

# North News Briefs



Welcome to this month's 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?



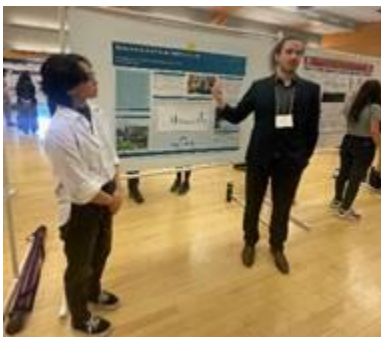
**May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month:** In 1992, Congress established May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to coincide with two key milestones: the arrival of the nation's first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and Chinese workers' pivotal role in building the transcontinental railroad (completed May 10, 1869). In 2021, a presidential proclamation expanded this to include

Native Hawaiians. The theme for 2023's observance is "Advancing Leaders through Opportunity." This is a continuation of the "Advancing Leaders" theme series which began in 2021, and further highlights efforts to advance leaders in federal government.

(Sources: [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov) and [FAPAC.org](https://www.fapac.org).)

## PEOPLE

**Welcome to North:** Joining North in April were Sidney Kemp, Library, TLC & SMC; and Willa Sweeney, Library, TLC & SMC.



**LSAMP Students' Posters Earn Honors at Conference:** North's Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) students participated in research poster presentations at the Pacific Northwest LSAMP conference in April. A total of 22 posters were presented by students from the University of Washington, Washington State University, Oregon State University, Boise State University, Yakima Valley Community College and several other schools in the region, including North. North students Justice Yeast Martinez and Janelle Adsuara placed second (pictured); Randon Serikawa

placed third; and Adriana Cruz also presented. The research presented by the students was from UGR 294, which is taught by instructors Heather Price and Ann Murkowski. The class is focused on helping students connect their STEM theory to tangible research projects that can be applied to real-world problems. Congratulations all!

**North Art Students Shine at League of Innovation Competition:** Congratulations to all the North students competing in this year's League for Innovation Student Art Competition. There were 150 entries from all three Seattle Colleges in the district competition and the top five award winners will move on to the international competition. North students receiving honors at

district included Monica Salazar (Best in Show, Toolbox, medium: oil on canvas); Beaux Ward-Steinman (Juror's Choice, Ebb and Flow, medium: earthenware and glaze); Chole Rotenberg (Juror's Choice, With Papou, medium: monotype); Liliana Gutierrez-Pino (Honorable Mention, essence, medium: Adobe Photoshop, Canon 90D); Jalyynn Guzman (Honorable Mention, Self Portrait, medium: oil on canvas); Sally Hoy (Honorable Mention, Knowledge Factory, medium: linoleum block print, ink on paper); Kelsey Long, The Invitation, medium: charcoal on paper); and Elliott Palmer (Honorable Mention, Nesting Vase, medium: ceramics).

**Profile: Jamie Kang, Math Tutor:** Jamie Kang might have become a musician, an actor or a martial arts performer. Instead, she discovered what fun math is. One day she may become a business entrepreneur. But for now, she's tutoring at North's Math and Science Learning Center and helping students discover how enjoyable math can be. What she enjoys about tutoring, is "the moment when students get it and say 'Oh' and the moment they realize it wasn't that tricky a problem." [Read more.](#)

## AROUND CAMPUS

**Healthcare Career and Transfer Fair May 8:** The Opportunity Center is hosting a Healthcare Career and Transfer Fair Monday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the courtyard outside the Grove between the Health Sciences and Student Resources Building and the Arts and Sciences Building. This is a great opportunity for students to meet health care professionals who are hiring for jobs and learn about available health care programs. Please share this information with students, who can use this [form](#) to RSVP.

**A Conversation with Journalist Michael Hobbes:** North alum Michael Hobbes, an investigative journalist and former Huffington Post reporter, will be on campus Wednesday, May 17, at noon on debunking the books, fad diets and media memories we might have thought were factual. The event will be in-person only in ED2843A, and masks are encouraged. All are welcome. RSVP [here](#).



**Women of Color Empowerment Luncheon May 18:** The Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Community invites all staff and faculty who identify as women of color to an informal lunch and dialogue on being empowered, with guest speaker Denise Collazo. Collazo is a social justice leader, mentor to fellow women of color and an award-winning author. Attendees will receive the book, [Thriving in the Fight: A Survival Manual for Latinas on the Front Lines of Change](#). Learn more and register for the event [here](#).

**Nominate Your 2023 North Classified Employee of the Year:** It is that time of year again to nominate a STAR Classified Employee for Classified Employee of the Year 2023. Any North Classified staff person can be nominated by any North employee. Nominees and the awardee will be announced during the Service Awards ceremony. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 19. Don't wait, show your appreciation today!

**Spring Fest Coming May 24:** Come celebrate spring quarter at North from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grove. This year's event will feature a talent show, local Seattle talent and free food! There will also be a screen-printing event hosted by Project Baldwin and the North Art Department. For more information, please contact [Jeane Robles](#).



**Mural Progressing:** North art students continue to beautify campus with the new mural on the southeast corner of the Opportunity Center Building (pictured). Next time you are in the area, don't forget to stop by and see the progress.

