

THE SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Communiqué

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone,

THE MONTH OF MAY is one of the busiest months of the academic year. This week we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo, followed in the coming weeks by our fabulous Portfolio Shows and finally, graduation on June 16. The energy and excitement generated by our students is one of the joys of working in a college environment. I hope you will pause long enough to savor this time.

Emergency Planning

Last week, a steering committee comprised of Dr. John McMahon, Dan Vicente and Laura Mansfield recommended to the Executive Cabinet a proposal that Seattle Central hire a consultant to help put together a comprehensive emergency response plan for our college. We are studying whether it makes sense to employ a consultant together with the other colleges in our district. I will keep you posted.

Seattle Central in the *New York Times*

If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out the nice article on Seattle Central that was featured in the "Education Life" supplement of the April 22 *New York Times*. The link to that article is on the front page of our website. We were included in a roundup of 10 excellent community colleges from all across the nation. Our inclusion in the story speaks to your dedication and commitment to creating opportunities for the citizens of our community. It also speaks to our dedication to excellence.

Legislative News

The legislative session is over, and the final budget is generally favorable towards education, with a great deal of funding going towards personnel. Highlights include:

- **Tuition** The State Board is authorized to increase tuition by up to 2 percent per year next biennium. In addition, state funds equivalent to annual 1 percent increases are provided.
- **Compensation** The budget includes:
\$7.5 million for faculty salary increments.
\$11.25 million for part-time faculty salary improvement.
- **Opportunity Grants** are funded at \$15 million.
- **Equipment** is funded at \$2 million
- **Capital projects** We also received funding for three capital projects. They are:
\$18.3 million for the Edison North renovation
Our first allocation of approximately \$2.5 million of the \$26.2 million Wood Construction project.
We also received the construction funds for the SMA bulkhead replacement project.

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Faculty/staff happenings

Humanities & Social Sciences faculty **Peter Knutson** has been re-elected to a fourth term on the Puget Sound Salmon Commission by Puget Sound commercial salmon fishermen. The Salmon Commission, organized under the Washington State Department of Agriculture, is charged with promoting sustainable harvesting practices and the direct marketing of the state's salmon. It's website is www.soundcatch.org.

Photography instructor **Tomas's** image brought in the second highest dollar amount of the photographic prints auctioned off at the annual Youth In Focus Photographic Auction. All photos can be seen at http://www.youthinfocus.org/auction_preview2007.

html. Also Tomas was invited to be a floating reviewer at the biannual portfolio review called PhotoLucida. This event takes place in Portland, Ore., where national and international photographers, curators, gallery managers, editors and publishers assemble to review photographers work.

Student & alumni news

Julian Duron, the first graduate of the newly formed Fine and Performing Arts Program, received a talent scholarship from New York City's Parsons New School of Design, one of the most coveted and selective art schools in the nation. Parsons has awarded Julian a \$28,000 per year talent scholarship.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Holocaust Symposium
- Retirees Reception
- New tenured faculty



The Seattle Culinary Academy

The Seattle Culinary Academy won the 2007 Idaho Potato Commission Leadership Initiative Award for Excellence in Foodservice Education, a national competition.

Their entry focused on the innovative summer curricula highlighting sustainable farming education in the Skagit Valley. The award criteria were "an individual or program from a postsecondary institution that exhibits innovation/initiatives and proven results in culinary/baking/pastry education." The Culinary program was awarded \$1,000 plus \$500 towards travel and a complimentary registration to the Cafe Leadership Conference; "Today's Issues, Tomorrow's Classroom" June 22-24 at the Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Events

Night Vision: Seattle Central's Community Education Faculty and Student Showcase

May 1 to 24

The community education program at Seattle Central presents its annual showcase of student and faculty work. The exhibition, which features such diverse media as painting, photography, sculpture and digital imaging, attests to the wealth of talent of both our community education faculty and those who develop under their tutelage.

Seattle Central Business Cards

Final deadline for orders is May 25!

