

# THE SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Communiqué

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Greetings everyone,*

**I**T IS ALREADY THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, which means the first day of spring is less than a month away. Perhaps we can look to normal weather for the rest of the year.

We have been engaged in the Achieving the Dream initiative on our campus for months which focuses our attention on attainment, achievement, persistence and success of our students. When we think about these factors in the larger context, it is really about access to its fullest extent.

Last week, I attended a national conference of the American Council on Education and was struck with the realization that the focus of this conference was about the same topic. It was titled "The Access Imperative." The conversations and presentations at this conference were again about student attainment and achievement as a national concern. We discussed the fact that real access includes persistence, retention, and completion of the educational goals of students. The future of our workforce depends upon the ability of institutions of higher education to provide an educated citizenry and workforce. In this global economy, future jobs will require at least one year of education and certification beyond high school. Accordingly, we had discussions about how to increase the number of persons acquiring baccalaureate degrees. I have returned with renewed energy and excitement about our part of this national goal.

Being part of Achieving the Dream means that we will collect data to examine, analyze and to identify tactics and strategies that will further increase the persistence, retention, transition and completion rate of all students, especially low income, students of color and first-generation. These groups of students are the population that the community colleges have been designed to serve and they are the ones that have the greatest barriers to higher education. We know from our experience at SCCC that when we improve access and success for one category of students, we improve it for all students.

On March 9th, a college-wide Achieving the Dream forum will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 1110. The implementation proposal which will cover the tactics and strategies of our plan will be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>. We *are* making a difference in the lives of our students and will

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**Foundation  
Spring Dinner**

**IT events**

**Achieving  
the Dream  
college-wide  
forum**

### Faculty/staff changes

The Admissions Office welcomes Michele Goodlow as a full-time office assistant. Michele received her AAS Degree from Seattle Central in Business Information Technology. She started as a work-study student in admissions in 2005. In addition to other responsibilities, Michele is responsible for the scanning, indexing and verification on all new and returning students to the college. She can be reached at 587-5466.

### Faculty/staff happenings

#### College Goal Sunday update

*Submitted by Joan Ray*

The first College Goal Sunday in Washington was a success. More than 800 participants visited one of the five sites in Washington. Seattle Central had more than 200 participants on campus, Jan. 28, to complete the FAFSA application for next fall. Most of the participants were high school seniors with their parents. The event started at 2 p.m. By 4 p.m. the

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participants left with a completed FAFSA. We distributed about 35 door prizes and a \$200 scholarship.

Special thanks goes to the financial aid staff, **Adrien Burrage** from the security office, **Harriet Wasserman**, **Larry Fenton** and **Thomas Gilbert** who provided internet access and printing to all our guests and **Olivia Blake** for staffing the table and being available to translate in Spanish. Also, **Erin Barzen** for being available with career and scholarship information, the Disability Support Services office for providing an ASL interpreter, and the student volunteers from student leadership who greeted and helped guide participants through the building.

We rounded out our great team of approximately 40 volunteers with staff from financial aid offices that included North, South, Cascadia, Highline, Green River, Seattle University, Seattle Pacific University and the University of Washington. We also had volunteers from Seattle Public Schools, Cassie Foundation, the National Education Loan Association (NELA), College Success Foundation, Digipen, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Kaplan.

**student news**

**2006-07 Nepage Scholarship**

The Ida L., Mary L. And Ervin R Nepage Foundation is established by the Ervin R. Nepage Trust and is administered by the Trust Division of U.S. Bank of Washington.

Applicants must:

1. Be enrolled in nursing, library science, or social sciences (including early childhood education)
2. Be enrolled full-time (12 credits)
3. Have completed at least one quarter of study in the above listed fields of study at Seattle Central in order to apply for a scholarship.

The names of two instructors must be submitted for references. The amount of the scholarship awards that are granted will vary. A student that is granted a scholarship may also apply the following year.

Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid office (BE1101) by March 16. Applications are available at the financial aid office, the health & human services division (BE 3210), and the humanities/

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continue to do so. I encourage you to attend and share your ideas for Achieving the Dream at Seattle Central.

