



## ***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?**

**\* April is Counseling Awareness Month** – [Counseling Awareness Month](#) is celebrated in April as a month-long observance of raising awareness and promoting mental health to people of all ages. It also highlights the importance of counseling professionals – from mental health counselors, school and college counselors, substance abuse counselors, to career counselors. This celebration also eradicates the stigma of seeking help for mental illness. North has an amazing [team of counselors](#) trained to help students cope with various personal life challenges and concerns that may impact personal and academic performance.



### **PEOPLE**



**\* Welcome to North** – Joining North in March were **Rebecca Clark**, administrative assistant, International Programs; **Naila Farah**, retention specialist, Seattle Promise; **Reuben Gonzales**, security director, Campus Security; **Raymond Khothisen**, retention specialist, Seattle Promise; **Anthony Rael**, security officer, Campus Security; and **Alex Schiff**, retention specialist, Seattle Promise.

**\* Congratulations to Newly Tenured Faculty** – The Seattle College Board of Trustees last month approved three North faculty members for tenure. A big congratulations to **William Barry**, Math and Science; **Deepa Bhandaru**, Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences; and **Angel Hayoung Kim**, Workforce Instruction.

**\* NSC Staff and Faculty Present at League for Innovation Conference** – On March 12-13, NSC staff and faculty members presented at the League for Innovation conference in Tempe, Ariz. **Samantha Dolan**, associate director, Workforce Instruction, and **Jawahir Ali**, faculty, Workforce Instruction, delivered a presentation titled, "Language Justice in Workforce Education," **Steve Balo**, manager of Technical Employment, Workforce Instruction, hosted a roundtable event titled, "Student Success

in STEM: Overcoming Employment Challenges,” and **Pete Lortz**, vice president, Instruction, and **Eric Lloyd**, faculty, Computer Science, Workforce Instruction, delivered a presentation titled, “Engineering the BS in Computer Science at North Seattle College.”

## **AROUND CAMPUS**

\* **Spring Club and Resource Fair Table Sign Up** – Student Leadership, in partnership with Benefit Hub and Workforce, is hosting a Spring Club & Resource Fair Tuesday, April 11, and Wednesday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Grove. If you are interested in reserving and staffing a table at the event, please use the [sign-up form](#). The deadline is Friday, April 7, at 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Jeane Robles, [jeane.d.robles@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:jeane.d.robles@seattlecolleges.edu).

\* **Basic and Transitional Studies Expands Offerings** – North’s Basic and Transitional Studies (BTS) division is acquiring an Adult Basic Education course from Seattle Central College at a north end Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC) location, where resident students work on high school completion and college and job readiness. NSC’s BTS division is also moving forward with a new I-BEST pathway for pharmacy technicians. A BTS health/medical on-ramp course is being offered this spring, where students learn about Allied Health pathways and focus on pre-learning medical terminology.

\* **NWCCU Accreditation Visit Coming to North May 1-3** – The Northwestern Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) will perform a comprehensive accreditation evaluation visit to North on May 1-3. The purpose of this visit is to evaluate North’s compliance with NWCCU accreditation standards and policies. During the visit, an NWCCU evaluation team will meet with campus students, faculty, staff and leadership to evaluate North’s accreditation status, in conjunction with North’s 2023 Year Seven Self-Evaluation Report. [Learn more](#).



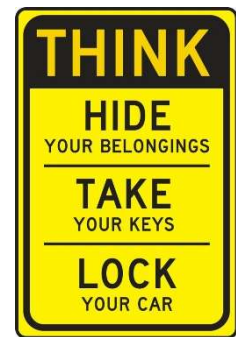
\* **NSC Child Care Center Waitlist Applications** – The NSC Child Care Center is a service provided for our community, with enrollment priority given first to students, then to employees, and then to community members. If you are interested – or know of someone who may be interested – please know the [online waitlist is available for applications](#). If you have any questions, please contact Rose Buchanan, manager, [Rose.Buchanan@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:Rose.Buchanan@seattlecolleges.edu).

\* **Commencement Ceremony June 22 at T-Mobile Park June 22** – Please mark your calendars and plan to join the celebration of our 2023 graduates at the Seattle Colleges Commencement Ceremony, Thursday, June 22, at 5 p.m. at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. [Learn more](#).

