



The community college in the heart of the city

Seattle **Central**

About Central



MISSION

Seattle Central Community College promotes educational excellence in a multicultural urban environment. We provide opportunities for academic achievement, workplace preparation, and service to the community.

VALUES

Seattle Central is committed to creating a learning environment that is **accessible, diverse, responsive,** and **innovative.**

Location

Our campus on Broadway in Capitol Hill is the only community college located in the urban core of Seattle.

History

We are Seattle's first community college, serving more than 500,000 students since opening in 1966.

Enrollment

Each quarter we instruct more than 11,000 students.

Access

Anyone may attend Seattle Central. Tuition is approximately half the price of a public four-year college.

Diversity

Our student population is among the most diverse in the state; more than 50 percent of our students are persons of color.

Distinction

We are a member of the National League for Innovation, a prestigious group of community colleges selected for membership based on academic excellence.

Degrees and certificates

- High School Completion/GED
- One-quarter certificates and two-year professional degrees
- Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) transfer degrees
- Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree

Specialized training centers

- Seattle Maritime Academy
- Seattle Vocational Institute
- Wood Construction Center

Letter from the president



The community college system is the best anti-poverty program in the nation. The more education a person has, the more life choices they can make. President Barack Obama called education "an issue, if not *the* issue of our time."

As a first-generation college graduate, my own journey proves the transformative power of education. I went from being a high school dropout in South Central Los Angeles to a Job Corps graduate and a college president. At the age of 17 I earned my GED and enrolled at Oregon State University. Years later, it is now my privilege to lead an institution that changes thousands of lives every year.

An investment in education is an investment in the future of our community, state and nation. Today's graduates will work in a global economy and most jobs of the future will require some postsecondary education. We're working closely with our industry partners to ensure our programs are relevant and our graduates are ready for the workforce or further education.

We are proud to be the city's first community college and the only community college in Seattle's downtown core. From our campus atop Capitol Hill, we enjoy being part of one of Seattle's most vibrant and diverse communities.

Please visit our campus in person or online. We're making magic here.

Paul T. Killpatrick, Ph.D.
President, Seattle Central Community College



Seattle Central
Community College

North Seattle
Community College

South Seattle
Community College

Seattle Vocational
Institute

The Seattle Community Colleges

serve students at three comprehensive colleges, a vocational training institute and four specialized training centers, as well as through a virtual campus that enrolls more than 10,000 distance learners—equivalent to a small college.

Seattle Central Community College is a part of the Seattle Community Colleges District VI. It is the largest community college district in the state. Graduates of the Seattle Community Colleges provide the workforce for the Puget Sound region and beyond.

The student body of the Seattle Community Colleges is the most diverse in the Northwest, representing more than 80 different first languages spoken in homes across Seattle.

Together, the three colleges educate more than 52,000 students per year. More students transfer to four-year colleges and universities from the Seattle Community Colleges District than from any other college district in the state.

Seattle Central is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Career Central

Seattle Central is an economic engine that produces skilled workers for the Puget Sound region and beyond.

Today's entry-level workers are entering a "college economy" that requires high-tech skills combined with a college degree or certificate.

By 2018, 67 percent of jobs in Washington will require postsecondary education, according to a recent study by The Georgetown University on Education and the Workplace.

Training tomorrow's workforce

Seattle Central offers a wealth of comprehensive and affordable workforce education programs which serve the career goals of students and the demands of employers. All programs offer real-world, hands-on training and are taught by instructors with industry experience in their field.

A program for every need

Many of our professional/technical programs allow students to earn a one-year certificate or a two-year degree. There is also a B.A.S. (Bachelor of Applied Science) degree for those who wish to work in the mental health field.

Mid-level professionals, career-changers, and unemployed workers can enhance their skills—and earning potential—by enrolling in one of our 30 programs.

Professional/technical programs

- Apparel Design
- Applications Support
- Business Information Technology
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Chemical Dependency Specialist
- Child & Family Studies
- Commercial Photography
- Culinary Arts
- Database Administration & Development
- Deaf Interpreter Training
- Dental Hygiene
- Film & Video Communications
- Graphic Design & Illustration
- Interpreter Training
- Marine Carpentry/Boatbuilding
- Marine Deck Technology
- Marine Engineering Technology
- Network Design & Administration
- Nursing
- Opticianry
- Programming
- Publishing Arts
- Respiratory Care
- Social & Human Services
- Specialty Desserts & Breads
- Surgical Technology
- Web Design
- Web Development



"I am so fortunate to have found this school. The reasonable tuition, the evening course availability, and the support of adult learners who have obligations outside of academics made the program possible for me."

