

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. 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?

* **February is Black History Month** – Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts," spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more. The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History & Culture invites you to join in uplifting the humanity, innovation and vision of African American artists. The museum is focusing its journey around five weekly focus areas that celebrate the Black people who have used art as their platform for social justice. These areas are Literature and Poetry, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Music and Digital Arts. [Learn more.](#)



OUR PEOPLE

* **Book Talk and Signing Event Feb. 6** – You are invited to a book talk and signing by NSC English faculty member **Diana Ma**, author of [The Unbeatable Lily Hong](#), on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Grove. The talk will be facilitated by local literary advocate Karen Maeda Allman and will be followed by a Q&A and signing of Diana's new book. In addition to book-themed swag, door prizes and light refreshments, the Wing Luke Museum will also be tabling at the event, which will also be [streamed live](#). For more information, contact [Jordan Veniegas](#).

* **Profile: Tutor Brandon Heald** – Brandon Heald has a soft spot for the students he tutors in math. Once, it was hard for him, too. Now, he helps them, and he wants to one day help with great engineering achievements like human exploration of outer space. Brandon began tutoring math during fall quarter of 2022 after an instructor suggested he try it. As he finishes his last classes for his own NSC program, he has great empathy for students as he tutors them. [Learn more.](#)

IN THE NEWS

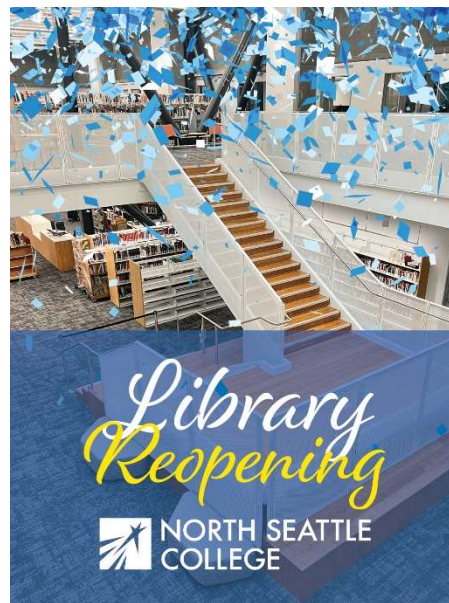
* **Medic One Foundation Partnering with NSC on EMT Scholarships** – [Medic One Foundation](#) is partnering with North to offer 10 full training scholarships to future emergency medical technicians (EMT). There is a high demand for EMTs in King County and surrounding communities, and North's training program is the most prolific in the region. The training class begins in spring quarter, and the [application deadline](#) for scholarships is March 7. [Learn more.](#)

AROUND CAMPUS

* **Several Events Set to Celebrate Library** – Come on over to the newly renovated library to help celebrate the opening of North's awesome new space. Currently, three events are planned:

- A housewarming party is set for **Wednesday, Feb. 21, from noon to 3 p.m.** There will be food, board games, Jackbox Games and a scavenger hunt!
- A coffee and cake event for evening students is scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Drop in to get to know the library.
- The reopening celebration will be on **Thursday, April 18, from 4 to 7 p.m.** Stay tuned for more details on this one.

While still undergoing some finishing touches, North's renovated library is open now. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



* **Lunar New Year Celebration Feb. 7** – You are invited to a Lunar New Year Celebration, hosted by Student Leadership, AANAPISI and International Programs, from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the Grove. The event will be catered by Gō Catering and feature performances by Seattle KoKon Taiko and Kpop Club, and a Cultural Wear Celebration by AANAPISI. Everyone is encouraged to wear their cultural clothing. Questions? Contact [Jean Robles](#).

* **Golden Star Employee of the Quarter Nominations Due by Feb. 23** – Please take a moment to commemorate the achievements of a North employee by nominating them for the Golden Star! Any employee is eligible to nominate or be nominated. The Golden Star Employee of the Quarter will exemplify the outstanding characteristics of kindness, integrity, collaboration, creativity and going-the-extra-mile. The [nomination form](#) is available and simple to use.

