

North News Briefs



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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?

* **June is Pride Month** – Pride Month is an annual celebration of the many contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community to history, society and cultures worldwide. In most places, Pride is celebrated throughout the month of June each year in commemoration of its roots in the Stonewall Riots of June 1969. However, in some areas – especially the Southern Hemisphere – pride events occur at other times of the year. For information on Pride Month events in Seattle, please visit SeattlePride.org.



PEOPLE

* **Jill Lane to Serve as Acting President** – Interim Chancellor for Seattle Colleges Dr. Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap recently announced the appointment of **Jill Lane** (pictured) to serve in the role of executive leader for the duration of the interim president search at North. As announced in April, President Dr. Chemene Crawford accepted the role of president at Everett Community College. Her last official day at North will be June 30. Jill will begin serving as acting president of North on July 1. In her message to the North community about the transition plan, Dr. Rimando-Chareunsap said Jill's leadership of the accreditation process and building community in preparation for the visit are evident. Her 18-plus year history at North and the "deep dive" work that the accreditation process required will serve her well as she steps into the role. Dr. Rimando-Chareunsap stated her goal is to identify and have an interim president in place at North by Sept. 1.



* **Announcing 'Newest' Permanent Members of Instructional Dean Team** – Vice President of Instruction Pete Lortz recently announced that North has two new permanent instructional deans:

- **Dr. Melana Yanos** has accepted the permanent dean of Workforce Instruction position after serving as the interim dean for more than a year. She supervises an instructional division consisting of 17 diverse workforce programs and more than 140 faculty and staff.
- **Dr. Daniel Tarker** has accepted the permanent dean of Library and Learning Supports position, having led North's Student Learning Center, Teaching & Learning Center, and Library and Learning Support Services as interim associate dean. He began working in community colleges more than 25 years ago at Hartnell College, a Hispanic Serving Institution nestled among the vibrant green fields of the Salinas Valley on California's Central Coast.

Congratulations, Dr. Yanos and Dr. Tarker!

* **New Director of Student Financial Services** – Dean of Student Support Services Dr. Mari Acob-Nash recently announced that after the full search for the director of Student Financial Services

position, **Brittany Harper** has accepted the permanent role. She will continue to lead the Student Financial Services area, Veterans Services and the Launch Pad/One Stop. Congratulations, Brittany!



* **New Associate Director of Facilities** – Executive Director for Facilities and Capital Projects Tona Khau recently announced that **Kirk Andersen** (pictured) is the new associate director of Facilities at North. Kirk's first day was May 30. He has held different positions in facility management for the past 20-plus years. Welcome to North, Kirk!

* **Students Selected to Present at UW Undergraduate Research Symposium** – Sixteen students from North's UGR 294 Undergraduate Research class applied and were selected to present at the University of Washington Undergraduate Research Symposium. The students designed and conducted their own research and shared their posters on May 19 in Mary Gates Hall at the University of Washington alongside UW junior and senior students.

* **Profile: Gavin Bedegi, Professional and Technical Learning Center** – Gavin Bedegi, a business, accounting, economics and statistics tutor at North's Student Learning Center, has been thoroughly steeped in business since he started one of his own at the age of 14. [Learn more](#) about Gavin and his approach to tutoring.

AROUND CAMPUS

* **Virtual Visiting Artist Talk with Meghan Elizabeth Trainor June 5** – Please join the North Seattle College Art Gallery via Zoom Monday, June 5, from noon to 1 p.m. for a Virtual Visiting Artist Lecture by Seattle-based artist Meghan Elizabeth Trainor. You can check out her work by visiting her [website](#). To join the presentation, use this [link](#) and the passcode Art.

* **BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ Graduation June 5** – A graduation celebration at North for students who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color and/or LGBTQIA+ is planned for Monday, June 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Grove. There will also be a graduation regalia decoration session (lei making and cap decorations) from 3 to 5 p.m. before the celebration in the LSAMP Lounge (HS 2535A). If you have questions, please contact [Jeane Robles](#).

* **Day of Giving Free Clothing Giveaway June 6** – Everyone is invited to the Day of Giving Free Clothing Giveaway Tuesday, June 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. on the southeast corner of campus (outside the Equity & Welcome Center). There will be clothes and accessories of all kinds, including some for kids. The event is open to the community and there will be signs to follow for parking (please enter at North 95th Street).

* **Summer and Fall Guided Pathways 100 Day Projects** – The Title III grant has limited faculty and student funds available for Guided Pathways redesign projects. This funding is available to faculty working on new, innovative efforts directly related to scaling up Guided Pathways reforms and closing equity gaps for a limited, 100-day period during summer or fall quarter. For more information, please see the May 5 email from Aimee Brown. The deadline for applying is Friday, June 9.