**Enrollment Services - Reminder on Student Reapplication**

**Requirement:** Please note that students must reapply to the college if they have not registered for classes within three years of their last enrollment date. For more information and resources about the enrollment process,

please visit [Enrollment Services](#) on North's website.

**Process for Making Website Updates:** For those who are tasked with ensuring the information about your program\* or department is accurate and up to date on North's website, please send edits, updates, maintenance, new page and removal requests to [nscpioweb@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:nscpioweb@seattlecolleges.edu). This allows the Communications and Web team to track North's web requests accurately and helps ensure that the needs of our campus are met while providing a more efficient and simplified workflow. For more information about web edit requests, please visit the [web edit requests page](#). (\*Note: certain components of [program webpages](#) are populated through the Academic Data Warehouse. If you need access to the Academic Data Warehouse to make updates to your program webpage, please visit the [Academic Data Warehouse page](#).)

**Safe Computing - Work and Personal Passwords Should Be Different:** As you may have seen in the news recently, Shoreline Community College was one of the latest victims of hackers. The Seattle Colleges Information Technology Department works hard to keep us all secure, but one of the most important ways to guard our security requires all of us to take action. Please ensure that any password you use at work is not duplicated anywhere else in your life online. If you do have the same passwords at work, please change them so they aren't the same as your personal account passwords. Also, when you change your work passwords in the future, don't re-use a password from any personal accounts. For more information, visit the [IT Services website](#).

**Free Mindful Meditation Zoom Sessions Every Monday:** Mindful Meditation Zoom sessions are free to all current students and staff, led by mindfulness team members from all three Seattle Colleges campuses every Monday throughout spring quarter. The sessions are from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. through June 5. The meeting room URL is <https://tinyurl.com/yyx4eh9n>, the password is Bliss! and the meeting ID is 994 361 6626.

**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. To learn more and sign up, please see this [form](#).

**Commencement Ceremony June 22 at T-Mobile Park June 22:** The celebration of our 2023 graduates will take place at the Seattle Colleges Commencement Ceremony, Thursday, June 22, at 5 p.m. at T-Mobile Park in Seattle. If you are planning to attend and take part in the ceremony, watch for messages this month about ordering regalia. You are encouraged to attend the event and cheer on our graduates with their families and friends. [Learn more](#).

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

- Library: The architect is investigating options and cost for hardscape seating, revitalizing existing planters and a possible terrarium on the east side of the library where the old abandoned fountains remain. The first week of July is targeted for the college to access the second and third floors for installing furniture, IT, etc. We are targeting college access to the first floor and ground level for their installations in mid-August. Substantial completion is scheduled for the first week in September, and we're still on track to open the library for fall quarter.
- Classroom Renovations: Due to time constraints and the impact of moving so many classes at once, we have limited our carpet replacement to the first floor of the Instruction Building while replacing furniture in classrooms on the third floor of College Center. We'll continue to replace carpet on the third floor of the Instruction Building and College Center in summer quarter to minimize the impact to faculty and students.
- Water Reclamation: Unfortunately, we discovered several minor issues with this system that required us to restore this system back to city water until repairs can be made. We currently have a plan to make repairs and adjustments; we're awaiting new parts, filters and updated software to restore this system back to full operation using water collected from the roof drains of the HSSR.
- Facilities Update: A window in the northwest corner of the HSSR building shattered; the area has been taped off for safety precautions. We're currently awaiting the arrival of a custom replacement. Once our vendor has the replacement on site, we'll schedule installation. We now have two failed ADA door operators in the HSSR building. Parts are on back order; we'll make repairs shortly after their arrival. Thank you for everyone's patience as we address these issues.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Winter Quarter Enrollment Up:** Enrollment figures for Winter Quarter 2023 are in, and the Seattle Colleges District reported increases in State, Running Start and Total FTEs over the previous year's results. For Total FTEs, North was up 4% over Winter 2022, while the District was up 6% overall. For State-Funded FTEs, North was up 2%, while the District was up 5% overall. For Running Start FTEs, North was up 5%, while the District was up 2% overall. One area that did not show an increase was International FTEs, where North was down 9%, while the District was down 11% overall.

## IN THE NEWS

**North Students Take Top Honors over U.S. Universities in IB Competition:** North Seattle College, the only community college team in a field of research universities, was the winner of the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators (NASBITE) International's recent 2023 Student Case Competition. The team consisted of Theresa LaRue, Blaine M. Relatado, Alex Soares and Christian Dela Torre, and advisor Honorio Todino, PhD. North beat runner-up Michigan State University, one of the nation's top research universities in international business. North has competed the last three years and is the only institution to be a finalist each time. Way to go, team! [Learn more.](#)

**NSC Students, Watch Technology Institute Honored at New York Gala:** North's Watch Technology Institute was well-represented at the Horological Society of New York's 157<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala & Awards Ceremony in April. The society honored 20 watchmaking students and four U.S. watchmaking schools. Five students from North were among the 20 receiving awards: Kent Beckley, Samuel D.H. Mallow, Kevin Zamani, A Reum Im and Michael

Davanzo. In addition, North's Watch Technology Institute was one of four schools honored with the Howard Robbins Award for Watchmaking Schools. Congratulations to all! [Learn more.](#)

