

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?

* **March is Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science and Engineering Month** – The month of March is all about helping young girls develop more interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) throughout their educational careers. STEM workers play an important role in America's innovative capacity and global competitiveness. They are our engineers, scientists, doctors, sociologists and analysts. Although the gender gap in STEM has been closing in recent years, there is still a significant underrepresentation of women in these fields. According to the National Science Foundation, women make up only 28% of the workforce in science and engineering. Women of color are even more underrepresented. It's important to address this gender gap and encourage young girls to pursue their passions of STEM. [Learn more.](#)



OUR PEOPLE

* **Welcome to North!** Joining North Seattle College in January were **Angela Blums**, part-time faculty, Workforce Instruction (WI); **Alicia Brender**, part-time faculty, WI; **Shalaye Brown**, work study, Student Learning Center (SLC); **Michelle Cabrera**, work study, Roy Flores Wellness Center; **Shannon Campbell**, hourly assistant, WI; **Margaret Capps**, hourly assistant, WI; **Samantha Carrillo**, part-time faculty, WI; **Elena Dreisbach**, hourly assistant, SLC; **Susan Finkel**, hourly assistant, SLC; **Kimberly Fraginkrantz**, student employee, SLC; **Rachel Franz**, part-time faculty, WI; **Madi Fritzke**, work study, Arts, Humanities and Social Studies; **Althea Fultz**, part-time faculty, Continuing Education (CE); **Graeme Gardner**, part-time faculty, Math/Science; **Sarah Greenberg**, student employee, SLC; **Minoa Hathaway-Hollinger**, hourly assistant, WI; **Devany Hayes**, hourly assistant, Student Services; **Tina Hsuan**, student employee, Wellness Center; **Hanan Husein**, work study, Financial Aid; **Katy Huston**, part-time faculty, CE; **Jalal Jalal**, student employee, Advising and Student Success; **Maureen Jones**, hourly assistant, CE; **Kristin Mclemore**, officer, Campus Security; **Kate Montgomery**, director, Grants and Planning; **Christine Moon**, part-time faculty, WI; **Jen Mullen**, part-time faculty, WI; **Daniel Nassen**, hourly assistant, SLC; **Karin Navarro-Erasso**, part-time faculty, WI; **DeeDee Orcajo**, part-time faculty, WI; **Hanan Osman**, student employee, Instruction; **Diana Otieno**, student employee, Facilities Operations; **Neal Parker**, executive director, Institutional Research and Effectiveness; **Maria Pozen**, program coordinator, Instruction; **Christopher Prabhu**, hourly assistant, SLC; **Tiffany Robinson-**

Duane, assistant registrar, Registration and Records; **Yazmin Robles**, student employee, Wellness Center; **Lyll Rudenskjold**, director, SLC; **Fathi Salah**, work study, Nursing; **Sarah Sames**, hourly assistant, SLC; **Earl Sedlik**, part-time faculty, WI; **Justin Sells**, intern, Human Resources; **Christian Sepulveda**, student employee, Campus Operations; **Katie Sherpe**, hourly assistant, Learning Support Network; **David Spindel**, program assistant, Math/Science; **Vincent St. Clair**, work study, Student Services; **Kevin Taylor**, hourly assistant, WI; **Khaliya Thompson**, work study, Financial Aid; **Nicole Traore**, part-time faculty, WI; **Josh Viborel-Baker**, hourly assistant, WI; **Sam Vick**, student employee, SLC; **Jeremy Ward**, student employee, Instruction; **Aurien Watson**, program assistant, Math/Science; **Kristen Wertz**, work study, Instruction; **Olena Yelizarova**, student employee, Student Services; and **Mary Zabaleta**, work study, SLC.

* **Faculty and Staff Members Present at CCBA** – Last month, North faculty and staff members **Angel Kim**, **Anna Saradeth** and **Michelle Melero**, presented at the Community College Baccalaureate Associate conference (CCBA) on developing and maximizing program partnerships and engagement to enhance student and program success. Angel and Anna represented Early Childhood Education programs, and Michelle represented the Application Development BAS and Computer Science BS degree programs at North. The goal of the presentation was to highlight partnerships that have been developed for all programs, the level of engagement that has occurred, how to best utilize partners and industry contacts, and the overall impact this has on students.

* **Tutor Profile: Dmitriy Chernichenko** – Born in Kyiv, Ukraine, Dmitriy Chernichenko came to the U.S. in 1997 at the age of 14. Today, as a tutor in the Student Learning Center, Dmitriy helps students with business and information technology in the Professional and Technical Learning Center. But he's also run his own tax-preparation service, works as a supervisor/manager, and is pursuing degrees in accounting and applications development. In what spare time he has, he continues to study computers. He finds inspiration in many things, including tutoring. "The opportunity to collaborate and grow together with students is something that truly excites me," Dmitriy said. [Learn more](#)



IN THE NEWS

* **Groundbreaking of New Fire Station 31 in North Seattle** – On Feb. 5, Mayor Bruce Harrell joined the Seattle Fire Department, Department of Finance and Administrative Services, and city and community leaders to break ground on the future site of Fire Station 31 in North Seattle. Construction of the new 22,000 square foot station located at 11302 Meridian Ave. N. is under way and is slated to be complete in late 2025. The new site is designed to meet the growing operational needs of Seattle Fire and the response times of the growing North Seattle community. North's interim president, **Dr. Rachel Solemsaas**, was quoted in the Office of the Mayor's press release. [Learn more](#).

