

# 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](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?**

\* **Juneteenth National Independence Day is June 19 –**

Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery. The holiday's name is a blend of the words "June" and "nineteenth," as it was on June



19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War. Early celebrations date back to 1866, at first involving church-centered community gatherings in Texas. The day was recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth became the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983. [Learn more.](#)

## **OUR PEOPLE**

\* **Welcome to North!** Joining North Seattle College in May were **Maryam Al Harari**, student employee, Instruction; **Blake Cisneros**, part-time faculty, Continuing Education; **Callan Hercules**, student employee, Math and Science; **Kaz Kasper-Gilbert**, student employee, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; **Andra Luca**, part-time faculty, Workforce Instruction; **Unubold Mungunshagai**, student employee, Facilities Operations; **Marco Ossio**, hourly assistant 1, Student Learning Center; **Jeremy Pena**, director, Launch Pad One-Stop Center (Student Services); **Sebastian Quintana**, student employee, Student Learning Center; **Lindsey Rowsell**, student employee, Finance; **Lars Swenson**, student employee, Workforce Instruction; **Lan (Coco) Wang**, hourly assistant 1, Student Learning Center; and **Lance Johann Wilson**, student employee, Student Learning Center.

\* **North Art Students Shine at League of Innovation Competition –** Congratulations to the North students competing in this year's League for Innovation Student Art Competition. There were 120 entries from all three Seattle Colleges in the [district competition](#) and the top five award winners move on to the international competition. North students took first, second and third place, as well as all seven honorable mentions in the competition. The list of North honors included **Amaya Berger**, best in show, *Daughter of the Sea* (Charcoal on Paper); **Madeline Brandt**, second place, *Glamour* (Charcoal on Paper); **Kristin Mayer**, third place, *Control* (Papier Mâché, Wood, Wire, Plastic, Wooden Beads and Hot Glue); and honorable mentions went to **Faina Abdrasil**, *Hand in Motion* (Charcoal on Paper); **Joseph Bantum**, *Elevator* (Oil

on Canvas); **Justin Gregg**, *Bananas* (Stoneware); **Liliana Gutierrez-Pino**, *Stretch* (Digital Illustration); **Michelle Carranza Velasco**, *El Gallo* (Collagraph); **Othello Smith**, *Fruity* (Charcoal on Paper); and **Tamsin Gillie**, *Still Life #2* (Charcoal on Paper). Some of these works are featured in the 2023-2024 NSC Juried Student Art Exhibition through June 13. [Learn more.](#)

\* **North Students Honored in League of Innovation Literary Contest** – Congratulations to the North students competing in this year’s League for Innovation Student Literary Contest. Entries awarded first-place in the Fiction, Essay, Poetry and Drama categories advance to the international competition. The list of North honors included **Kimberly Dunham**, honorable mention, *The Sidewalk*, Fiction; **Aija Mattice**, honorable mention, *Lament of a Fallen Star*, Poetry; **Douglas Moon**, first place, *Real Eyes*, Spoken Word (local award), and honorable mention, *My Favorite Orange*, Creative Nonfiction (local award). [Learn more.](#)

\* **Rocketry Club Students Earn Certification** – Congratulations to North Rocketry Club members **Drew Olson**, **Gabe Sico**, **Thomas Richichi** and **Dayeon Ko** for earning their Level 1 certification from the National Association of Rocketry at a launch near White Swan, Wash., in April. These students built, launched and recovered their high-power rockets, all of which reached about 3,000 feet (about twice the height of the Empire State Building). [Learn more.](#)

## AROUND CAMPUS

\* **Service Awards Ceremony June 5** – Join your friends and colleagues in a celebration recognizing employees with five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 45 years of service at North. The in-person ceremony will also feature recognition of employees’ awards, STARS’ announcement of the Classified Employee of the Year and recognition of retirees. The event is from 2 to 3:30 p.m., this Wednesday, June 5, in the North Star Dining Room (CC1254B).

\* **Workforce Development Grant for IT Program Expansion** – North was awarded the Workforce Development Grant from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges for expansion of work happening in the college’s Information Technology (IT) programs. This includes pursuit of Center for Academic Excellence Cyber Defense designation, expansion of the I-BEST IT pathways, and piloting IT student stipends for unpaid work-based learning. The total amount of the award is \$137,910 of one-time funds for fiscal year 2024-25. This work is a collaborative effort between Workforce Instruction and Basic and Transitional Studies.

