

# 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?

\* **January is National Blood Donor Month** – The month of January is designated as National Blood Donor Month in the United States. Due to holiday celebrations, inclement weather, and cold and flu season, the winter months are often a time of reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages. National Blood Donor Month celebrates blood donors during this critical time and reminds people of the importance of donating blood. [Find a location](#) if you are interested in giving blood and scheduling a life-saving donation appointment. (Source: Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies)



### OUR PEOPLE

\* **Seven Chosen for League for Innovation Excellence Awards** – Dr. Rachel Solemsaas, interim president, and Pete Lortz, vice president, Instruction and Enrollment Services, recently announced the following faculty have been chosen for this year's League for Innovation Excellence Awards: **William Barry**, Computer Science; **James Eaton**, English as a Second Language; **Tania Hino**, Parent Education; **Jessica Logan**, English as a Second Language; **Lauren Psomostithis**, Accounting; **Paula Rebsom**, Art; and **Kimberly Tate-Malone**, Library. Congratulations to all for this well-earned and well-deserved award! The [League for Innovation](#) is an organization for, by and from Community Colleges. Its mission includes cultivating "innovation in the community college environment." [Learn more](#).

\* **NSC Staff Members Accepted into the Workforce Deans Academy** – **Anna Saradeth**, interim associate director, Early Childhood Education, and **Dr. William White**, interim associate dean, Workforce Instruction, were accepted to the Workforce Deans Academy (WDA) for the 2023-2024 cohort. The WDA is an annual, cohort-based program sponsored by the Workforce Education Council and administered by the Center of Excellence for Careers in Education and focuses on both leadership and the practical skills necessary to succeed and lead in the complex world of workforce and professional/technical education.

\* **LSAMP Navigator Selected to Participate in STEMSEAS Expedition** – LSAMP navigator **Michelle Barboza** was selected to participate in the STEMSEAS Expedition, which provides ship-based, six- to 10-day exploratory experiences for undergraduates from diverse backgrounds aboard National Science Foundation-funded research vessels. The purpose of this expedition was to train community college faculty to serve as STEMSEAS expedition mentors and give them an experience that allows them to authentically encourage their students to participate in the program. The expedition took place Nov. 2-11, and the future mentors sailed from Seattle to Honolulu. Participation in these professional opportunities benefit NSC's BIPOC STEM students.

\* **Golden Star Employee of the Quarter Award** – Congratulations to **Kimberly Gilbert**, program coordinator, Workforce Education, on being named recipient of the fall quarter Golden Star Employee of the Quarter Award. The honor was announced by STARS and the President's Office Dec. 20. Kimberly's nomination included the following comments: "Kim is the one who makes Workforce funding work for our students" and "Kim's fun personality, hard work, and dedication is an asset to North Seattle College!" Way to go, Kimberly! Another Golden Star Employee of the Quarter Award will be named for winter quarter, so watch for opportunities to nominate in the weeks ahead.



\* **Book Signing Event Feb. 6** – English faculty member **Diana Ma**, author of [The Unbeatable Lily Hong](#), will be doing a signing event on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Grove. The event, jointly sponsored by AANAPISI and the North Library, will include a discussion with the author facilitated by Karen Maeda Allman, local literary arts advocate, a Q&A with the author, and a book signing with books available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided.

\* **Welcome to North!** Joining North in December were **Ankhzaya Batnasan**, student employee, EDIC; **Khalif Ismail**, student employee, Student Learning Center; **Bonnie James**, hourly assistant III, Workforce Instruction; **Elane Jones**, hourly assistant III, Workforce Instruction; **Phuong Thanh Lam**, student employee, EDIC; **Jaide Lamarca**, hourly assistant III, Workforce Instruction; **China Perkins**, hourly assistant III, Workforce Instruction; and **Maria Salazar**, hourly assistant III, Workforce Instruction;

## **AROUND CAMPUS**

\* **Winter Club & Resource Fair Jan. 10 in Grove** – The Winter Club & Resource Fair is coming Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Grove. Please complete the [Winter Club & Resource Fair Sign-up Form](#) by Friday, Jan. 5, to reserve your table.

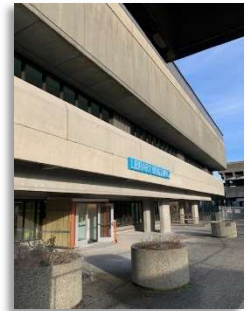
\* **Food Trucks Back on Campus for Winter Quarter** – With the success of Food Truck Wednesdays during fall quarter, food trucks are coming back to North's campus for winter! In fact, North will be hosting food trucks twice a week – on Tuesdays *and* Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot just east of the Roy Flores Wellness Center. The food trucks are part of North's efforts to expand food options on campus. The next food truck will be on **Tuesday, Jan. 9**, featuring [MoMo's Kebab](#). On **Wednesday, Jan. 10**, [Gonzo Panini's](#) food truck will be at North. For the current food truck schedule, visit the [Washington State Food Truck Association website](#).