\* **Parking Permits for Spring Quarter Available for Purchase** – Parking permits for Spring Quarter are on sale now and enforcement will begin Monday, April 10. An all-

campus email was recently distributed with purchasing options and instructions. More information is also available on North's [Parking and Transportation webpage](#).

\* **Vehicle Safety Reminder** – North's Safety and Security Department reports that individuals have recently been spotted prowling the parking areas around campus, looking into and under vehicles. This serves as another opportunity to remind all faculty, staff and students to lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight – preferably in the trunk or not in your car at all. Also, please try to park in well-lit areas. While security officers are increasing patrols, it is important to take steps to help ensure the safety of your vehicle and valuables. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you ever see any suspicious activity, please contact Campus Safety and Security, (206) 934-3646.



\* **NSC Art Gallery Exhibition 'Helen Ramona P2'** – Come see how artist and zero-waste fashion designer, Janelle Abbott, has transformed the NSC Art Gallery with her installation of Helen Ramona P2. The exhibition runs through Friday, April 28. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact: [nscartgallery@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:nscartgallery@seattlecolleges.edu) or [amanda.knowles@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:amanda.knowles@seattlecolleges.edu).

\* **Making Learning and Teaching Visible Event Set for June 7** – Everyone is invited to celebrate and participate in North's annual Making Learning and Teaching Visible event on Wednesday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Roy Flores Wellness Center and online from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Trish Root, MLTV faculty coordinator, at [patricia.root@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:patricia.root@seattlecolleges.edu).

\* **Student Services Hours Extended through April 14** – Student services hours for areas such as Admissions, Advising, Enrollment Services, Financial Aid and Workforce Education have been extended through Friday, April 14. In-person hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and virtual hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Beginning Monday, April 17, student services hours will revert to regular hours: In-person – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday; virtual – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, extended to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

\* **North Hosting 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.

\* **Micro Market Hours** – This is just a reminder that the Micro Market in the Grove has updated hours for the first two weeks of Spring Quarter. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Micro Market is closed Fridays and

weekends. Please note the hours will be adjusted over time as additional staff are hired and to meet our community's needs. If you have any questions or comments, please email [northpresident@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:northpresident@seattlecolleges.edu).

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

- Library – During construction, a leak was discovered in the main water supply line. Contractors put a sleeve over the leak as a quick remedy. We decided to have the main water supply line replaced for the longevity of the building to prevent any future leaks or other costly issues. Construction continues to focus on HVAC in the west side tower and working on roofing as weather allows. Electrical switch gear has arrived, and a new power feed has been supplied to the building. Valley Electric is working on getting power restored to the building. Long lead-times continue to be an issue as the project moves along. We are discovering that substantial completion for the second and third floors will be June 25. The first and second floor will be completed by late August. Although we have two different dates, we're still on track to open the library for Fall Quarter 2023.
- Classroom Renovations – Bids have been reviewed and a contract was awarded. We are currently working with the contractor to build a schedule to start this project with minimal impact to our students, faculty and staff. We are also working with Open Square to replace the furniture in these renovated rooms to meet ADA standards.
- Water Reclamation – This system is now back up and running. We have discovered some minor bugs to work out in the software that monitors the system. We are currently working with the vendor to iron out these issues. Metering devices were installed to monitor the amount of rainwater is used vs city water. This Water Reclamation System save several hundred gallons of water during our heavy rainfall winters, while also able to use city water during hotter summer months.
- Facilities Update – Elevator 7 continues to be under repair. A previous roof leak caused some rusting and damage to some of the electrical switches and one circuit board. Kone has been working with their supplier to get the required parts. We are expecting to have this elevator back up by this Friday, April 7.

## **AROUND THE DISTRICT**

\* **Free First Aid CPR & AED Training** – Seattle Colleges' District Health & Safety Team, in collaboration with Professional-Technical and Workforce Education Leadership, have aligned with the American Heart Association (AHA) to offer a free employee resource of training/certification on *AHA HeartSaver® First Aid CPR & AED*. This resource helps to meet the certification/training requirements of many employee positions across the district. If you need certification/renewal (or are simply interested in learning more about First Aid & CPR), there are upcoming training events available and free to you, as an employee of Seattle Colleges. [Learn more](#).

