

THE SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Communiqué*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope all of you enjoyed your well-deserved break. Students are back on campus and as a community we are bustling with activity again. I spent most of last week in Albuquerque with Seattle Central's "Achieving the Dream" team. We had a productive and well-coordinated institute filled with good information and collaboration with our coaches and the other 85 colleges around the nation. In the next *Communiqué* I'll have more details on that meeting.

New Faculty Hires

It's nice to begin the New Year with good news. I have authorized the hiring of 13 full-time faculty positions for 2007. As you recall, last year was a time of budget cuts and sacrifice. It was a difficult time for all, and I am relieved that we were able to make cuts with the loss of only one half-time position. Thanks to our hard work last year, I am now able to redirect funding to instruction. Our goal is to fill these positions permanently in 2007. The state budget appears, at this time, to support this action. I will keep you informed.

College Council

I am pleased to announce the members of our 2007 College Council. This group (formerly the College Planning Council) exists to provide advice to the president and the President's Cabinet on matters that are of the highest importance to the college. They provide great value to the college, and I am grateful to have such a qualified group working on our behalf.

There are nine new members among the 2007 council. The composition of the College Council is designed to reflect all constituencies of Seattle Central; I am pleased with the broad representation of this council.

Members of the 2007 College Council:

Mark Ainsworth, (administrative) Science & Math
Ana Ambion, (classified) Continuing Education
Janet Barker, (administrative) Administrative Services
Carol Kallfelz, (administrative) Planning & Research
Lubna Mahadeen, (classified) Student Activity Center
Kelley McHenry, (faculty) Library
Bruce McKenna, (faculty) Humanities & Social Sciences
Michael O'Neill, (faculty) BITCA
Marlene Palazzo, (faculty) BITCA

Carole Schmidt, (classified) Science & Math
Milton Smith, (classified) Administrative Services
Yilin Sun, (faculty) Basic Studies
Jan West, (administrative) Health & Human Services
Audrey Wright, (administrative) Humanities/Social Sciences
Maryse Meye, student
Misha Zaitzevsky, student
Loris Blue, chair

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Faculty/staff happenings

Student Activity Center program coordinator, **Lubna Mahadeen**, was appointed by Mayor Greg Nickels, and confirmed by the Seattle City Council, as a commissioner to the Seattle Human Rights Commission (SHRC).

The mission of the SHRC is to "advocate for justice and equal opportunity, to advise the City of Seattle on human rights issues and to collaborate with public and private sectors in order to educate them on methods to prevent and eliminate discrimination city-wide." Visit <http://www.cityofseattle.net/humanrights> if you would like to learn more about the Seattle Human Rights Commission.

Lubna is also a certified mediator and provides service to the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) of King County. To contact Lubna with questions or feedback, call 587-6954.

Three of Seattle Central's interpreters received their National Certification from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Congratulations to **Marie Massena**—Certificate of Transliteration; **Wanda Willits**—Certificate of Transliteration; and **Shelley Monk**—Certificate of Interpretation.

On January 20, **Susan Casey** read her poetry at the Jack Straw Writers Program in the Beacon Hill Library. The reading also celebrated the launch of a podcast of her poetry.

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HIGHLIGHTS

**33rd annual
MLK Celebration**

**Fall enrollment
update from the
State Board**

**New education
transfer degree**



President's message continued

Legislative Update

I was in Olympia last week and continue to lobby our legislators for funding to support our faculty and to update our classrooms with new equipment. The State Board has requested a biennium freeze on tuition while they develop policy recommendations for tuition and financial aid. They asked for \$30 million to back-fill foregone tuition revenue during the course of their study based on a 5 percent tuition increase each year of the biennium. We are also working to increase part-time faculty salaries.

- For the 2007-09 biennium, the two-year colleges requested \$11.9 million to increase part-time faculty salaries. The governor proposed \$7.5 million.
- The two-year colleges requested \$7.5 million for increments for full- and part-time faculty for the 2007-09 biennium.
- The two-year colleges have requested \$200,000 to conduct a comprehensive salary study in order to develop long-term funding solutions, including funding targets and decision-making systems to achieve those targets.

As a District, we hosted a successful dinner event in Olympia on Jan. 21 with our trustees and six of our state legislators. It was a nice, informal evening with much meaningful discussion.

Seattle Central Foundation Scholarships

Thanks to the dedicated work of our Foundation office, we have about \$500,000 in scholarships to award to eligible students this year. Annie Norberg in our Foundation office is in charge of procuring those funds. Because of her hard work, we have more funding to offer our students this year than in any past years. Please encourage students to apply for one of these scholarships—the application deadline is April 13.

