



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?

* **March is Women's History Month** – Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society, and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. The [timeline of women's history milestones](#) stretches back to the founding of the United States, and the [National Women's History Alliance](#) designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2023 theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." This theme recognizes "women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media." Source: [History.com](#).



PEOPLE



* **Welcome to North!** Joining North in February were **Kou Hang**, program specialist 2, Registration and Records, and **Lorine Hill**, director, Business Operations.

* **NSC Staff and Faculty Present at CCBA Conference** – Dr. Melana Yanos, Pete Lortz, Michelle Melero, and Eric Lloyd presented at the Community College Baccalaureate Association conference Feb. 15-17 in Palm Springs, Calif. The presentation was on the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree, titled "Creating and implementing a roadmap for a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree with an Equitable Mindset."

* **Profile: Phyllis Maccameron, Page One Writing & Language Center** – In 2011, Phyllis Maccameron started tutoring at North, before the Student Learning Center existed and when the English tutoring center was called The Loft (it was located upstairs in the library). "Tutoring never gets boring," she said. "There is always

something unique about each session.” Phyllis’ advice to students is to make use of the resources at North no matter what their level of English is. “Page One is for everybody,” she said. [Learn more](#).

AROUND CAMPUS

* Discover Seattle Colleges Open House at North

March 9 – Mark your calendars and help spread the word for the Discover Seattle Colleges Open House in the Grove on Thursday, March 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. This is a chance for our campus to welcome prospective students and their families by providing

classroom/department tours; information about student onboarding services, academic degrees and financial aid; and an opportunity to talk with advisors. You can [download a flier](#) or [visit the website](#) for current details.



* Billy Frank Jr. Day Dinner, Discussion and Door Prizes March 9

– You are invited to an evening discussion and dinner in honor of Billy Frank Jr. Day, Thursday, March 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. in College Center room 1161. Billy Frank Jr., a Northwest Native American (Nisqually) activist, played a key role in the “Fish Wars” of the 1960s and 1970s, resulting in a landmark decision affirming tribal fishing rights. The evening will honor him and continue his legacy. If you would like to attend, please complete the [RSVP form](#).



* **Have You Completed the Campus Climate Survey?** – If you haven’t yet done so, please take 15 minutes of your day to share your experience with Seattle Colleges. The survey was distributed via email (sender is info@viewfindersurveys.com) and is available until March 9. At the end of the survey is an opportunity to sign up for a drawing for special prizes. Have questions? Please email edi@seattlecolleges.edu.

* **Apply for Funding to Attend NCORE** – Staff, faculty and students are invited to apply for professional development funding to attend the [35th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity](#) (NCORE) in New Orleans, May 30-June 3. The deadline to sign up and be considered for funding is Friday, March 10, by using this [application form](#).

* **Spring Pathways to Teaching Excellence Application Now Open** – This spring, the Teaching & Learning Center is continuing the 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. Deadline for submission is April 7. [Learn more](#).

* **Employee Assistance Programs Offered in March** – During the month of March, here are just a few of the resources offered by the [Washington State Employee Assistance Program](#) to support you:

- Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.: [Breaking the Burnout Cycle](#) webinar (to support employees).
- Wednesday, March 29, 1 p.m.: [Burnout for Leaders – Supporting Staff and Yourself](#) webinar (to support anyone in a leadership role).
- On-demand webinar: [EAP Orientation](#) (15 minutes)

* **North to Host Research and Planning Commission Conference** – North Seattle College will be hosting the spring 2023 conference of the Research and Planning Commission (RPC) April 13-14. The Research and Planning Commission is made up of institutional research and effectiveness personnel from across the Washington state community and technical college system. For more information, please contact [Stephanie Dykes](#), executive director, Institutional Effectiveness.

* **Sustainability Effort to Save Thousands of Gallons of Water Each Month** – Plans are underway for McKinstry to install a new water filtration system with a UV light to kill bacteria in the Health Science and Student Resources building. The new system will allow restoring the original water reclamation system that supplies water to all restroom toilets and urinals in the building. Water is collected from roof drains and stored in three 5,000-gallon cisterns in the garage. The water is pumped through large filters, then past a UV light to sterilize the water. This system will save thousands of gallons of water each month. Seattle Public Utilities is studying the system to see if it can offer a rebate for up to 50% of the installation cost, which has never been offered to anyone in Washington.



* **Wellness Center Memberships Available** – Memberships to the Roy Flores Wellness Center are available to all students, employees and community members. All for-credit students have memberships automatically via their tuition, so it is already paid. Please help spread the word to students about this great resource! Employees and community members who wish to join should visit the front desk at the wellness center to pick up a membership form, pay at the cashier's office, and return to the center with a receipt. Alternatively, employees can complete a [payroll deduction form](#). Employee memberships are \$50 per quarter (\$8.30 per paycheck) and community memberships are \$100 per quarter.

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

- **Library** – Construction is focused on HVAC in the west side tower and roof. Electrical switch gear was delayed but is expected to arrive this week. The new replacement elevator has been confirmed (original scope was to use old elevator with new electronics). Long lead times continue to be an issue as the project moves along. We are still on track for substantial completion on June 15.
- **Classroom Renovations** – We are working on replacing the carpet on the third floor of the Instruction (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 our students and faculty. Contractors have submitted bids, and the Washington State

Department of Enterprise Services and Facilities will be going over them next week to award the project to a contractor and place our furniture order. More details to follow as we narrow the scope of work and timeline.

- Water Reclamation – The Health Sciences and Student Resources building has three 5,000-gallon cisterns that collect rainwater from the roof drains (see item above). This water is then supplied to all the toilets and urinals in the building to save water. Unfortunately, shortly after the building was opened, it was discovered that the system wasn't up to code, forcing the stoppage of it. We have used the remaining contingency funds from the Energy Service Company (ESCO) project to get this water reclamation system up to code and restore this sustainable water supply system. The system will be operational spring quarter, but we don't expect much use of rainwater until mid-fall quarter.
- Facilities Update – Elevators one and two in the IB building have new door hardware ordered. This work is scheduled to be completed during spring break. Facilities has been working closely with the electrical contractor for switchgear repairs in the Arts & Sciences building. We have a solution for replacing the switchgear in the A&S building and getting us restored to City Light power. If the City approves the plan, we could be restored as early as May.

IN THE NEWS

* **Beth Goss Interviewed by Today.com** – Beth Goss, full-time faculty member in Parent Education, was recently featured in an article on Today.com about couples keeping romance alive after kids. Most research suggests that couples are less happy with their partners after they become parents. But it doesn't have to be that way, according to Beth. [Learn more.](#)

