



NORTH NEWS BRIEFS

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?

* **Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.** – On Monday, Jan. 16, we will observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day, often referred to as MLK Day. It has been a federal holiday since 1986. The holiday is observed on the third Monday of January, so it doesn't always fall on his true birth date, Jan. 15. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in 1929. He was a Baptist minister and leader of the civil rights movement, championing justice and equality from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968. As he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Dr. King was also a strong advocate of change through nonviolent civil actions based on his Christian values. He was a great speaker, and his powerful words still resonate with us today. On Friday, Jan. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Seattle Colleges will present the 50th Annual Community Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. at the Brockey Center at South Seattle College. The Rev. Sharon Washington Risher will be the keynote speaker. [Learn more.](#)



PEOPLE



* **Welcome to North!** Joining North in December was **Yazmin Mariscal**, program specialist 2, Continuing Education.

* **Faculty Members Receive League for Innovation**

Excellence Awards – North faculty members Ann Murkowski, Biology; Benjamin Roberts, Electronics; Leann Dittmar, Pharmacy technician; Justina Rompogren, English; Christine Unutzer, Basic and Transitional Studies; and William White, Early Childhood Education, received the 2022-2023 League for Innovation Excellence Awards. The League for Innovation recognizes outstanding individuals in the community college field who have made a significant difference in the lives of students and in the communities their colleges. Congratulations to all!

* **Angie Tarino Earns All NASFAA Credentials** – Congratulations to Angie Tarino, program specialist III, Financial Aid, for recently earning all available credentials through the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)! NASFAA Professional Credentials are excellent professional development opportunities for financial aid administrators and cover specific areas, such as verification and consumer information. They are a great way to build a portfolio of demonstrated knowledge in specialized financial aid topics.

* **Profile: Elizabeth Bryant, English Tutor** – When tutoring students, Elizabeth Bryant can help them deal with difficult situations and make things better. For her, the work opened up a positive new part of her life. Elizabeth had worked for years to find meaning in her life before she began tutoring work in 2012. She now tutors English at two schools, including the Page One Writing & Language Center at North, and has found what she wanted at this stage. [Learn more.](#)

AROUND CAMPUS

* **Mini Market Opens in The Grove** – With the arrival of Winter Quarter, a new source for beverages and food also opened its doors at North Seattle College. The new small-scale market is located in the kitchen space of the Grove, and provides beverages and snacks, along with preheatable meals and cold sandwiches. So next time you need a quick bite, be sure to stop by!

* **LSAMP Sees Increase in Scholars Served** – The number of scholars in the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program recently increased by 64% in one quarter. These results are due to strategic efforts and initiatives, such as connecting with external partners to offer research opportunities, classroom visits to share information about LSAMP with students, revamping the LSAMP Lounge, and frequent communication with students to keep them informed of LSAMP events. A new LSAMP navigator role, funded by Title III, was added this year. This navigator role allows LSAMP and NSC to share costs in the necessary work of supporting underrepresented minority STEM students.

* **NSC Counselors Present at SBCTC Promising Practices Webinar** – North counselors presented at the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) Promising Practices Webinar Nov. 29 on Lessons Learned from the First Year Mental Health Counseling Pilot grant. During the panel discussion, North counselors shared how they are using the grant to destigmatize and decolonize mental health services through innovative service delivery, shifting the culture of the college, and engaging in community health and well-being interventions.

* **Art History Course Crosses International Borders for Learning Collaboration** – Through a series of binational calls, students in North's Art 299 course, Special Problems in Art, engaged in a unique experience as international ambassadors, problem-solving the UN Sustainable Development Goals with fellow students overseas. In partnership with the University of Garmian in Iraq, students practiced design thinking to empathize, ideate and problem solve global topics that matter most to them. [Learn](#)

[more.](#)

* **WinterFest Coming Jan. 10 and 11** – Student Leadership is hosting WinterFest Tuesday, Jan. 10, and Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grove. WinterFest will have opportunities for clubs and organizations to table and share resources to students. There will also be pizza, cookie decorating and board games. If you are a club or an organization on campus that wants to table, please [sign up](#) by Jan. 6. If you have any questions, please contact [Jean Robles](#).