Sincerely,
Mildred W. Ollée, President
www.seattlecentral.edu/president

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Faculty/staff happenings continued

Susan will have a second reading on Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Edmonds Bookshop. Rose Alley Press will be including some of Susan's sonnets in an upcoming anthology.

Events

M. Rosetta Hunter Art Gallery

Studio Works 2007: Seattle Central's Fine Arts Program January 29–February 23

The students from the fine arts program once again demonstrate why Seattle Central is consistently on the vanguard of Seattle's art scene. Individually selected by faculty, emerging artists present an insightful collection of works in oil, watercolor and other paint media, drawing, print-making and 3-D that enrich, challenge, transform and inspire. The public is invited to a reception on Wednesday, January 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Women's Program Lecture Series Wednesdays, noon, BE 1110

January 31

Video Presentation—

“Standing On My Sister's Shoulders”

This powerful documentary reveals the civil rights movement through poignant interviews and powerful archival footage. “Standing on my Sister's Shoulders” weaves a story of commitment, passion and perseverance and tells the story of the women who fought for change in Mississippi and altered the course of American history.

February 7

Meri Tahset & Dorris Harris –

“Words of Power: A Tool of Transformation for Africana People”

Join an inspirational journey that will span from the scribes of ancient Kemet to the personal poetry and narrative in the lives of contemporary African-American writers. Doris L. Harris is an award winning poet and playwright based in Seattle. She is the recipient of the Essence Award.

• Iya Meri Tahset is an Orisha priestess in the
• Ifa tradition and creator of the Institute of
• Africana Cosmology in Seattle.

Faculty/staff changes

• **Tom Davis**, who has taught ESL at Seattle
• Central Institute of English for the past
• 16 years, has assumed the position of
• interim director of SCIE in January while
• the program advertises the assistant dean
• position. He replaces **Debbie Turner**, who
• is returning to teaching at SCIE. In her role
• as director, Debbie served International
• Education Programs for 12 years. The
• faculty, staff and students of IEP wish to
• express their gratitude to Debbie for her
• superb leadership in a period of great
• uncertainty and growth for international
• education.

• **Geoff Mathay** is the new district faculty
• development coordinator. Geoff started
• winter quarter and will serve through the
• 2007-2008 academic year. Geoff has been
• an instructor in American Sign Language.
• He has a depth of professional development
• experience, having served for several years
• as the coordinator of a state-wide consor-
• tium of American Sign Language for high
• school teachers. He provided leadership
• for Central's Assessment Matters Team and
• offered several workshops on creating digital
• video instructional materials and imple-
• menting assessment into the curriculum.
• Geoff can be reached at 587-4103.

• **Samuel Chesneau** is the new program
• coordinator in the Student Leadership
• Office. While a student at the University
• of Washington, Samuel was one of the
• co-founders of the Student Hip-Hop
• Organization of Washington (SHOW), a
• non-profit UW campus organization, and
• has been an active force in the hip hop com-
• munity as a music journalist and promoter.
• He has also worked at the Ethnic Cultural
• Center & Theater at the UW for two years
• and is currently a member of the Board of
• Directors of The VERA Project. Samuel can
• be reached at 587-6335 in SAC 350.

• **Ty Pethe** is the new office assistant in the
• Student Leadership Office. He replaces T.J.
• Elston. Ty previously worked at Shoreline
• Community College as a program develop-
• ment coordinator. He can be reached at
• SAC 350 and 587-6935.

• **T.J. Elston** has hung up his “posting
• authorization stamp” after being with the

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A Celebration in Words and Music



Gospel choir Royalty, directed by DaNell Daymon, were once again a highlight of the event based on the crowds thunderous applause.



Keynote presenter King County Executive Ron Sims spoke about past and current racial injustices. Sims led the initiative to rename the county in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1986, during his first term as a member of the King County Council.

THE SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGES 33RD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION once again inspired and informed last Friday, January 12. Mount Zion Baptist Church was crowded, despite inclement weather, and a wide variety of people and groups attended; civic leaders such as the Seattle City Council, Mayor Greg Nickels, and Chancellor Charles H. Mitchell, to 5th and 6th graders from Our Lady of the Lake School. Carmen Ainsworth served as emcee. Ainsworth is the anchor for KCPQ-TV channel 13 news and sister-in-law of interim Science and Mathematics dean Mark Ainsworth. Macy's sponsored the reception and photography exhibit on black, Latino and Asian settler and immigrant history as well as an exhibit on local black artists.



Tony Gable, former Seattle Central graphic design student and founder of the Gable Design Group, was applauded for his company's new logo created for Martin Luther King Junior County. According to King County Council Chair, Larry Phillips, "The image of Dr. King atop county letterhead, in county buildings and on county vehicles will serve as a daily reminder of the values he inspired in all of us as Americans: Freedom, equality, peace and opportunity."