Linda Livingston, RN, Swedish Hospital, Seattle Central Nursing graduate and Foundation scholarship recipient



Responsive to changing needs of industry

Nearly 190 Seattle area business and industry professionals serve on Technical Advisory Committees, which guide each career training program to assure responsiveness to the changing needs of industry.

“It’s a win-win situation when industry professionals share their experience and provide current examples of skills, technology, and competencies. Our goal as TAC members is to prepare students to enter a competitive workforce armed with the breadth and depth of knowledge that employers are seeking.”

Leonore Faulds, Information Technology TAC Chair,
Application Developer Senior, Starbucks

Local training, global influence

Where our graduates work:

- Adobe
 - Amazon
 - Associated Press
 - The Boeing Company
 - Corbis
 - Experience Music Project
 - Eyes on Fremont
 - Foss Maritime Company
 - Getty Images
 - Holland America Line
 - KOMO 4 TV
 - Microsoft
 - Neiman Marcus Stores
 - NOAA
 - Recovery Centers of King County
 - Seattle Children’s Hospital
 - Sellen Construction
 - Space Needle
 - Starbucks Corporation
 - Swedish Medical Center
 - Virginia Mason Medical Center
- and many more...*

“I could have gone anywhere, but I chose Seattle Central’s Culinary Academy. They have amazing instructors.”

Varin Keokitvon, Chef Instructor, Farestart
Culinary Arts graduate, 2009



“I’ve been well-prepared and well-qualified for the positions I’ve held in the industry, thanks to the rigorous training I received at the Seattle Maritime Academy. When you actually stand at the helm and dock the ship, something clicks in the brain. It is true learning.”

Dana Africa, Able Bodied Seamen,
Global Diving and Salvage
Marine Deck Technology graduate, 2006

AcademicCentral

“Seattle Central is a community college of choice for ambitious, high-achieving students.”

The New York Times

Academic degrees

Seattle Central offers the following academic degrees:

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
- Associate of Applied Science, Transfer (A.A.S.-T)
- Bachelor of Applied Behavioral Science (B.A.S.)

Seattle Central also offers more than 30 certificates in its professional/technical programs.

Gateway to higher learning

About 40 percent of all college students in Washington State begin their studies at a two-year college. The community college system is recognized as a key pathway for first-generation and students of color to earn baccalaureate degrees.

On average, fifty percent of those who receive a degree or certificate at Seattle Central are students of color.

More than 400 students a year transfer to a four-year college or university from Seattle Central. About half of our transfer students attend the University of Washington. The rest attend colleges and universities across the nation.



Qualified, engaged faculty

At Seattle Central, our classrooms hold 30 students, not 300. Instructors know their students' names and stories.

Of academic full-time faculty, one-third hold doctorates in their fields. The rest hold master's degrees.

Running Start

Each year almost 600 ambitious high school students participate in the Running Start program; these students can pursue college coursework as they finish high school.

A leader in innovative learning

Seattle Central was the first community college in the nation to offer the team-taught, multi-disciplinary program known as the Coordinated Studies Program (CSP). Over the past several years, students in a CSP have achieved a 97 percent success rate.



“The Coordinated Studies Program not only changed my perception of the world, it reinforced my commitment to learning. My instructors helped me believe that I too am worthy of a dream.”

