



## **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](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?**

\* **Filipino American History Month** – In 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month, a celebration that commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States on Oct. 18, 1587. On that date, “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, Calif. The late Dr. Fred Cordova, along with his wife, Filipino American National History Society Founder Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova, first introduced October as Filipino History Month in 1992 with a resolution from the FANHS National Board of Trustees.



## **PEOPLE**

\* **Welcome to North!** New members of the North team are **Marianne Adler**, office assistant lead, Workforce Instruction; **Michelle Barboza**, student success specialist, Math & Science; **Mackenzie Barton-Rowledge**, part-time faculty, Math & Science; **Pei-Yu Chen**, part-time faculty, Basic & Transitional Studies; **Rebecca Cooke**, part-time faculty, Workforce Instruction; **David Erickson**, part-time faculty, Math & Science; **Sandra Farley**, part-time faculty, Basic & Transitional Studies; **Andrea Gogrof**, faculty, Continuing Education; **Valerie Goudarzi**, part-time faculty, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; **Ryan Hamburger**, faculty, Continuing Education; **Leslie Harris-Johnston**, part-time faculty, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; **Julia Heineccius**, full-time faculty-Art, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; **Wendi Hirshberg**, part-time faculty, Workforce Instruction; **Johanna Kiciman**, part-time faculty, Library, TLC & SMC; **Julius Kim**, student success specialist, Advising & Student Success; **Eric Lloyd**, full-time faculty-Computer Science, Workforce Instruction; **Sandra Maldonado**, part-time faculty, Workforce Instruction; **Emily Mar**, part-time faculty, Basic & Transitional Studies; **Kelli Murphy**, part-time faculty, Math & Science; **Jennifer Ocampo**, Early Childhood specialist 3, Student Leadership; **Peter Oliver**,



part-time faculty, Library, TLC & SMC; **Zuleica Olvera**, associate director, Student Leadership; **Grace Seo**, student success specialist, College Access Partnerships; **Chilan Ta**, part-time faculty, Basic & Transitional Studies; **Megan Valerio**, director, Roy Flores Wellness Center; **Chenae White**, part-time faculty, Workforce Instruction; and **Mary Williams-Molokwu**, Early Childhood specialist 3, Student Leadership.

\* **Stephanie Dykes Featured in Ames, Iowa Newspaper** – Stephanie Dykes, executive director, Institutional Effectiveness, was featured recently in the [Ames Tribune](#) detailing her transition journey and work as an advocate for transgender rights. While in Ames, she held several performances of “A Transgender Life: An Evening of Song & Story with Stephanie Dykes, PhD.” As a member of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland, where she is often a featured soloist, Stephanie has been reaching out to Evangelical Lutheran Church congregations across the country, which resulted in her first trip to Iowa earlier this month.

## **KUDOS**

\* **NSC Receives STARS Silver Rating for Sustainability Achievements** – North has earned a STARS Silver rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, measures and encourages the sustainability in all aspects of higher education. North’s STARS report is [publicly available](#). The college continues to strive to incorporate sustainability into the institution, overcoming recent global health, social unrest, and environmental crisis. [Learn more](#).

## **AROUND CAMPUS**

\* **ECE Program Sees High Enrollment** – The Early Childhood Education (ECE) Bachelor of Applied (BAS) Science program recently signed a memorandum of agreement with Seattle Public Schools to bring in a second cohort of 25 students. Students will complete their BAS at NSC, then go to the University of Washington to complete their master’s degree in teaching. The goal of the program is to support paraeducators of color in becoming licensed teachers in SPS. A Spanish BAS degree is currently in development, with support from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families, and will begin accepting applications this fall for launch in fall 2023. The ECE BAS program will launch three new cohorts in fall 2023, bringing the total enrollment to 200 students in the program.

\* **Reopening of the NSC Child Care Center** – NSC’s Child Care Center reopened for Fall Quarter 2022. The center opened two classes – the Toddler Classroom (18 months to under 3 years) and the Young Preschool Classroom (32 to 46 months). Teacher-initiated (structured) activities, free play (child-initiated) time, large and small group periods, and time for small and large muscle movement are included in the program. Activities in the program encourage the development and maintenance of a positive self-concept and respect for the child’s individuality, family identity and cultural/ethnic background.

\* **Seattle Families Invited to Join Family Connectors University** – Please help spread the word about this great opportunity! Seattle Public Schools families are invited to join North’s Family Connectors class, a family-focused online course designed to help parents support their child’s learning and growth. Classes are on Tuesday at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Parents can participate synchronously or asynchronously, as sessions will be recorded. [Learn more.](#)

\* **Abbreviated Equal Opportunity Statement for Use on College Collateral** – Seattle Colleges has an equal opportunity statement (also referred to as our non-discrimination statement) that we are required to publish on our website and on all forms, publications, fliers, and other materials produced by the colleges and district. You can find the statement on our [website](#). Recently, communications staff from our sister schools and Human Resources staff at district worked to update the short version that is used on fliers, etc., where space is limited, and the full statement cannot fit. The updated version provides a brief explanation of our commitment to equal opportunity and non-discrimination, followed by a short URL to visit the full version. Please be sure to use this short version of the statement on your collateral. [Learn more.](#)

\* **Community-Building Wellness Project: Rock Painting** – With funding from Mental Health State Grant 5194, the Counseling department and Wellness Advisory Committee have been collaborating to provide rock painting as a mindful and community-building art project at on-campus events. There is now a good collection of stones decorated by students, their families and community members. The collaboration is looking to place these art works around campus as “little surprise moments of mindfulness and connection building” for those who notice them. So be on the lookout for these tiny treasures during future walks around campus!



