

THE SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Communiqué

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone,

AS ALWAYS, **THE QUARTER IS FLYING BY.** It is nearly February; soon students and faculty will be looking forward to mid-quarter activities. I hope you are having a productive and fulfilling quarter.

STEM Programs

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics students. Seattle Central is involved in several initiatives designed to increase the numbers of underrepresented groups in these fields. We have had success in this area: More than one-half of our STEM students are women; one-third are first-generation college students. More than one-third are of color. Two-

thirds attend full-time and more than two-thirds of our students enroll with the intent to transfer to a baccalaureate institution.

Our local industry and the global economy calls for increased numbers of individuals who are educated in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We are attempting to meet the need through a number of projects and programs.

- Seattle Central has a five-year, \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund student scholarships in areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. These two-year scholarships were granted to 20 low-income students for 2006-2007.
- The Research Experience for Community College Students (RECCS) is collaboration between the Science and Mathematics Division at Seattle Central and the University of Washington Engineered Biomaterial (UWEB) research group. After receiving the \$3,000 scholarship, students spend 10 weeks working on essential research in different areas of bioengineering and biomaterials and interact with peer scientists from across the nation. Supervising faculty at Seattle Central include Esmael Naeemi (chemistry), Doug Wick (chemistry), Wendy Rockhill (biology) and Mark Ainsworth (biotechnology).

I also want to recognize Rebecca Hartzler, interim dean of science and mathematics, for her leadership and passion for exposing students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Best Wishes to Bea Kiyohara

This is Bea Kiyohara's last week at Seattle Central. After a long career of service to the community, students and to the college, Bea has decided to retire from Seattle Central and transition into another phase. Bea has been such an integral part of the life of Seattle Central; it's difficult to think of her not being around. Bea is a person who is respected by her student services colleagues in the

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Student Services reorganization underway

A synopsis of a retreat held Nov. 19 to discuss a reorganization of Student Services was released last week by Dr. Carin Weiss, District vice-chancellor. The newsletter summarizes the discussion from the retreat, the process and a timeline. Weiss also facilitated the one-day retreat.

During the retreat, faculty, staff and administrators gathered to develop criteria to be used in an organizational review and to explore

alternative organizational designs. Participants were asked to describe things that were "working well," and opportunities for improvement.

Becoming a stronger student focused organization, improving communication and building a stronger organizational framework were the top themes identified by the participants.

A follow-up session will be held to determine next steps. After soliciting input from the college community, the leadership team will develop recommendations to be sent to President Ollée.



HIGHLIGHTS

Foundation scholarships

Bea Kiyohara to retire

SVI wins the Golden Apple Award

Faculty/staff changes

Shawn Lindstrom is the new face in the Campus Services office. She is new office assistant, and the primary contact for work orders and other service requests. Also, she is the wife of facility operations maintenance specialist **Paul Lindstrom**. She can be found in BE 1112 and at 587-3823.

Kathleen Weed is the new administrative assistant in the business office. She will be working with George Gary, vice president for administrative services, and the business office. She comes to Seattle Central after previously working in Iraq as a civil society specialist as part of the Research Triangle Institute based in Durham, N.C. For the past year, she has worked with Iraqi women in Diyala University in Baqubah, Iraq. Kathleen originates from the other Washington — Washington, D.C. She can be reached in the business office at 344-4352.

Events

M. Rosetta Hunter Art Gallery

“Yes We Are, Yes We Can, Yes We Will”

Jan. 15–Feb. 7

Artists’ Reception

Wednesday, January 23, 5–8 p.m.

Five black artists have come together to present an exhibit of photographic images, sounds and spoken word that they hope may serve as a tap on the shoulder of the black community. They have all asked themselves the question of how they feel about what’s happening in their communities. Artists Loti-Zorn Taylor, Jamila Conley, Chloe Collyer and Soulchilde Bluesun have come up with the answers through art.

Craft Fair on campus

Feb. 6 & 7, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Shop on the first floor of the main campus for crafts and gifts — proceeds go to Mano a Mano, Seattle Central’s Latino scholarship club. If you are interested in renting a table as a vendor, contact Mano a Mano advisor Olivia Blake at 587-3851 or at oblake@sccd.ctc.edu.