Business cards for Seattle Central employees are available through Rachel Seeley in the Public Information Office. The cost for 250 cards is \$40. Plan ahead as the production process can take up to a month. Cards are printed by the Publishing Arts program. Send your information and order via e-mail and include your budget number for billing purposes. For more information, call 587-5488 or e-mail rseeley@sccd.ctc.edu.

You're invited!

Everyone is invited to attend this year's Retirees and Service Award Reception on Thursday, May 17 at 2 p.m. in the One World Dining Room. This annual event recognizes the outstanding service provided by our college community. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling 587-5417. RSVP deadline is May 9.

President's message continued

The State Board must approve and develop policies for allocation of the budget. It will be distributed to the District. I will be sending out an email detailing the specifics of the Seattle Central budget.

Dental Hygiene Accreditation Visit

Our dental hygiene program has just completed a successful two-day accreditation visit. I want to complement our faculty on their hard work and preparation for the visit. Their written report was excellent; we are waiting for a written response. The evaluators complimented the dedication and hard work that has been accomplished in implementing the program over the last three years. Our first dental hygiene class graduates this spring. We started out with 18 students and have 17 who will graduate. This is a remarkable achievement for these dedicated students and their talented instructors. Congratulations to all those who helped build our dental hygiene program.

PBS Story on Community Colleges

PBS aired a story last week entitled "Discounted Dreams, High Hopes & Harsh Realities at America's Community Colleges," which takes a hard look at the successes and challenges in the community college system today. I have not yet seen the story, but our State Board is already ordering DVDs which will be made available to us. The story has elicited strong reactions, both positive and negative. You can find more information on this story at www.pbs.org.

Service/Retiree Celebration

Our annual ceremony where we honor persons for their years of service or those who are retiring, will be held Thursday, May 17 at 2 p.m. The celebration is one of the highlights of the year for me. We will recognize those having 5 to 45 + years of service with Seattle Central. We enjoy wonderful food from our Culinary Academy and a good time is always had by all. Please make plans to help us recognize these outstanding employees.

Sincerely,

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

Come bid a fond farewell to this year's retirees:

Kenny Hill 10 years
Carol Cellman-Roach 13 years
Minnie Collins 19 years
David Munch 19 years
Connie Aragon 24 years
Marti Verkuilen 27 years
Annie Galarosa 32 years
Cynthia Imanaka 35 years

Years of service award recipients

45 years

Leslie Jewett Douglas
Marlene Palazzo

40 years

Maralyn G. Thomas-Schier

30 years

Kristine K. Kawakami
Donald W. Khile
John W. Swishhelm
Rebecca Tesdell

25 years

Rochelle Dela Cruz
Robert C. Groeschell
Marvin T. Herard
Carlos Alberto Hernandez

Crystina Mai Mostad

Jean M. Nishi
Harriet M. Wasserman
Beverley L. West

20 years

James E. Alexander
Tessie Cabasco-Cebrian
Edward Ciok
Lexie M. Evans
Charles Jeffreys Jr.
Anita Lafranchi
Pamela McElmeel
Michael Vu-Hoang Pham
Jeffrey A. Rash
Ronald Tanzi
Henry Williams Jr.
Christine B. Young

15 years

Carla J. Benoit
Rebecca Boon
Cheryl Y. Braxton
Richard C. Burton
Diana T. Dillard
Jacqueline George
William F. Hill
Bryan J. Johns

The Magnificent Seven

Congratulations to the following instructors who have been awarded tenure.

Annejeannette, Marie Serba (Aj) Surgical Technology Program/
Director/Health and Human
Services

Aj was employed for eight years as a certified surgical technologist. Her specialties include neurological surgery, ear, nose, and throat, sports medicine, orthopedics and lead surgical technologist. Aj served as a preceptor for surgical technology students doing their clinical internships.



