

North News Briefs



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Welcome to this month's North News Briefs. If you have news 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?

* **April is National Internship Awareness Month** – National Internship Awareness Month was created to celebrate the benefits of internships for both employers and students – a joint effort to produce tomorrow's great talent. One objective of National Internship Awareness Month is to dispel many myths surrounding internships, which offer a great way to teach and share information with a person ready to start their career.

[Learn more.](#)



OUR PEOPLE

* **Welcome to North!** Joining North Seattle College in March were **Chris Cornuelle**, part-time faculty, Math and Science; **Jeanice Freeman**, director, Workforce Retraining, Workforce Instruction; **James Lobb**, part-time faculty, Continuing Education; **Mateusz Ozog**, student employee, Student Learning Center; **Jared Rusk**, maintenance mechanic 2, Facilities Operations; **Gabriella Stein**, instructional and classroom support tech 3, Workforce Instruction; **Yewubdar Tesfaye**, custodian, Facilities Operations;

* **'All Things Real Estate' Podcast Launched** – Dedicated to educating the community and real estate industry about the value of North's Real Estate and Residential and Commercial Property Management program, a new podcast was launched by faculty members Lyle Crews, Jr., and Mark Potter. The first show addresses "how education will propel your career in the world of real estate management," and features guest Barry Blanton, chief problem solver at BlantonTurner, and one of the most influential property management professionals in the Pacific Northwest. You can access the podcast by [YouTube](#) or [Spotify](#).

* **Heather Price Earns Champion of Sustainability Honor** – North chemistry instructor Heather Price, PhD, was honored with the Champion of Sustainability award during the recent Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference in Bellingham. The recognition was given to Dr. Price for her "exemplary achievement and commitment to advance sustainability through efficiency, conservation and direct action." [Learn more.](#)

* **North Staff Present at NASPA Conference** – North Housing Resource Specialist Shannon Thomas and Dean of Student Support Services Jeanette Miller presented on student housing

insecurity with University of Washington-Tacoma and the Washington Student Achievement Council at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conference March 12. Shannon and Jeanette served on a panel examining the different ways we support our students in housing crisis.

* **ECE Staff, Faculty Present at League for Innovation Conference** – North faculty member Ninder Gill and staff members Annie Garrett and Anna Saradeth presented at the League For Innovation conference March 17-20. Their session was titled, "Nearly a Decade of Off-the-Chart Completion: One Program's Story." The session covered how North launched the state's first Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education (ECE) in 2016. The program has experienced a retention and completion rate of approximately 90% throughout its existence and has grown from 25 students in Year 1 to more than 200 students today. Annie Garrett, BAS alum and My Brother's Teacher mentor Matt McKenzie, and Meka Riggins and Carol Jack of Childcare Aware presented another session titled, "Collaboration Counts: A Public-Private Math Equity Project." In 2023, North collaborated with Childcare Aware of Washington to support its work on a math equity grant funded by Boeing. They shared the design process where they collaborated across multiple sectors and fields, centering student voice as they developed a contextualized, trauma-informed math curriculum.

IN THE NEWS

* **Tree Frog Community Featured on KING-TV's Evening** – The (literal) Pacific Tree Frog community was featured March 25 on KING-TV's Evening show. The segment highlighted North's natural mascot and the "spring chorus" of Pacific Tree Frogs inhabiting the wetlands on our campus. A big thank-you to Hugo Alamillo, biology faculty member, and Pete Lortz, vice president, Instruction and Enrollment Services, for their time in hosting the TV crew on their visits to North. The story can be viewed on the [KING-TV website](#).



AROUND CAMPUS

* **Library Reopening Celebration April 18** – Be sure to [RSVP](#) if you are planning to attend the Library Reopening Celebration Thursday, April 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will include appetizers by DayoSense Catering, tours, demonstrations, music and more. Please complete the [online form](#) by this Wednesday, April 3. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Book Arts Studio, Student Media Center, eLearning and the Teaching & Learning Center at North's new home for studying, research and creative exploration.

* **Student Commencement Speaker Wanted** – Your help is needed in encouraging graduating students to apply to represent North as this year's commencement speaker. The student speaker is one of the highlights of the ceremony, which is scheduled for Friday, June 21, at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. One graduate will be selected from each of the Seattle Colleges (North, Central and South). [Applications](#) are due Friday, April 12. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Miller, dean, Student Support Services at jeanette.miller@seattlecolleges.edu, or Mike Sprouse, director, Communications at michael.sprouse@seattlecolleges.edu. [Learn more](#).

* **Persist! Movement and Protest Art Continues through April 26** – Persist! Movement and Protest Art continues through Friday, April 26, in the NSC Art Gallery on the courtyard level of the Instruction Building. The show pulls together posters, art, zines and ephemera from a wide variety of movements, while focusing on pieces that educate, inspire and fuel resistance. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

* **BAS Technology Programs Receive Funding to Assist Student Placement** – North’s Application Development and Computer Science programs worked with Riipen, Inc. on a proposal for funds granted through Computing for All as part of the Washington Jobs Initiative. The proposal was awarded \$300,000 to assist in placement in short-term, technical projects, with a stipend, for 125 students and graduates. The proposal will not only provide additional experience for participants, but \$1,000 and a chance to prove themselves in organizations looking to expand their hiring pool.

* **Separate Fire Drills Planned for College Center, Instruction Building** – Two fire drills are currently scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16, and 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 18. The April 16 (9 a.m.) drill will be specifically for the College Center building, while the April 18 (2 p.m.) drill will be confined to the Instruction building. Since these do not affect the entire campus, the RAVE emergency alert system will not be used. All students, faculty, staff and visitors in the affected buildings are asked to please follow evacuation procedures during the drills.

* **Spring Quarter Parking Permits Available** – Employees can purchase quarterly parking permits online from the parking portal or sign up for an annual parking permit via payroll deduction (if eligible). Quarterly and annual permits are virtually linked to vehicle license plates; there is no hangtag permit to display. For more information, please refer to the March 26 email from Casey Chow, transportation coordinator, or visit the [Employee Parking Permit website](#).

* **Food Trucks on Campus Tuesdays** – Beginning April 9, North will continue hosting food trucks on Tuesdays 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

* **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.