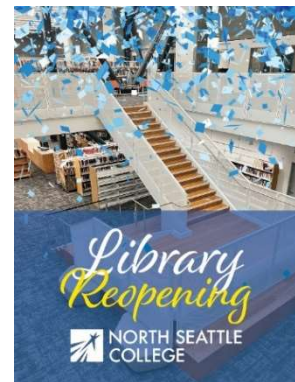
AROUND CAMPUS

* **Virtual Visiting Artist Lecture by Ilana Zweschi March 4** – You are invited to a virtual visiting artist lecture by Ilana Zweschi, Monday, March 4, from noon to 1 p.m. Zweschi's work is known best for its fresh and vibrant graphic quality. Her distinctive approach employs

handwritten algorithms to establish precise arrangements of brush strokes and intricate color transitions. The result is a dynamic collaboration between rigid lines, organic textures and shapes. To join the presentation, you can click [here](#), then use the passcode, Art.

* **Upcoming 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, two more events are planned:

- A coffee, tea and cake event for evening students is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 5, from 6 to 7 p.m.**, in the Library Seminar Room (LIB 2208).
- The big community-wide 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. Operating hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

* **International Women's Day Panel March 5** – The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) is presenting *Celebrating North Seattle College Asian Women Leaders Panel* from 3 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, via Zoom. In this panel, Interim President **Dr. Rachel Solemsaas**, Faculty Counselor **Jenny Mao** and Dean of Workforce Instruction **Melana Yanos** will share their journeys, stories and advice as Asian women leaders in higher education. [Please register](#) and a zoom link will be sent you. Please contact [Dawn Cheung](#), AANAPISI grant manager, if you have any questions about the event.

* **Jazz Ensemble Concert March 13** – Bring the whole family to the Grove on Wednesday, March 13, for the Jazz Ensemble Concert beginning at 8 p.m. This live student performance will be directed by **Fred Radke** of North's Continuing Education faculty. Admission is free.

* **College in the High School Sees High Enrollment** – In fall 2023, North's College in the High School (CHS) program had more than 450 students enrolled in year-long and fall semester courses. The CHS program has seven participating schools: Ingraham High School, Nathan Hale High School, Lincoln High School, West Seattle High School, Mercer Island High School, The Center School, and Sno-Isle Tech Center. There are currently six North faculty members working with high school teachers on the following courses: ENGL 101, ENGL 111, JAPN 121, JAPN 122, ENGL 151, AME 151, and multiple Pharmacy Technician classes. In discussion for 2024-2025 are HIST 147 and HIST 148 at Ballard High School and MATH 151 at Nathan Hale. CHS offers an alternative to Running Start, in which capable high school students may take college-level courses while remaining at their high school. Research from the Community College Research Center shows CHS programs typically serve a different population than Running Start students, tending more toward first-generation students and students of color.

* **North's CHS Program Seeks Accreditation** – Last December, North Seattle College submitted a letter of intent to apply for accreditation from the National Association of

Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) for the College in the High School (CHS) program. The letter of intent has been accepted, and the application is in process, due for submission by June. NACEP accreditation for CHS programs is required by Washington state by the 2027-2028 academic year. North's application will be reviewed during 2024-2025, with a virtual site visit from NACEP during the spring 2025. If the application is approved, NSC will be accredited by NACEP for fall 2025.

* **Discover Events Coming to North** – 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](#).



* **Launch of WABEL Fellowship** – Efforts are underway to launch the Workforce Accounting and Business Experiential Learning (WABEL) fellowship in Spring 2024. This fellowship provides students in Accounting and Business programs that require internships with stipends for completing unpaid internship experiences. The hope is that this will encourage and incentivize more students to pursue work-based learning opportunities for North's Accounting and Business programs. This pilot program is funded by RAP Invest in the Future funding, which received \$40,000 for its proposal.

* **NSC Launches Unpaid Tuition Campaign** – North staff from Enrollment Services, Communications, Title III, Workforce Education, Financial Aid, and Cashiering, along with District Communications, have been working together to send out email and text messages to students owing tuition in order to provide financial resources. For the 2023-2024 school year, additional emergency funding from the CARES Lost Revenue fund has been allocated by NSC's Cabinet. More than 65 students have applied for this funding this academic year with the goal of awarding more than \$300,000 in emergency funding. Prior emergency funding has seen more than 70% awarded to students of color with more than 50% of these students enrolling for the following quarter.

* **Food Trucks on Campus Two Days a Week** – 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.

* **Commencement 2024 set for June** – [Commencement 2024](#) for North Seattle College, Seattle Central College and South Seattle College will be Friday, June 21, at Seattle's T-Mobile Park (the Mariners' home field). Please mark your calendar and join the celebration of our graduates with their families and loved ones. If you want a taste of what's in store this year, you can watch the Commencement 2023 [highlight video](#).



The [commencement website](#) will be updated regularly as additional details for this year's ceremony become available.