Mikal Brotnov, Seattle Central graduate

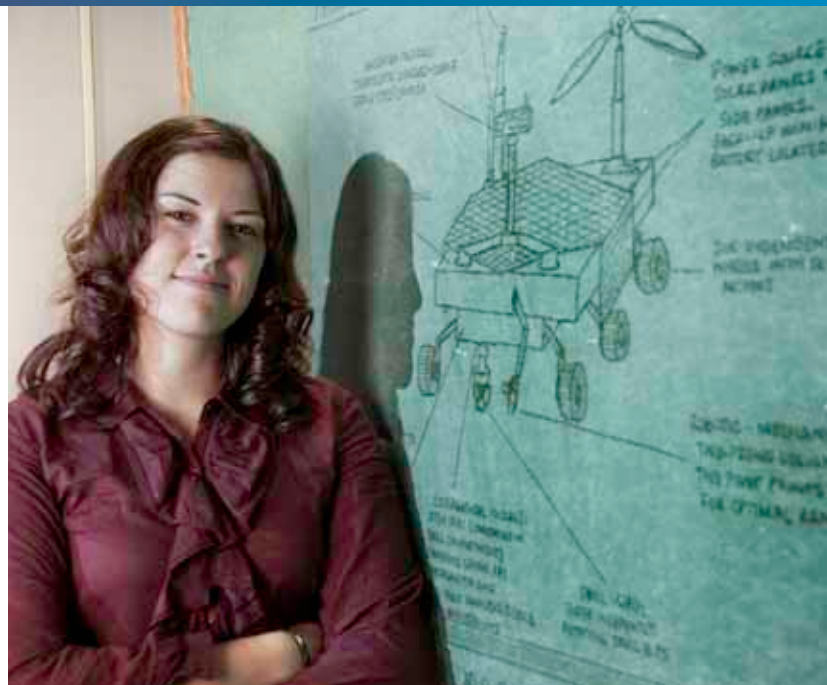
A CSP on the Holocaust inspired Mikal to pursue a doctorate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Mikal (pictured with instructor Tracy Lai) attended Clark University on a full scholarship.

College transfer—where our students go

- Bastyr University
- Boston University
- Brigham Young University
- Clark University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Cornish College of the Arts
- Morehouse College
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University
- Reed College
- Seattle University
- Smith College
- The Evergreen State College
- The University of Texas, Austin
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Michigan School of Journalism
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- UW Foster School of Business
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- and more...*

Seattle Central's science and mathematics programs receive funds from:

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- National Institutes of Health
- National Science Foundation
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- The Carnegie Foundation



“I love attending Seattle Central because of the small class size and personal attention I get from my teachers. Seattle Central is widely viewed as one of the best community colleges in the area and I wanted to live in the city and near UW, where I plan to study Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering.”

Ashley Allman,
National Community College Aerospace Scholar

Undergraduate research

Students at Seattle Central don't have to wait until their senior year to conduct real-life scientific research. Through a partnership with the University of Washington, students are placed with mentors from Seattle Central and UW faculty. They learn to prepare and present scientific papers and they observe the research process from bench to publication.

Seattle Central students Michelle Giarmarco (left) and David Murphy (center) are both headed to medical school after fulfilling science prerequisites at Seattle Central. Undergraduate research opportunities are not limited to pre-med students; any Seattle Central science student can work one-on-one with industry, faculty, or researchers on a cutting-edge research project.

Michelle and David at the University of Washington undergraduate research poster presentations with organic chemistry instructor, Dr. Esmael Naemi (right)



CommunityCentral

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

Marian Wright Edelman

GIVING BACK

Service to our community is part of our mission. Through Seattle Central's community service/volunteer program, students earn credit for the volunteer work they do in the community. Students volunteer for work in schools, hospitals, food banks, social service organizations, and environmental organizations.

In a typical year, about 170 students participate and contribute more than 8,000 hours to the community.

- Seattle Central's Dental Hygiene students provide oral health care and education for underserved patients at the Seattle Vocational Institute clinic.
- Opticianry students work with the Lions Club to clean and repair glasses for people worldwide; students also make new glasses to distribute after disasters to people who may have lost their glasses.



Each year the students in the Apparel Design Program learn to construct a ski jacket. These sample jackets are then donated to a charity organization that supports kids and families.

- Students in the Advanced Web Design & Development class volunteer hundreds of hours building websites for non-profit clients that help our community.
- Faculty and staff in the Business and Information Technology departments host an annual outreach event called GLITTER to encourage high school girls to enter the IT industry.
- Wood Construction students build homes and facilities for the community, such as a concrete foundation for a rock wall around the perimeter of Seattle Parks & Recreation's Kubota Garden.



Rebuilding New Orleans

Twenty students from Seattle Central's Wood Construction Center traveled to New Orleans to help repair homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Students installed drywall, windows and doors, and worked on finish carpentry and cabinetry during their seven-day visit.

“Several people told me they were so grateful to see that people in this country have not forgotten them,” said former student Julia Cordero, who organized the trip. “It seems to give them strength to keep going with the slow and difficult rebuild.”