\* **NSC Weather Station Webpage** – As part of North’s lab operations, we maintain an important professional-quality weather station, located on the Instruction Building roof. Given our proximity to the freeway, conditions here are of regional importance. The station has recorded temperatures as high as 105.9 and as low as 17, and wind gusts as high as 47 mph. In general, it has revealed a campus weather that is somewhat cooler, wetter and calmer than the rest of the city – an ideal setting for Tree Frogs! The new [webpage](#) features a more user-friendly and robust interface than the old system. There is a real-time webcam looking toward the pedestrian bridge, freeway and light rail station, as well. Big thanks to Chris Wiederhold and Dale Nelson in IT for putting this update together!

\* **New TLC Canvas Shell** – Thanks to the guidance of North’s Instructional Designer Rebecca Brown, the Teaching and Learning Center now has a [refreshed Canvas shell](#). Training and presentations will be archived there this year, so please make sure to enroll in this shell. If you need help with your Canvas shell, contact Rebbeca at [rebecca.brown@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:rebecca.brown@seattlecolleges.edu)

\* **Pathways to Teaching Excellence** – The Teaching & Learning Center is offering a sequence of seven Pathways to Teaching Excellence gatherings designed to promote equitable and inclusive learning experiences. This community of practice is supported by Title III and Carl D. Perkins grant funding to advance North’s Guided Pathways efforts. Learn more about this opportunity on the [TLC website](#) or [Canvas shell](#).

\* **Climate Justice Institute** – Register for the Fall 2022 Climate Justice Faculty Institute. Faculty will learn how to weave climate justice and civic/community engagements into their existing curriculum. Each faculty will create a module (lesson, assignment, or lab). Part-time and full-time faculty from any field (Humanities, Arts, Business, STEM, etc.) are all welcome. No prior knowledge of climate science, climate justice, or civic or community engagements is needed. Meetings will be on Zoom and space is limited to 10 faculty. Wednesday dates are Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov 16, and Dec. 7. [Learn more](#).

\* **Roy Flores Wellness Center Reopens** – The Roy Flores Wellness Center reopened Sept. 26 and has already served more than 100 guests. Memberships for employees and community members are available for a fee, so please stop by the center for more information. (Student memberships are included in their tuition.) The center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\* **Construction Updates** – Here is a brief update on current campus projects:

- *Library* – The third floor is almost enclosed (see photo); windows are present and a watertight leak test is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 17. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing are almost complete; this floor is really starting to take shape! HVAC and fire protection are underway on the second floor, and the new entry/storefront is progressing on the south side.
- *Mechanical Upgrades* – Two new sprinkler valves were installed, replacing the original leaking units. This was no easy project, and we really appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as the entire campus was without water during installation. Facilities will work with Seattle Public Utilities and Department of Enterprise Services to address two recently discovered isolation valves that failed during the installation process requiring the entire campus to be isolated to complete the work.
- *Elevator Repairs* – Kone was on site Sept. 26, taking inventory of the required parts for replacing the steel cables in elevators 1 & 2 in the Instruction Building. Facilities will schedule this work shortly after the parts arrive. These elevators will be addressed independently so ADA access will still be available during repairs.



\* **Regular Drills Planned to Test Campus Alert System** – Beginning this month, North will start deploying regular drills to ensure the campus alert system (RAVE) is

functioning properly. The drills will include a message that clearly communicates it is a test of the North Seattle College Emergency Notification System. To ensure you receive not only an email alert to your "seattlecolleges.edu address," but also phone and text message alerts, please sign up at [getrave.com/login/seattlecolleges](https://getrave.com/login/seattlecolleges).

**\* Tell Us About Your Marketing/Outreach Efforts** – To help reduce redundancies and ensure North is maximizing its marketing resources, please let the Communications team know if you have any outreach efforts currently underway or planned. These could be email campaigns, events, fliers or other methods to help raise awareness of North and increase enrollment in your programs. Communications is trying to track these efforts at a high level so we can help ensure our messaging is hitting the intended audiences and we are clearly telling the North story with efficiency and less overlap. Please send an email to [North Communications](#) with the details of your efforts by Friday, Oct. 21.

**\* Reminder to Change Voicemail Greetings and Email Signatures** – If you still use a voicemail greeting or email signature that indicates North's campus is closed due to COVID-19, has moved to remote operations or that students should avoid campus, please update that information as soon as possible. While many classes continue to be offered online, the campus is open and many classes are now in person or offered via hybrid format. Updating your voicemail greeting and email signature will help reshape public perception and assist in communicating that North is indeed open for business.

**\* Mindful Meditation Zoom Sessions** – Through Dec. 5, Mindful Meditation Zoom sessions for students and employees at all Seattle Colleges are available Mondays from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. The sessions are free and led by mindfulness team members from all three campuses. (Meeting room is [tinyurl.com/vyx4eh9n](https://tinyurl.com/vyx4eh9n). Password is Bliss! Meeting ID is 994 361 6626.)

**\* COVID-19 Updates** – Districtwide information and updates regarding COVID-19 can be found on the COVID-19 Information Updates [webpage](#). This page is updated regularly and includes information about cases at each campus, including North. It is helpful and advisable to check this page regularly. All faculty, staff, and students are reminded to follow the health and safety measures outlined on the [Coming to Campus webpage](#).