**The Community's Table: Setting a Place for Possibility**

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual benefit dinner will be held Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in our Atrium. This dinner, formerly known as the Harvest Dinner, has been transformed into a new spring event with a new name. Proceeds from this event support our Foundation's scholarship fund as well as the Seattle Culinary Academy, tutoring for students and childcare programs.

I want to especially thank our major donors for this event, including Boeing, Evergreen Bank and Washington Mutual. Our Foundation Board of Directors is working hard on the logistics of this event, along with our Foundation staff and a host of volunteers.

As always, the event features a gourmet, four-course meal prepared by the talented chefs from our own Seattle Culinary Academy. This year we are not holding an auction but have added an exciting raffle and a dessert dash to the evening. The event sells out each year, but there are still a few tickets left. If you would like to purchase a ticket for the dinner, please contact the Foundation office.

Sincerely,

*Mildred W. Ollée*, President  
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social sciences division (BE 4128).

**Class schedule on the web**

The entire class schedule is available as a readable or printable PDF at 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."

**Corridors Literary Journal**

Call for submissions of poetry, short stories, photography, drawings, paintings, and literary non-fiction.

To submit material, email documents and art files as attachments (Word files, jpg for art, etc.) to docole@scdd.ctc.edu. Hard copies may be submitted to Douglas Cole, Room 4141, or the humanities office, 4128 c/o Douglas Cole.

Deadline for submissions is March 15 and the publication date is May 10.

**Special help for students completing Seattle Central Foundation scholarship applications**

Free workshops will be led by Annie Norberg from the Seattle Central Foundation, Erin Barzen from the Career Services Center, and a financial aid representative. Topics covered: How to

apply, how to write the personal statement, deadlines and requirements.

Workshops held in BE 1102:

Tuesday, February 27: 5-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6: 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4: 1-2 p.m.

**Events**

**M. Rosetta Hunter Art Gallery**

**Image Makers XIV: Seattle Central's Commercial Photography Program February 26 - March 21**

The eagerly awaited 14th annual exhibition by Seattle Central's Commercial Photography Program, Image Makers XIV promises to be as exceptional as its predecessors. The program is renowned for its rigorous training in technique and proficiency as well as for its cutting-edge imagery and dedication to the art of photography.

**Women's Program Lecture Series**

Wednesdays, noon, BE 1110

February 28

**Eileen Corcoran – "The Real Story of Prostitution"**

As a recovering heroin addict and a survivor of street prostitution, Eileen Corcoran uses her experience to lead her own nonprofit organization called Rising

# Seattle Central gets IT!



*All IT roads led to Seattle Central the week of Feb. 5 as our college hosted two important IT-related events.*

**T**HE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION, comprised of IT directors from all the Washington community colleges, met at Seattle Central Feb. 8 and 9. This was the first time the ITC visited Seattle Central for its quarterly meeting. Harriet Wasserman coordinated the event, with help from Maria Ales. Meeting topics included rehosting of administrative applications, security training for both technical and non-technical staff members, upcoming VOIP (“Internet phone”) applications, and business continuity planning. The meeting included a webcast from the East Coast and several break-out sessions. President Mildred W. Ollée gave opening remarks, and the group enjoyed gourmet lunches with amazing desserts by the staff and students of the Seattle Culinary Academy.

It takes a large team to host such a large event. Cheryl Tanner handled finances and registration, Larry Fenton and Trevor Rain-water served as a tech support team. Also, the ASL/ITP programs graciously allowed the group to use their nearby classroom and Student Leadership helped improve room BE1110.

## **Microsoft Office 2007 and Windows Vista Tech Briefing**

An overflow crowd of 50 faculty attended a one-day event sponsored by Course Technology and Microsoft on Friday, Feb. 9. They were one of the first groups able to access Vista and Office 2007. Both Vista and Office 2007 will feature entirely redesigned user interfaces. Also, attendees got the inside track on Thomson Course Technology’s Office 2007 courseware, including SAM 2007.

Michael Taylor arranged the event with Microsoft and Course Technology. Michael Pham, Milton Smith, John McMahon handled logistics for both meetings. Joseph Wong provided staff lab support, ensuring all the participants had working computers. Faculty Marlene Palazzo, Rob Natoli and Yun Moh were excellent hosts — simultaneously participating in the training while taking care of our guests.