Refugee & Immigrant Legislative Day Monday, Feb. 11

The second annual Refugee and Immigrant Legislative Day in Olympia will include a rally and speeches by refugee and immigrant community leaders,

President’s message continued

state and district as well as faculty and staff of Seattle Central. She is a champion of students and their right to a holistic, quality education. Bea is the one who established the transfer center at the college with a small grant. She computerized the testing operations (even after I said we would never get the money to do it). She established comprehensive support services for Running Start students, which now includes 400 students. Personally, I will miss Bea’s contributions to our meetings. She is the “clarifier,” the one who tells the truth and brings perspective to issues. No matter where she goes—and I know she won’t rest on her laurels—she will approach her next chapter with passion, dedication, and commitment. We have been fortunate to have had her here at part of our community.

Welcome, Dr. Cherisa Yarkin

I am pleased to announce that Cherisa Yarkin, Ph.D from the University of California-Berkeley will join Seattle Central as the Executive Director for Strategic Initiatives and Institutional Research. She will direct assessment activities as well as our Achieving the Dream program and Title III. Cherisa holds a bachelor’s degree in the political economy of natural resources from UC-Berkeley. She also earned her master’s and doctoral degrees in economics from UC-Berkeley. Her first day at Seattle Central is March 1.

Congratulations, SVI

The Seattle Vocational Institute is a recipient of a Golden Apple Award for its Bright Futures program. The award is given by KCTS-TV to recognize individuals and programs that are making a positive difference in Washington state education.

The Bright Future program allows high school students to earn a high school diploma while they earn a certificate of completion in one of SVI’s professional technical programs. This is a wonderful program which provides intense support and counseling; it opens the door for many students who might not otherwise complete high school and go on to college. The awards ceremony is April 18.

Sincerely,

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

legislative visits with state government officials and/or tour of state capitol.

Issues of the day include: Adult English language classes, public education for refugee and immigrant English language learners, economic self-sufficiency for refugees and immigrants, job training programs such as LEP Pathways, and alternative WASL structures.

Seattle Central will need a minimum of 50 people to sign-up in order to have a bus scheduled to take people to Olympia. Buses are scheduled to leave campus at 9 a.m. Interested staff, faculty and students need to add their name to the sign-up sheet in Andrea Samuels (program coordinator in Basic Studies) office, BE3122.

Colleen McElroy on campus Wednesday, Feb. 20

Poet and folklorist Colleen J. McElroy will be on campus Feb. 20 for a number of events. She has received the American Book Award, two Fulbright Fellowships

and is known for her distinguished career as poet, travel writer, and researcher. In addition, she was one of the original teacher trainers in the University of Washington’s Triple T program (Teachers Training Teachers).

Her visit is sponsored jointly by GEDT, Office of Multicultural Initiatives, Office of Professional Development, Student Leadership, and Women’s Programs. Her appearance is the inaugural event under the GEDT theme of “Spaces of Identity/Global Dimensions.” The reading and lecture are open to the public. BE1110. Reading and Q & A, 11a.m. - noon Women’s Series Lecture, noon - 1 p.m. Storytelling in the Classroom (Faculty Development Workshop) 2:30 - 4 p.m. Faculty members interested in participating in the afternoon workshop should register by contacting Michael Faucette at mfacette@sccd.ctc.edu.

Bea Kiyohara retires after 26 years of service

SEATTLE CENTRAL'S BEA KIYOHARA RETIRES ON **FEBRUARY 10TH** after 26 years of dedicated service to the college. She began as a college counselor in 1982, and is currently vice president of student development services.

"Bea's legacy is best reflected in the lives of thousands of students to whom she has been a mentor and advocate for over 20 years," said Dr. Mildred Ollée, President. "She developed programs that have greatly enhanced our ability to provide critical support to our students. While Bea's departure leaves a void in our college family, I know she will continue to serve through her work in the Asian community and her many other interests."

Most recently, Bea has chaired the Core Team for Achieving the Dream, a national initiative to improve the success of community college students, particularly those in groups who have been underserved in higher education.

Dr. Ron Hamberg, vice president of instruction, added, "Bea has had a profound impact on this institution and within the community. Bea's skillful leadership and unwavering dedication has impacted many college programs and



initiatives that have proved to be of tremendous value to our students—from managing multicultural initiatives to overseeing the Running Start program to implementing curriculum in Women's Programs, to name just a few."

In addition to her many contributions to Seattle Central, Kiyohara has been a generous and active community leader. She is widely known for co-founding and for 15 years acting as artistic director of the Northwest Asian American Theatre, where she continues to serve as a board member.