* **Mental Health First Aid Training** – On Jan. 26 and Jan. 27, Mental Health First Aid training will be provided by Shaida Hossein, PhD, director, Mental Health Education, Jewish Family Services, to faculty and staff interested. The training is free and space is limited. It is supported by a state grant awarded to the Counseling Department at North by the SBCTC. Sign-up deadline is Friday, Jan. 13. [Learn more.](#)

* **Student Services Hours Extended through Jan. 13** – Hours for student services, such as Admissions, Advising, Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, and Workforce Education funding will be extended through Friday, Jan. 13. In-person services will be offered Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and virtual services will be offered Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (extended to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17 (the day after the MLK Day holiday), student services will revert to regular hours. [Learn more.](#)

* **Parking Rules to Be Enforced Beginning Jan. 9** – As communicated to all faculty, staff and students last month, North will begin requiring parking permits Winter Quarter and begin enforcing parking rules Monday, Jan. 9. For much of the pandemic, parking rules on campus were not enforced while virtual classes and remote work predominated. As more classes return to in-person instruction and more employees return to their offices, it is important that North manages its parking facilities responsibly. [Learn more.](#)

* **Make Sure You Receive Emergency Alerts** – As winter and the inclement weather it brings continues, it is important that all of us have up-to-date contact information in the [SeattleCollegesAlerts](#) system. The system, known as RAVE, is the primary and official notification system used across Seattle Colleges to notify students, faculty, and staff of weather and other emergencies. By default, all staff, faculty, and students receive emails through the system. It is recommended you opt in for text and phone messages to your mobile device for alerts regarding closures and potential emergencies. Learn more about the system [here](#), including how to update your information and preferences.

* **ED Building Closed Temporarily Due to Power Shutdown** – Power to North's Education building was shut down while crews investigate and repair a direct short in the electrical wires that feed the facility. It is not known how long the building will need to be closed, but it could be up to two weeks. For more details, please refer to the email

from North Communications that was sent to all faculty and staff this morning (Jan. 5).

* **Construction Updates** – Here is an update on current campus construction projects:

- Library – Construction is focused on HVAC in the west tower and roof. Electrical switch gear is scheduled to ship Jan. 30. We are currently working on the elevator details, trying to get this locked in to keep the project on schedule. Long lead times continue to be an issue as the project moves along. We are still on track for substantial completion June 15.
- Mechanical Upgrades – New dampers with electronic actuators are currently installed in towers one and two of the Instruction building (IB) and both towers in the Arts & Sciences (AS) building. Some work was delayed due to the electrical fire in the AS electrical room. We expect this project to be completed by year end.
- Classroom Renovations – We are working on replacing all carpets in the third floor of IB and College Center buildings, and updating all furniture to meet ADA standards. This will be a huge undertaking, but we expect to work on approximately five classrooms each day to minimize the impact to students and faculty. More details to follow as we narrow down the scope of work and timeline.
- ESCO Phase Two – Our Energy Conservation project was just completed and closed out. As a reminder, phase one had weather stripping installed around doors; HVAC duct sealing throughout campus; water conservation devices installed in labs, restrooms and breakrooms; and LED lighting replaced old florescent tubes in offices, common areas, exterior walkways and parking lots. With phase one now completed, we are nearly ready to kick off phase two. This phase will be installing a solar array on the roof of the Opportunity Center building. This new solar array will create power and reduce our energy demand from City Light while getting an energy rebate at the same time!
- Facilities Update – Elevators one and two in the IB building have been serviced with brand new steel cables, referred to as ropes. New door rollers have been ordered for both elevators and work will be scheduled when parts arrive (more details to follow). Elevator four had the motor seals and bearing replaced during the holiday closure. Facilities has been working closely with the electrical contractor for switchgear repairs in the AS building. Buss bars from the electrical vault to the switch gear have tested to be good. This allowed us to proceed with disassembling the breaker side of the switchgear. We still have plenty of work remaining to restore AS to the City Light power grid.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

* **Climate Justice in Chemistry Curricula – and Beyond** – North's Chemistry department was featured in the American Chemical Society for its efforts around climate justice. NSC Chemistry faculty member Heather Price previously helped secure National Science Foundation funding for climate justice in Undergraduate STEM Incorporating Civic Engagement (C-JUSTICE) to weave social justice lessons into curricula. Price now champions efforts to incorporate civic engagement in chemistry courses as well as other STEM disciplines and the humanities. [Learn more.](#)

* **A Transformative Bridge Over a 10-Lane Freeway** – The Community College Daily published a story Dec. 15 about the John Lewis Memorial Bridge, which opened a little over a year ago, linking North with the Sount Transit Link Light Rail station. President Dr. Chemene Crawford was quoted in the article. [Learn more](#).

* **Dr. Crawford Appears on The EdUp Experience Podcast** – North President Dr. Chemene Crawford was the featured guest recently on The EdUp Experience podcast, hosted by Dr. Joe Sallustio, author of “Commencement: The Beginning of a New Era in Higher Education,” and Violeta M. Tamayo, senior account executive at LeadSquared. Dr. Crawford shared her insights about the future of higher education and her experiences as a college president.