“ I love working with our veterans. I can relate to what they went through and what they are trying to achieve. ”

Tony Diaz, Vietnam veteran and Seattle Central veterans coordinator

SERVING THE UNDERSERVED

At Seattle Central, our doors are open to anyone. Fifty percent of our students are students of color. We welcome students from more than 50 nations. Anyone willing to work hard can succeed at Seattle Central.

Basic and Transitional Studies

About 20 percent of our students are enrolled in basic studies or English as a Second Language courses.

Worker Retraining

Many students receive benefits through the Worker Retraining program, which retrains students for a new professional or technical career.

College Success

Seattle Central participates in the College Success Program, which provides financial assistance, mentoring, and academic assistance to former foster care youth.

The Seattle Vocational Institute

SVI provides critical assistance and job training to at-risk young adults. Its training programs have been recognized as a national model for excellence.

Women's and WorkFirst Programs

Working parents find support through the Women's Services and WorkFirst office, which provides counseling and financial assistance to low-income parents.



CREATING FUTURE LEADERS

Seattle Central is a leadership incubator for our community. Our students develop skills in an environment that is as diverse and dynamic as the real world.

The Student Leadership division supports student development by providing resources and mentoring in addition to supporting more than 50 student clubs and committees. Specifically, the Leaders Amongst Leaders program promotes collaborative, service-centered leadership.

The college has one of the most active and largest Phi Theta Kappa (national honor society for two-year schools) chapters in the nation. Our PTK students have amassed more than \$1 million in scholarships for their academic excellence and community service projects.



Toan Viradet (left) and Carlito Umali (right) epitomize the transformations that happen at Seattle Central. Both are first-generation college students who spoke English as a second language. Each became PTK members, graduated with honors, and received Foundation scholarships.

Toan graduated from the UW Seattle Foster School of Business and is an analyst at Accenture. Carlito transferred to Seattle University and was selected as the commencement speaker.

OpportunityCentral

The Seattle Central Foundation supports scholarships, tutoring, childcare assistance, and emergency funds, so deserving students can stay on path to complete their education.

Seattle Central Community College Foundation

For more than 30 years, the Seattle Central Foundation has helped Seattle Central students achieve their dreams of obtaining a quality education. The Foundation is a private 501(c) (3), non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gap between student need and available resources.

Community leaders serving learners

The Foundation is led by a 25-member volunteer board of directors comprised of dedicated community and corporate leaders as well as Seattle Central alumni.

MISSION

To support Seattle Central students, faculty, and programs by raising and providing financial resources to help students achieve their fullest potential through quality education.



“Childcare scholarships keep me in school and my children somewhere safe as I continue my education.”

Melissa McCarthy, nursing student and mother of three

Building partnerships

The Foundation is proud to count scores of companies and non-profit organizations among its partners, including The Boeing Company, Les Dames d'Escoffier, Safeco Insurance Foundation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Providing hope, opportunity and success

Through the generosity of individual donors and community businesses, the Foundation is able to provide students annual scholarships across 30 areas of study. Scholarships are awarded to students from all backgrounds who demonstrate academic merit, financial need, or personal achievement.

“I have a goal of working for the United Nations and helping the poor in developing countries. With this scholarship I will keep studying hard and heading for my dream.”

Chanmi Son, Seattle Central graduate and Broadway High School Alumni Foundation Endowment scholarship recipient

HOPE OPPORTUNITY SUCCESS

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Learning Outcomes

Seattle Central students will achieve personal and professional goals in diverse and multicultural settings because they are able to:

- Think
- Collaborate
- Communicate
- Continue Learning
- Connect



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Seattle Central Community College is committed to the concept and practice of equal opportunity for all its students, employees, and applicants in education, employment, services and contracts, and does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnicity, color, age, national origin, religion, marital status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, political affiliation or belief, citizenship/status as a lawfully admitted immigrant authorized to work in the United States, or presence of any physical, sensory, or mental disability, except where a disability may impede performance at an acceptable level. In addition, reasonable accommodations will be made for known physical or mental limitations for all otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies including those related to Sec 504 ADA and Title IX: Kathryn Woodley, Seattle Central Community College, 1701 Broadway, Mailstop 2BE4180, Seattle, WA, 206- 587-5417.

Seattle Central will make every effort to ensure that the lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in vocational education programs.

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