided by the college and the District. The shuttle has disability access and convenient connections to Metro bus stops. For a detailed schedule of stops and times, pick up a flyer at the Information Desk in Registration or visit [www.southseattle.edu/campus/shuttle.htm](http://www.southseattle.edu/campus/shuttle.htm).

### Subsidize Your Ride

Transit subsidies are available for eligible employees who are not well served by a Go-Pass or a monthly bus pass and who do not purchase a campus parking permit. Eligible employees can receive up to \$58 a month for using the ferry service as a walk-on passenger or a transit system other than Metro or Sound Transit.

### Home Free Guarantee

The Home Free Guarantee benefit is available to employees participating in any of the above programs. The intent is to provide taxi service for employees who have taken the bus, carpooled, biked, or walked to work, but once at work find they have an emergency that was not reasonably foreseeable when they left home. Taxi service can be provided up to two times per quarter and up to 60 miles one way.