She has chaired the King County Arts Commission and the Seattle Coalition for Educational Equity Committee, served on the Seattle Arts Commission, sat on the Mayor's Education Levy Oversight committee, the board of the International District Preservation Development Authority, served as vice president of the board for the Kawabe Memorial House and as president of the First Hill Lions Club.

Kiyohara has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including: Women in Communications Woman of Achievement Award, Asian American Women's Coalition's Woman Warrior Award, City of Seattle's First Citizen Award, Washington State Governor's Arts Award, the Asian American Business Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, and



"I am truly amazed how the people I've worked with at Seattle Central have been so dedicated—everyone believes in the mission. Students and teaching have always been the priority. I've been especially fortunate to hire extraordinary people who do their job well and they have made a difference in the college and in the students who they have touched. I'll always remember that."

BEA KIYOHARA

International Examiner's 1999 Asian Pacific American Community Voice Award.

Gary Iwamoto, long time *International Examiner* board member, stated, "Bea was chosen for the our Community Voice Award for her life-long commitment to Asian American community theater, her life's work as an educator in higher education, and her continued volunteer activities with community based organizations that serve to make the community a better place to live."

In 2004, Bea was honored with the Asian American Pioneer Award by *Northwest Asian Weekly*.

"As a pioneer, she has not only changed history, but is a role model for other women to do the impossible," said publisher Assunta Ng. "What she has accomplished is incredible and speaks more about her courage, commitment and passion to change the stereotypes of Asian Americans and share the real stories of our community."



FROM CAMPUS SECURITY

Harvard parking garage WARNING!

We have had several reports of a car prowler targeting the parking garage located at 1609 Harvard Ave. Campus Security along with the Transportation Department, have increased patrols and are identifying vehicles that may be at risk.

The following recommendations can reduce your risk of being a victim of a car prowler or theft:

- Don't leave valuables in plain sight. Items such as loose change, purses, backpacks, cell phones, shopping bags, etc., should be removed or placed in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Clean out your vehicles. Remove clutter and trash. A neat and clean car is less attractive to a car prowler.
- Protect your vehicle with an anti-theft device recommend by the Seattle Police Department — The Club.
- Install a car alarm or electronic disabling device (commonly referred to as kill switch).
- Before leaving your parked car, always roll up the windows and lock your doors.
- Engrave your driver license number or your VIN (vehicle identification number) on any removable equipment in your car.
- Add locking lug nuts to protect your wheels and tires from theft.

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

Business Cards

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 email and include your budget number for billing purposes. For more information, call 587-5488 or email rseeley@sccd.ctc.edu.

From the Foundation

New Foundation Scholarship applications for 2008/2009

It's almost time for the Seattle Central Foundation scholarship application process to begin and the Foundation could use your help to inform students. The 2008/2009 forms and instructions will be online soon at seattlecentral.edu/scholarships and printed copies will be available at Financial Aid, Registration, Career Services Center and the Foundation office. Recommendations are one of the application materials required, so encourage students to ask for them early.

The Foundation offers scholarships to three main student levels:

Incoming & Continuing

- **Incoming:** Students transferring college credits to Central or beginning their college education later in life.
- **Continuing:** Central students continuing their studies.

Transfer Students Transferring from Central to a four-year institution.

Incoming High School graduates Coming directly to Central from high school.

Scholarships are available to students in all programs and departments, GPA, level of financial need, and personal backgrounds and achievements. Some scholarships have specific criteria but many are broad enough to fit any student's academic and personal situation.

Thanks to all the faculty and staff who shared their comments and suggestions! The Foundation is trying to streamline and incorporate your great ideas with a new application form and improve the experience for students, faculty and staff. The Foundation and other departments will hold application information sessions to help students understand which scholarships they qualify for and complete applications before the April 11, 2008 deadline.

Questions? Contact Carol Boyer, Foundation development manager, at 587-5490 or cboyer@sccd.ctc.edu.

Student news

Please announce to students

2008 NePage Scholarship

Applicants must be

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

The amount of the scholarship awards that are granted will vary. The application is to be completed in full and returned to the Financial Aid office (BE1101) by February 22, 2008. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, at the Health & Human Services division (BE 3210), and at the Humanities/Social Sciences division (BE 4128).

ATTENTION! All faculty and staff...

If you have information you would like to share with the college community in the *Communiqué*, please email it to rseeley@sccd.ctc.edu.

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