Governor Christine Gregoire read from Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail." In April, 2005 Governor Gregoire signed Senate Bill 5332 into law, renaming King County as Martin Luther King Junior County.



Crowd favorites Phil and Felecia Leffall Curry performed for the first time with young son Tyrell on drums.

Faculty/staff changes continued

college over 10 years (two as a student prior to his almost nine years in the Student Leadership Division. He was popular for organizing and implementing “Java Wednesdays” every week, and as an advisor for The Triangle Club, the campus LGBTQ Student Organization (he was the president as a student during in ‘98-’99 school year.) He has taken his leadership skills to the prestigious law firm of Jackson Lewis in downtown Seattle.

Student news—please announce!

Class schedule on the web

The entire class schedule is available as a readable or printable PDF on the seattlecentral.edu. It is easily accessible on the home page by clicking on “Class Schedule” (on the left hand side of the screen) and then clicking on “Download Printable Schedule.”

New elementary education transfer degree

The Associate of Arts (Education Emphasis) college transfer degree has been replaced with the Associate of Arts in Elementary Education DTA/MRP college transfer degree. Seattle Central worked closely with other public and private colleges and universities in the state to develop this major-ready pathway program.

The program provides a more seamless pathway to enter elementary education programs in Washington state. The A.A in Elementary Education program incorporates specific courses and more tailored advising, and support for future teachers than the general college transfer degree.

Visit teachertrainingprogram.com for further information about this degree program or contact Lisa Saunders, Manager, Teacher Training/Education Programs 587-3895. Visit the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges website at: www.sbctc.ctc.edu/college/_e-transferteacherprep.aspx

New transfer degree workshops

The Advising/Transfer Center is pleased to offer new transfer degree workshops on Thursdays, winter quarter in room 1102A:

- February 8, 15 12–1 p.m.
- February 22 1–2 p.m.
- March 1, 8, 15 2–3 p.m.

These workshops will focus on both the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science transfer degrees and will help students

decide which degree is best for different majors. A few of the majors that will be discussed include education, business, nursing, and engineering. Other topics include how to navigate the Washington state universities and colleges’ web sites, the majors they offer and what courses students need to take at Seattle Central in order to be “major ready” before transferring.

Applications are available for students to attend the 17th Annual Students of Color Conference

“Diversity in Action: Openin’ Minds, Makin’ Changes!”
April 12–14, in Yakima.

For 16 years, Seattle Central students have been representing our institution at this conference, and gaining life-long learning experiences. Sponsored by the Washington State Multicultural Student Services Director’s Council, this annual conference brings together over 500 students leaders from throughout the state.

In addition to keynote speakers, this three-day conference includes workshops on identity development to strengthen students understanding of their own background and expand on their knowledge base and awareness of different racial, ethnic and cultural groups.

Please encourage students to apply! The deadline to submit an application is March 2. Applications are available in the Office of Multicultural Initiatives, Room 1103 (near stairwell up to the 3rd floor from the cafeteria), or Student Leadership SAC 350 (above the bookstore).

Contact Tina Young at 587-4085 or tyoung@sccd.ctc.edu for information.

Fall update from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

How do fall 2006 enrollments look at two-year colleges?

- Fall enrollments are more than 2 percent higher than last year.
- Annual enrollments are projected to be 3,000 FTES higher than last year.
- Projected enrollments will exceed the CTC budgeted level by more than 1,000 FTES.
- Much of this year’s growth is occurring in workforce and basic skills programs.
- Basic skills enrollment increased by 12 percent over last fall, continuing last year’s growth trend.
- Enrollments in workforce programs rose for the third year in a row, despite serving fewer Worker Retraining students, whose

numbers continue to drop since the peak of the recession in 2003.

- Programs that combine basic skills and workforce programs (I-BEST), which are educating the state’s least skilled workers, account for nearly half of the increase in workforce enrollments.
- Population and economic trends show strong workforce enrollments continuing as employees routinely upgrade their skills.
- The Running Start program increased by 4 percent over last fall.
- Transfer programs remain steady—consistent with a stable 18- and 19-year-old population.

Parking garage precautions

The parking garage located at 1609 Harvard Avenue has had several reports of a car prowling and theft. Campus Security along with the Transportation Department, have increased patrols. The following are recommendations that can reduce your risk of being a victim of a car prowl or theft:

- Don’t leave valuables in plain sight. Items should be removed or placed in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Clean out your vehicle. Remove clutter and trash. A neat car is less attractive to a car prowler.
- Install a car alarm, an anti-theft device or electronic disabling device.
- Always roll up the windows and lock your doors.

If you see someone that looks suspicious, notify the parking attendant or call Campus Security at 587-5442.

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