The sessions were presented by Corinne Hoisington, Central Virginia Community College instructor, and 2004 recipient of the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional in Computer Programming.



*Right to left—Sherry Hemphill of Wenatchee Valley Community College, briefing presenter Corinne Hoisington, and Seattle Central faculty member Marlene Palazzo.*



*Presenter, Dr. Wai-Fong Lee, is Seattle Central’s IT Commission representative.*

Events continued

Above Sexual Exploitation. In this presentation, Eileen will discuss the harmful effects that street prostitution has on women and the community as a whole.

March 7

Lexie Evans & Morgan Ahern – “Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony”

Hear the unique voices and stories of these two important women in American history.

*The Community’s Table:  
Setting a Place for Possibility*

**Our new spring transformation of the Harvest Dinner**

Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m.

Seattle Central Atrium

Students who have achieved career and educational success thanks to support provided by generous donors will be the focus of the Seattle Central Community College Foundation’s 14th annual benefit dinner.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring Northwest wines and fresh, farm-to-table fare created by students in the college’s Seattle Culinary Academy. A four-course dinner featuring halibut with sorrel, artichoke and gruyere puff pastry, Quillisascut goat cheese-nettle ravioli and red pepper sabayon will be served at 7 p.m.

“In keeping with the season, this re-imagining of our popular Harvest Dinner features a theme of transformation and renewal,” said Megan Bowman, Initiative for Global Development and Foundation Board VP of Events Marketing. “Lifelong learning, retraining and the opportunity to work within a thriving and diverse community transforms the students who attend Seattle Central. Each then goes out into the community and continues the cycle, planting seeds of hope for future students through their success and contributions to society.”

Proceeds from The Community’s Table will support the Seattle Central Foundation scholarship fund, campus-wide tutoring, childcare assistance and instructional areas. This year, the Seattle Central Foundation will award some \$500,000 in scholarships to current and future Seattle Central students.



*College-wide Forum*

Friday, March 9, 1 - 3 p.m., Seattle Central, BE 1110

Please join us at this important campus-wide event!

The Achieving the Dream Core Team and Data Team

will be on hand to present tactics and solicit additional strategies from the campus community prior to submitting the implementation proposal.

The three goals the implementation proposal will be based on are:

- 1. Increase the number of students who successfully complete developmental English and math classes and transition to college credit-bearing courses.
- 2. Increase the number of students re-enrolling from one academic term to the next.
- 3. Increase enrollment and successful completion of gatekeeper courses.

Please visit <http://seattlecentral.edu/achievethe dream> for more information about Achieving the Dream. For more information about the upcoming college-wide forum, please contact Bea Kiyohara.

A new website is available to stay up to date with the Achieving the Dream initiative. Be sure to bookmark <http://www.seattlecentral.org/achievethe dream>. You can also access the site from Seattle Central’s home page under “Courses & Programs.” This new website is a resource to learn more information about the initiative underway at Seattle Central; it contains information about the grant, the core and data teams, and college personnel can access research reports as they are published. There are currently six research reports available via the website. If you have any questions about the initiative, please email [achievethe dream@sccd.ctc.edu](mailto:achievethe dream@sccd.ctc.edu).

The Foundation’s goal is to raise \$125,000 with this event, which includes:

- Dessert Dash: Lavish confections created by students in the Seattle Culinary Academy will be on display to encourage top bidding. Tables will then select desserts, in order, based on the highest to lowest table bid amount.
- Raffle: Tickets are four for \$100 or a single ticket for \$25 and are available for pre-sale in the Foundation Office and during the reception and dinner. Raffle winners need not be present to win and all are welcome to join in the fun.

Dinner is \$150 per person. Table, corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities range from \$1,500 to \$10,000, with various levels of recognition and preferred seating. Major sponsors include SAFECO, The Boeing Company, Evergreen Bank and Washington Mutual.

For tickets or to volunteer to help at the event, contact Alison Gooding at (206) 587-5491, or stop by the Foundation office.

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