\* **Holiday Fundraiser for Food Lifeline** – There is still time to make an online cash donation to the NSC food drive to benefit Food Lifeline. To date, more than \$1,000 has been raised. To donate or learn more, please visit the [2023 Holiday Fundraiser](#) website.

\* **NSC Art Gallery Show Continues through Jan. 12** – The NSC Art Gallery show, *construct*, is open and continues through Jan. 12, 2024. This show brings together eight artists selected for their use of material and how they highlight construction in their work. [Learn more](#).

\* **Winter Quarter Pickleball Tournament** – This winter, the Roy Flores Wellness Center is having a four-week pickleball tournament for staff and students. The tournament is open to members and non-members of the wellness center, and will take place weekly from Jan. 17 to Feb. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. [Learn more](#).

\* **Save the Date: NSC Library Reopening Celebration Feb. 22** – After more than two years, the major renovation of North's Library building is now complete! We are ready to recognize this monumental achievement with a Library Reopening Celebration, so please save the date for **Thursday, Feb. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m.** Much more information is to come, but new features of the building include flexible classrooms, study and instructional breakout spaces, auditorium space, and new configurations of the library program, eLearning, student media center, and teaching and learning center. Our current and future students will be the biggest beneficiaries! If you have any questions, please contact [Dan Tarker](#), dean, Library and Learning Support Services.



\* **LSAMP hosts STEM Undergraduate Fair at NSC** – The Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program hosted the STEM Undergraduate Research Fair at NSC on Nov. 9, where approximately 160 students attended. The purpose of the fair was to connect students to local research groups and opportunities at the University of Washington (UW) and NSC. Groups present included the NSC Undergraduate Research course (UGR 294), UW Center for Integration of Modern Optoelectronic Materials on Demand, UW Molecular Engineering Materials Center, UW College of the Environment, UW Office of Undergraduate Research, NSC Rocketry Club, and others. The idea for the event was spearheaded by Deserée Lai, an NSC alum who is now studying condensed matter physics at UW. The event aligns with LSAMP's vision to establish a culture that supports, promotes, and enhances STEM research.

\* **Aerospace Grant Application Approved** – The Aerospace High Demand 1,000 FTEs redistribution grant application for 23-24 has been approved in the amount of \$120,000 per year for at least three years, with the possibility of sustained funding if NSC reaches FTE goals for the Electronics programs. The funding will be used to support outreach and innovation for the Electronics program, with focused energy on vitalizing and innovating the IT-Controlled Electronics program.

\* **ECE Scholarship Fund Established** – NSC's Early Childhood Education (ECE) team, in partnership with the Seattle Colleges Foundation, has established its own scholarship fund to

support ECE students, with a special emphasis on students in its language immersion cohorts. The fund is supported by faculty/staff donors and their network. The team will make its first awards in Spring 2024 with a plan to award more than 25 small scholarships.

\* **Early Childhood Education Program Partnership with DEEL** – The Seattle City Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) and the NSC ECE team initiated a new partnership in July 2023 for an ECE Point of Contact, based at North, to serve its scholarship students at early learning programs throughout the city. In its first five months, the partnership resulted in 16 students receiving admission and/or retention support, and DEEL sending an announcement on these positive outcomes to be publicly shared with the Seattle Mayor’s Office.

\* **City Seeks Feedback on Northgate Plan** – Northgate is one of five urban centers in the City of Seattle undergoing a planning process that will define a community vision and develop neighborhood-specific policies for public services, transportation, economy, housing and land use. The city is seeking broad community engagement and North Seattle College is one of the sites where feedback is being collected. An interactive poster is located on the first floor of the College Center building in the east-west passageway next to the bulletin board. So, next time you stop by Black Coffee Northwest, be sure to chime in and share your experiences with the neighborhood to help create a refreshed vision for Northgate. [Learn more.](#)

## **AROUND THE DISTRICT**

\* **Annual Community Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 12** – Seattle Colleges’ 51<sup>st</sup> annual community celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Friday, Jan. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at South Seattle College’s Brockey Center. This year’s program will feature a keynote address from Harold Scoggins, chief of the Seattle Fire Department, music and song by DaNell Daymon and Greater Works gospel choir, remarks from Chancellor Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, and presentations for the Rev. Dr. Samuel B.

McKinney Scholarship and Social Justice Awards from the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community. Deedee Sun, two-time Emmy-award winning reporter and weekend anchor for KIRO-7, will emcee the event, and Rev. Dr. Paris Lee Smith Sr. from Mount Zion Church will give a prayer and blessing. [Learn more.](#)



\* **Social Justice Week Jan. 16-19** – The Jan. 12 community celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. will kick off Seattle Colleges’ second annual Social Justice Week, Jan. 16-19. It will feature a series of daily events and activities hosted by the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community with the aim of uplifting the community and highlighting Dr. King’s legacy. [Learn more.](#)