



## **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?**

\* **National Native American Heritage Month** – One of the very proponents of an “American Indian Day” was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, NY. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans” and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November “National American Indian Heritage Month,” which is now recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. (Source: [NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.gov](http://NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.gov))



## **PEOPLE**



\* **Welcome to North!** New members of the North team are **Jessica Albavera**, navigator, Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD), Instruction; **Marie Angeles**, director, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Community; **Thanh Huynh**, program specialist 2; Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs; **Nicholas Kaatz**, program specialist 2, Financial Aid & Veterans Affairs; **Daniel Raub**, officer, Campus Security; and **Joel Schneider**, officer, Campus Security.

## **IN THE NEWS**

\* **North Featured in Seattle Times Article on BAS Degrees** – NSC was one of several community colleges featured in a recent Seattle Times article that explored the rise of applied baccalaureate degrees in Washington’s community and technical colleges. Falcon Costilla, an Application Development student at North, was featured in the story. [Learn more.](#)

\* **Students Follow Supply Chain to Vietnam** – Students from NSC, Highline College and Tacoma Community College received a first-hand account of what happens to Washington state apples once they are exported from an orchard to another country. As part of the Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Supply Chain Management program, the students visited Vietnam from Sept. 8-19. In addition to Washington apples, the students followed the supply chain for Brooks Running shoes, which are imported from Vietnam. Blaine Relatado, who is pursuing an International Business bachelor’s degree at North, was featured in the story. [Learn more.](#)

\* **NSC, Edmonds Students Team Up for Archeological Dig** – Students from North joined Edmonds College students in a four-week archeological excavation project on land now owned by NSC. The property, near the southbound lanes of I-5 and the pedestrian bridge, was once a hub for the Japanese community. It was the location of the Green Lake Gardens Company, run by the Kumasaka family, who also lived at the site from 1919 to 1968. [Learn more.](#)

\* **Amazon Grants Another \$1.5M to Support Computer Science Degrees** – Seattle Colleges and Amazon have announced a \$1.5 million investment, bringing Amazon’s gift total to \$2.5 million to enable more people to pursue degrees in computer science. The gift supplements an initial grant, [announced in December 2021](#), to launch a bachelor’s of science in computer science at North. This fall, North admitted its first class of students in the new program. [Learn more.](#)

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

\* **Election Day is Nov. 8: Please Remember to Vote** – With Election Day just around the corner next Tuesday, Nov. 8, this is a reminder about the importance of voting. The right to vote is the single most important liberty we have as Americans. As employees, community members and citizens, we have a duty to make our voices heard and encourage others to do the same. If you haven’t voted already, please do so by 8 p.m. on Election Day. To help make it simple, you can even deposit your completed ballot in the drop box on the North Seattle Campus, near the southwest corner parking lot.

## AROUND CAMPUS

**\* Free Photo IDs Available to All Employees** – Beginning Monday, Nov. 14, free photo identification cards for all faculty and staff who want one will be available in the Launch Pad. Simply visit window 1 in the Launch Pad (one stop center) on the second floor of the College Center any time Monday through Thursday between 9 and 11 a.m. or 1 and 3 p.m. to have your photo taken and receive a card. There is no charge, unless you lose your first card and need a replacement, which will cost \$7.50. Free lanyards will also be provided. The photo IDs are being offered to help build community among North team members as we work our way out of the pandemic and more of us are on campus. The IDs also are a safety tool, serving as a visible way to help distinguish employees from other campus visitors. When you visit the Launch Pad to get your ID card, be sure to bring a government issued, photo ID (such as a driver's license, passport, military ID, or permanent residence card).



**\* Art History Course Crosses Borders for Learning Collaboration** – Through a series of binational calls, students in NSC's Art 299 course, Special Problems in Art, are engaging 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 practice design thinking to empathize, ideate, and problem solve global topics that matter most to them. Students learn about the power of art and design as playing a role toward a more sustainable and cross-cultural world, creating visual art in reflection of their experience. This international partnership is made possible by IREX, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving global citizenship with funding by the Stevens Initiative and the U.S. Department of State.