Ann Levine, Basic Studies

Since 1995 when Ann began at Seattle Central, she has

taught ESL at Seattle Central, SVI's nursing assistant program, Asian counseling and referral service and Seattle Public Schools and conducted ESL teacher training workshops.



Cyndi Brown, Interpreter Training Program/ Health
and Human Services

Cyndi came to Seattle Central in 2001 to teach American Sign Language and was the interpreter training program internship coordinator for three years. Cyndi has been associated with American Sign Language, interpreting and the Deaf community for the past 30 years.



Dr. Kate Wolfe, Humanities and Social Sciences

Kate has been teaching psychology at Seattle Central since 2005. Previously as a researcher she worked at UCLA, the University of Houston and the University of Washington. She serves on the Assessment Matters Committee.



Rebecca Hartzler, Science & Mathematics

Rebecca has been a physics instructor for 21 years and has added teaching engineering to her repertoire.

Hartzler co-wrote a scholarship grant from the National Science Foundation which will award \$5,000/year scholarships to 20 students majoring in science, mathematics and engineering for the next four years.



Scott Samuel, Seattle Culinary Academy

Formerly the Sous Chef at The Herbfarm, and now working as

Chef Instructor for Fine Dining, Scott been in the restaurant industry for over 20 years. Scott has taught cooking classes in the Seattle area for the past 10 years and focuses on creating seasonal menus that are simple but elegant.



Denise Vaughn, Basic Studies

Denise has been refugee / Work First program coordinator; her committee work includes curriculum review, ESL Week and MLK planning committee. She has led workshops at WAESOL, the WA Association for the Education of Speakers of Other Languages, and has presented with her colleagues at the Continuums of Service conference last year.



Holocaust Survivors to Lead Symposium at Seattle Central

Broadway Performance Hall

Thursday, May 10

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The entire campus community and the public are invited to hear two Holocaust survivors and the daughter of a major resistor share their stories. "Opportunities for students to interact with persons associated with of the Holocaust are becoming extremely limited," says Nada Oakley, a member of Central's English faculty and co-organizer of the event along with history professor Tracy Lai. "It is imperative that we hear their voices and learn the lessons they share."

Tina Young, director of multicultural activities, is coordinating the event. On-campus sponsors include Seattle Central Foundation, Global Education Design Team, Service-Learning/Cooperative Education, Women's Programs, Multicultural Initiatives, Student Leadership, Public Information Office, Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center, and other college offices and community individuals.

Featured speakers for the day are:

10 - 11:15 a.m.

Manli Ho is the daughter of the late Dr. Feng Shan Ho, who as Chinese Consul General in Vienna from 1938-40, issued exit visas to thousands of Jewish families so that they could leave Austria.

11:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Peter Metzelaar was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1935. The Nazis seized his entire family, except for Peter and his mother, in 1942. Peter's mother then contacted the Dutch Underground. Through the Underground, Klaas and Roefina Post took Peter and his mother to live on their small farm in northern Holland, putting their own lives at risk.

1 - 3 p.m.

Pierre Sauvage is a child survivor of the Holocaust and best known for his 1989 feature documentary "Weapons of the Spirit," which tells the story of a mountain community in France that defied the Nazis and saved five thousand Jews, including Sauvage and his parents. Sauvage did not learn that he and his family were Jewish and survived the Holocaust until he was 18 years old. Upcoming speakers include: **Stephen Adler** (May 15). As a child, Adler was evacuated from Germany on a kindertransport while the British government interned his parents.

Leo Hymas (May 29) at the age of 19, Hymas was part of the American military team that liberated the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in 1945.

For more information about the symposium contact Tina Young at 587-4085.

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Frank T. Mestemacher
Yun-Jong Moh
Migdalia Souffront
Blakeslee Teach
Teshaye Terefe
Jeannette C. Tiffany

Danielle R. Tilley
Patrick A. Vanzo
5 years
Halima Adem
Mark H. Ainsworth
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Vera Brankovan
Kathryn J. Calhoun
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