* **Discover Seattle Colleges Events Coming to North in March** – Mark your calendars and save the dates for the 2024 Discover Seattle Colleges series. For several years now, Discover Seattle Colleges events have provided prospective students with firsthand information and guidance on opportunities at the three district colleges, including North Seattle College. This year, there are three facets to Discover: online events, open houses and field trips. North's open house is scheduled from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, in the Grove. Much more information is available on the [Discover Seattle Colleges web page](#).

* **ECE Developing Pilot Math Course with Boeing and Childcare Aware** – Last September, NSC’s Early Childhood Education (ECE) team completed phase one of the Math Equity Project in partnership with Childcare Aware Washington and Boeing, and has been invited to participate in phase two, which launched last month. This project aims to develop a MATH 133 course, Math for Early Childhood Educators. The goal is to pilot the course at NSC and pending success, convert the course into a statewide common course.

* **Grant Application for Pharmacy Tech Apprenticeship Program Approved** – The Career Launch Enrollment FTE Students redistribution 23-24 grant application for NSC’s Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship program 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 Pharmacy Tech program. In addition to general outreach and support of the program, the funding will be used to support development of a groundbreaking partnership with Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center, in which the Pharmacy Tech apprenticeship coursework is being taught in collaboration with the Health Care Apprenticeship Consortium to high school students through College in the High School (CHS). NSC is the first in the state to offer a workforce apprenticeship through CHS. NSC is creating a brand-new model for apprenticeship education, and it is only a matter of time before other institutions in the state take note.

* **ECE Program in Seventh Year of Partnership with Bainum Family Foundation** – NSC’s ECE program completed a sixth year of partnership with the Bainum Family Foundation and recently entered a seventh year in January. The primary goal of the partnership is to fund scholarships and community building events, as well as supporting the work of language immersion cohorts. The Bainum Family Foundation works alongside communities experiencing racial and economic disparities to create lasting systems change for the well-being of children and families.



* **Puget Sound LSAMP Receives Social Justice Award** – On Jan. 12, the Social Justice Award was presented to the Puget Sound Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), at Seattle Colleges’ 51st Annual Community celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. LSAMP is funded by the National Science Foundation and its purpose is to strengthen the preparation, representation, and success of historically underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors.

* **Quotidian Queer Now Showing at NSC Art Gallery** – The NSC Art Gallery is currently showing Quotidian Queer featuring the work of 17 queer artists. The show, curated by Jessica Marie Mercy, continues through March 1. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Learn more](#).

* **Food Trucks on Campus for Winter Quarter** – North is 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. For the current food truck schedule, visit the [Washington State Food Truck](#)

[Association website.](#)

AROUND DISTRICT

* **Free Mindful Meditation Zoom Sessions Every Monday** – Mindful Meditation Zoom sessions are available free to all current students, faculty and staff, led by mindfulness team members from all three Seattle Colleges campuses, on Mondays, throughout winter quarter. The sessions are Mondays from 12:10 – 12:30 p.m. through March 11. The meeting room URL is <https://tinyurl.com/yyx4eh9n>, password is Bliss! and meeting ID is 994 361 6626.

* **Bloodborne Pathogen and HazCom Training Available** – The Seattle Colleges Environmental and Safety team offers Bloodborne Pathogen and HazCom training during the month of February. [Bloodborne Pathogen training](#) is available on these Fridays: Feb. 2 at 8 a.m.; Feb. 9 at 1 p.m.; and Feb. 23 at 8:30 a.m.; [Hazcom training](#) is available on these Fridays; Feb. 2 at 1 p.m.; Feb. 9 at 8 a.m.; and Feb. 23 at noon. If you have any questions, please contact Wes Wofford, associate director, Environmental Health and Safety, (206) 934-5522.