

# North News Briefs



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Welcome to this month's North News Briefs. If you have news you would like to share with the North Seattle College community, please send it to [northcommunications@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:northcommunications@seattlecolleges.edu). The content submission deadline is the last day of the month. Please try to keep your submission to 150 words or less.

### DID YOU KNOW?

\* **August 2023 Has Two Full Moons** – Yes, it's true! The first full moon in August, called the Sturgeon Moon, rose on Aug. 1, according to the [Farmers' Almanac](#). This full moon got its name from the prehistoric-looking sturgeon fish, found in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. The second [full moon](#) of August – a Blue Moon – will happen Wednesday, Aug. 30. Both are supermoons, the kind closest to earth, making them appear much bigger in the sky than usual. After these two supermoons, the last supermoon of 2023 will be in September.



### PEOPLE



\* **Welcome to North!** Joining North in July were Michael Giannetto, senior research analyst, Institutional Research; and Alif Tisha, full-time faculty, Business, Workforce Instruction.

### AROUND CAMPUS

\* **Interim President Open Forums Set for Aug. 10 via Zoom** – Please join your North colleagues for Interim President Open Forums Thursday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon. This is your opportunity to meet the final three candidates for North's Interim President position and to ask any questions you may have for them. The candidates are Dr. Diana Pino, Dr. Emmanuel Awuah and Dr. Rachel Solemsaas. The forums will be via Zoom only, facilitated by Vashti Bryant, Dean of Math and Sciences at North, and D'Andre Fisher, Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Community at Seattle Colleges. Please note Zoom links and feedback forms will be shared as we get closer to the forums. Please refer to the July 28 email from North Communications to read the bios of each candidate.

\* **Have Lunch with the President Aug. 24** – Acting President Jill Lane welcomes all North team members to drop in any time during the noon to 1 p.m. lunch hour on Thursday, Aug. 24 for informal conversation on any topic you choose. While you need to bring your own lunch, the President's Office will provide coffee and cookies. You can also participate virtually via Zoom. Please refer to the Outlook calendar invitation from Toni Stankovic, executive assistant to the President, for details.

\* **Western Energy Institute Holding Meter School on Campus** – The Western Energy Institute, based in Portland, is conducting its Northwest Electric Meter School on our campus the week of Aug. 21-25. This has been an annual event on the North campus that usually occurs immediately following the end of summer quarter. Many parts of campus will be utilized for the school during various segments of the week, including the Grove, Wellness Center, the courtyard and a number of other locations and classrooms in the College Center, Health Sciences and Student Resources, and

Education buildings. So, if you are on campus that week, you may notice more “between quarters” activity than normal.

\* **Graduate Profiles Available on Website** – We may be more than a month removed from commencement, but learning more about the 2023 graduating class never gets old. Profiles of three 2023 North graduates – [Katlyn Farmer](#), [Deserée Lai](#) and [Raishawn Swensen](#) – are available on our website. Each profile shares a unique perspective about the grads’ experiences at North and their aspirations for the future. [Learn more](#).

\* **Roy Flores Wellness Center Summer Hours Continue through Aug. 18** – The Roy Flores Wellness Center is open for summer through Friday, Aug. 18, with a number of drop-in classes available, including Restorative Reiki Yoga, Weight Training, Pilates and Accessible Chair Yoga and Meditation for All. [Learn more](#).

\* **Continuing Education Art Exhibition** – The 2023 North Seattle College Continuing Education Art Exhibition continues through Thursday, Aug. 17. Summer gallery hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. [Learn more](#).

\* **Last Mindful Meditation Zoom Session of Summer** – The last Mindful Meditation Zoom session of summer quarter is set for Monday, Aug. 7, from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. It is free to all current staff and students, led by mindfulness team members from all three campuses. The meeting room URL is <https://tinyurl.com/yyx4eh9n>, the password is Bliss! and the meeting ID is 994 361 6626.

\* **Library Construction Update** – Construction continues, and carpets, ceiling and some furniture have been installed on floors two and three. With large renovation projects, scheduling and coordination can be a challenge with existing conditions. Stay tuned for more updates.

## **DISTRICT OFFERINGS**

\* **Bloodborne Pathogens Training** – The district’s Environmental Health and Safety team is offering trainings in bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials for all campuses throughout the month of August. Please refer to the July 24 email from Wesley Wofford, associate director, Environmental Health and Safety, for details.

\* **Employee Assistant Program Webinar Aug. 23** – Learn about all that the Washington State Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers during a live, 30-minute orientation webinar. The session is scheduled for [Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 2:30 to 3 p.m.](#) To learn more, please review the Aug. 3 email from the district HR office.

## **IN THE NEWS**

\* **Archaeological Field School Reveals Japanese American History** – In July, North students partnered with Edmonds College students on an archaeological dig on campus at the site of remnants of the Kumasaka Farmhouse and Green Lake Gardens Co. The location, near the southbound lanes of I-5 and the pedestrian bridge, consists of residential and greenhouse debris and infrastructure associated with a first-generation Japanese-American family. This is the second year at the site. The project has been covered by several local news outlets, including [this story](#) on KING-TV.