\* **SBCTC Trustees Pass Resolution for Thunderbird Nest Project on Campus** – Last month, the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges Board of Trustees passed a [resolution](#) allowing North to sell surplus property for affordable housing serving the Native American community. North can now enter into a purchase and sale agreement for 2.3 acres of its surplus land to Bellwether and Chief Seattle Club as part of their [Thunderbird Nest project](#). The project includes a 5,700-square-foot building for North’s use that is intended to serve as an intellectual house or an educational resource to enhance services for our Native American and Indigenous communities. An NSC Tribal Advisory Council has been established to help guide North’s

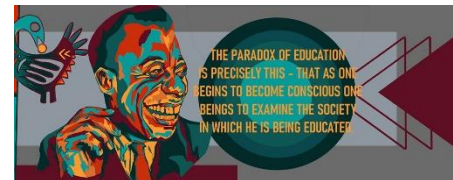


commitment and actions as an indigenous-serving college. The first meeting is June 6 and members include student **Chayton Remle**; alumni representative **Audrey Remle**; faculty **Elizabeth Goulet**, **Cristobal Borges** and **Renee Alma**; staff **Lareina Redwoman**; and community members **Willard Bill, Jr.**, and **Elsie Bill** with Native American and Indigenous descent.

\* **MLTV Set for June 5 in Library Building** – This year’s Making Teaching and Learning Visible (MLTV) symposium of student learning will be this Wednesday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Library building. MLTV is North’s annual symposium where students, faculty and staff can share the work they have been developing in the form of poster displays, readings, performances, panel discussions or other creative forms of expression. MLTV will be celebrating the life and work of writer and activist James Baldwin with a film screening at 11 a.m. in the auditorium, followed at noon by a panel discussion featuring English Faculty **Laura McCracken** and **Ben Wirth**; Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Community Director **Dr. Cooper Sealy**; Project Baldwin Director **Julius Lloyd**; and a Project Baldwin student participant.

\* **Two Concerts Coming in New Auditorium** – Two concerts are coming in the next week in North’s new auditorium in the Library building. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, the NSC Jazz Band with **Fred Radke** will be performing; and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, the North Seattle Symphonic Band will be featured. Both events are free (donations are encouraged).

\* **James Baldwin Mural Unveiled June 12 in Library** – At noon on Wednesday, June 12, the new mural celebrating the life, work and activism of James Baldwin will be unveiled on the third floor of the Library. You are invited as North celebrates this year’s mural painted by students enrolled in the Spring ART204 Mural Art course taught by **Kelda**



**Martensen**. The students have been working with the design of professional artist **Yvonne Ferguson**, while learning the steps of mural execution, budgeting, design and the role of community engagement. Attendees will be able to meet the artist and students. Music and refreshments will be part of the event, as well. [Learn more](#).

\* **Summer and Fall Guided Pathways 100 Day Projects** – The Title III grant and Guided Pathways funds have limited faculty stipend and student funds available for Guided Pathways redesign projects. This funding is intended for faculty working on new, innovative efforts directly related to scaling up Guided Pathways reforms and closing equity gaps. Projects must be completed within a 100-day period during the summer (ending by Aug. 16) or the fall quarter. Awards range from \$50 to \$5,000. If you are interested in applying, please review the information in the May 17 email from **Aimee Brown**, Title III director. To see projects that have been funded in the past, please visit the [100 day project repository](#).

\* **Volunteers Needed for UNEA Graduation June 16** – The Urban Native Education Alliance is celebrating its 2024 graduates Sunday, June 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. Members of the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Community team will be volunteering, but more volunteers are needed to help. If you are available or have questions, please contact [Paula Matta-Molina](#).

\* **2024 Licton Springs Review Now Available** – The publication of North’s annual journal featuring art and literature from students, staff, faculty and alumni is now available. You may download free copies of the 2024 Licton Springs Review here: [PDF](#) or [ePub](#). You may also purchase a [print-on-demand copy at Lulu.com](#).

\* **Internal Communications Survey Deadline June 7** – Thank you to those who have responded to the internal communications survey sent by email May 15 from North’s Communications office. If you haven’t responded and would like to share your feedback, the deadline is Friday, June 7. [Learn more](#).

\* **Help Preserve Metro Bus Route #20** – The Seattle City and King County councils are in the process of reviewing bus routes for future feasibility. One route being reviewed is the #20 Metro Transit bus that serves the North campus, along with schools and businesses in Lake City, Victory Heights, Pinehurst, Northgate, Licton Springs, Green Lake, Wallingford and the University District. To submit your support to continue bus route #20, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SaveBus20> (please copy and paste the URL into your browser if the link does not work).

## **AROUND DISTRICT**

\* **Commencement June 21 at T-Mobile Park** – [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 plan to join the celebration of our graduates with their families and loved ones. If you want a taste of what’s in store, you can watch the [Commencement 2023 highlight video](#). The [commencement website](#) has additional details as well.



\* **Student Art and Literary Awards Celebration June 6** – Members of the Seattle Colleges community are invited to attend the League for Innovation Art and Literary Award Celebration on Thursday, June 6 at the Broadway Performance Hall, Seattle Central College. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and the program begins at 1 p.m. [Learn more and RSVP](#).

\* **Mindful Meditation Zoom Sessions** – Through June 10, the Mindful Meditation team continues to offer free Zoom sessions to all current students and staff. These sessions are on Mondays from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. The meeting room URL is <https://tinyurl.com/yyx4eh9n>, the password is Bliss! and the meeting ID is 994 361 6626.