**\* Time to Nominate Fall 2022 Golden Star Employee of the Quarter** – Friday, Nov. 18, is the deadline to submit nominations for the Fall 2022 NSC Golden Star Employee of the Quarter. Any employee is eligible – classified, faculty, hourly, exempt and administration – to nominate or be nominated. The Golden Star Employee of the Quarter should exemplify these outstanding characteristics: kindness, integrity, collaboration, creativity and going the extra mile. There is one awardee per quarter, and each receives an NSC Gold Star pin presented by President Dr. Chemene Crawford, an engraved glass award of appreciation, college-wide recognition and a gift from the STARS Committee. Please submit your [nomination form](#) today!

**\* Emergency Assistance Funding Available for Students** – The Launch Pad: One-Stop Student Center wants to remind faculty and staff of the emergency assistance funding program available to our students. The emergency assistance grant provides one-time, temporary, limited financial relief while students connect with long-term support resources. This program is intended to help support students so they can succeed academically at North. Funds are limited and are not guaranteed. Please help spread the word with our students by directing them to [northseattle.edu/emergency-assistance-students](http://northseattle.edu/emergency-assistance-students) to get started.

**\* LSAMP Program Gathers Student Input and Revamps LSAMP Lounge** – The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program had its fall kickoff with food and icebreaker games for students. LSAMP staff gathered input from students on their needs and are using that feedback to aid in goal setting and planning for the year. Additionally, the LSAMP Lounge, equipped with collaboration stations, is receiving a new look and feel to create a warm and welcoming environment for LSAMP scholars and other students at NSC.

**\* Guided Pathways 100 Day Projects: Winter and Spring 2023** – To promote and support Seattle Pathways work and engage all stakeholders at North Seattle College, the North Seattle Pathways Team is making limited funds from the Title III grant available for Guided Pathways redesign projects. This funding is available to faculty and students working on new, innovative efforts directly related to scaling up Seattle Pathways reforms for a limited, 100-day period during the 2022-2023 academic year. Awards can range from \$50.00 to \$5,000 and must be used over a 100-day period. Please see the Oct. 31 email from [Aimee Brown](#) for more information and application details.

**\* LSAMP Program Partners with UW Medicine and PNNL** – One of the tenets of the LSAMP program is to make research attainable for students. As a step toward meeting this goal and exposing students to the variety of STEM careers that they can pursue, the LSAMP program has partnered with University of Washington Medicine (Fred Hutch) to create an internship opportunity for students. LSAMP has also partnered with the Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL) to expose students to PNNL's Department of Energy summer internships.

**\* NSC Arts & Crafts Sale: Call for Vendors** – Join the NSC Art Department for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Sale, set for Thursday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on campus in the Grove. All students, faculty, staff, alumni and currently enrolled Continuing Education students at North are welcome to participate. All work needs to have been made by you or a collaborative team. Examples of things you could make and sell are jewelry, prints, photos, ceramics, drawings, cards, hats, scarves, ornaments, books, zines, candles, T-shirts, etc. To secure a spot, please submit a [quick application](#) by Friday, Nov. 18. If you have questions, please contact [Paula Rebsom](#), Art Group faculty coordinator.

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

- **Library:** Second floor windows are being installed now; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing are almost complete. HVAC and fire protection are underway and both entry/storefront on the second floor are framed. As the second and third floors get closer to completion, the shift will move to the first and ground floors. We are still on track for substantial completion on June 15, 2023.
- **Mechanical Upgrades:** New dampers with electronic actuators are currently being installed in towers one and two of the Instruction building and both towers in the Arts and Sciences building. This work will replace the last of the original 55-year-

old pneumatic dampers, giving us better control and adjustment of the fresh air supplied to these buildings.

- **ESCO Phase 2:** Our Energy Conservation project was just completed and closed earlier this month. Just as a reminder, phase 1 featured weather stripping installed around doors; HVAC duct sealing throughout campus; water conservation devices installed in labs, restrooms, and breakrooms; and LED lighting to replace old florescent tubes in offices, common areas, exterior walkways, and parking lots. With phase 1 complete, we are almost ready to kick off phase 2: installing a solar array on the roof of the Opportunity Center building. This new solar array will create power and reduce our energy needs from City Light while getting an energy rebate at the same time!

**\* Mindful Meditation Sessions Continue Mondays through Dec. 5** – Free Mindful Meditation Zoom sessions are available to all faculty, staff and students Mondays from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. The meeting room URL is <https://tinyurl.com/yyx4eh9n>, password is Bliss! and meeting ID is 994 361 6626. Please share this information with students and colleagues.