* **Service Awards Celebration Set for June 13** – Plan to join your friends and colleagues at North's Service Awards 2023 in-person celebration Tuesday, June 13, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in CC1161. There will also be an option to watch the event via Zoom (the link will be shared as the event gets closer). Employees with five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service will be honored, along with STARS' announcement of the Classified Employee of the Year and the Winter and Spring Golden Star Employees of the Quarter, recognition of retirees and announcements of employee awards.

* **Tech Showcase June 14 in Seattle** – You are invited to the Tech Showcase! Come see students showcase projects they have been working on throughout their senior year. There will be eight community and technical colleges with degrees in Software Development, Application Development and Computer Science represented from the Greater Seattle Area. The event is Wednesday, June 14, at Northeastern University, 225 Terry Avenue North, Seattle. Register [here](#).

* **NSC Juried Student Art Exhibition Runs through June 15** – The NSC Art Department and NSC Art Gallery recently announced the NSC Juried Student Art Exhibition is open to the public and will run through June 15 in the gallery. In addition, you are invited to help celebrate the student artists at an awards ceremony Wednesday, June 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Several awards will be announced and there will be talks by selected artists. For more information on the exhibition, please visit the [Art Gallery website](#).

* **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. You are encouraged to attend the event and cheer on our graduates with their families and friends. [Learn more](#).

* **New I-BEST Program for Pharmacy Technology Students** – A new offering through the Integrated Basic Education & Skills Training (I-BEST) program for Pharmacy Technology will be available for students in summer quarter 2023. The Basic and Transitional Studies and Workforce Instruction divisions are collaborating to launch the team-taught and navigator-supported course AMA 117, Medical Terminology. This will be the first health/medical I-BEST program at North Seattle College since Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy moved to Seattle Central College.

* **Biomedical Program Receives Funding for New Equipment** – NSC's Biomedical Technology program in the Electronics Engineering Technology department received an industry grant, in the amount of \$970, through the Washington State Biomedical Association, which will be used to acquire essential medical equipment. The Biomed program will receive an MD-6000 Bladder Scanner and two Ethicon Endo-Surgery equipment carts. By using these resources together, students can simulate real-world scenarios, enhancing their technical skills and decision-making capabilities. This hands-on experience is invaluable in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, ultimately ensuring students are fully prepared to excel in their future roles in the biomedical technology field.

* **ECE Partnership with Childcare Aware on Boeing Math Equity Grant** – Staff and faculty members from NSC's Early Childhood Education (ECE) program are working to develop a math course that is specific to ECE and would meet the state QSR requirement (college level math at 100 or higher). The project aims to increase math pass rates, shorten the math pathway for all ECE students — especially BIPOC students, improve early childhood educator's math confidence and enhance practical math skills as educators. The partnership is utilizing a liberatory design framework to develop the new course with members of the workforce.

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

- **Library** – Facilities met with Olympic Storage and Moving to walk the newly renovated library and meet with staff about materials that need to be packed and delivered. Lincoln Construction is targeting the first week of July for the college to access the third floor, the first week of August for the second floor and mid-August for access to the first floor and ground level. Substantial completion is scheduled for the first week in September, and everything is still on track to open for fall quarter 2023.
- **Classroom Renovations** – Construction for the first floor of the Instruction Building began on May 22 and is just about to wrap up. A huge thank-you to all EMT and Pharmacy staff and

students for their patience during the construction. This work would not have been possible without their assistance and cooperation. Carpet and ceiling tiles have been replaced in 14 classrooms, including the 1311/1411 passthrough lounge. Furniture for the third-floor classrooms is scheduled to be delivered the week of June 19. We'll continue to replace carpet on the third floor of the Instruction Building (IB) and College Center in the next biennium (summer/winter quarter) to minimize the impact on faculty and students.

- Water Reclamation – Several minor issues were discovered with the system that required Facilities to restore it to city water until repairs can be made. A plan is in place to make repairs and adjustments. Facilities is awaiting new parts, filters and updated software to restore the system back to full operation using water collected from the roof drains of the Health Sciences and Student Resources (HSSR) building.
- Facilities Update – A window in the northwest corner of the HSSR building shattered, and the area was taped off as a safety precaution. Facilities is working with a vendor to schedule the installation. Facilities also received a tracking number for the ADA door operator parts needed for the same building. Installation of these parts will start shortly after their arrival. Thank you for everyone's patience as these issues are addressed.

DISTRICT-WIDE NEWS

*** Reminder: Please Complete Employee Survey** – If you haven't already completed the Spring 2023 Employee Survey, there is still time to do so. Your answers will help shape our future work environment. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. [Link to survey](#).