State of the College
North Seattle Community College is now in its 38th year. Many of the plans for change and growth the college proposed several years ago have become a reality over the past twelve months—reaffirmation of the college’s accreditation status, facilities development and beginning implementation of a long range campus plan, new programs, financial stability and active involvement in the future of the local community. The North Star is pleased to bring highlights of the “State of North Seattle Community College” to our friends in the greater community.

Successful Accreditation Reaffirmation
In mid-July 2007, members of the college administration appeared before the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to hear a summary of the written report reviewed by the commission to determine North’s accreditation status. The team’s report was extremely positive about the site visit, the 245-page self-study (the full-scale written self-assessment of all aspects of the college required every ten years) and the thousands of pages of documents submitted for their review. After that meeting, NSCC received a letter reaffirming its accreditation. In response to the team’s recommendations, the college is focusing on the further development of planning and assessment initiatives for the commission’s interim visit next October.

NSCC’s Community Connection
Over the past three years North has provided leadership in the development of a Northgate neighborhood development plan.

Focused in part on the ecology of Thornton Creek, the Northgate Stakeholders Group was formed in March 2004 as a result of an agreement among Mayor Nickels, the Seattle City Council, and members of the Northgate community. The group represents 22 organizations and a wide range of interests in the revitalization of Northgate and advises the city on major projects coming to Northgate.

The group has met regularly on campus and has helped shape plans for open space and pedestrian connections, transportation, streetscape design and planning for large developments.

The community center and new library on Fifth Avenue, as well as the uncovering and restoration of Thornton Creek and the construction of 600 units of innovative housing and retail spaces, are direct outcomes of stakeholder efforts and NSCC participation. The overall goal is to convert an auto-centric shopping magnet into a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood, with public art, walking paths and green space. Plans include a new bicycle path on College Way combined with a pedestrian/bike freeway overpass that will link the college to Northgate and become part of the citywide bicycle path enhancement now in development.

Another example of North’s engagement with the community, North welcomed volunteers to campus for the sixth consecutive year as a part of United Way of King County’s Day of Caring event. A group of about 20 employees from Microsoft’s Information Worker Audience Marketing group joined Seattle Department of Transportation employees, members of the Urban Forestry program and college employees in restoring and polishing the look of the campus for the start of the school year.
Looking Ahead

In the coming months 15,000 or more individuals will seek the help and expertise of North Seattle Community College—to create the future they want for themselves and their families. The legacy of our past established our values and keeps them vital:
- Teaching and learning
- Honoring one another individually and collectively
- Honest dialogue
- A spirit of openness and collaboration
- Shared responsibility and mutual respect

Upon that foundation, NSCC has built a wide variety of quality programs and services. The members of the college community know they have the uniquely rewarding opportunity to participate in one of the most important of human endeavors. We welcome you to the North Seattle Community College experience.

Sustainability

Seattle’s mayor, Washington’s governor and educational colleagues throughout the country have called upon everyone to consider the role we play in personal and collective interaction with the environment. North’s Sustainability Committee is helping NSCC assume a more active role in this area. The committee’s goals include development of a sustainability curriculum, furthering the NSCC trail system, developing a Web site and incorporating sustainable practices into campus operations.

Part of a kick-off for initiatives in the area of sustainability is the new Green Real Estate class, designed to provide the latest information about developing, constructing and marketing environmentally friendly buildings to real estate professionals. The program, which is also helpful for homeowners, covers topics such as environmental sustainability, site selection and acquisition, energy and water efficiency, material selection, indoor air quality, how to recycle job site waste and other relevant issues.

Demand for the course has been so strong that plans for related courses or a certificate program on the topic are in the works.

Plans are underway for Earth Day (April 22) and Earth Week 2008. The upcoming events will build on last year’s success, focused on relating sustainability to environmental justice, agriculture, business, mind/body/spirit and politics through speakers and campus activities. Under consideration for 2008 are a battle of the bands (in honor of sustainability), various vendors, and an outdoor farmer’s market. We need your ideas and help. Contact Jill Lane at jlane@sccd.ctc.edu if you’d like to volunteer.

Fiscal Stability

Alan Ward, Vice President for Finance, reports financial stability for the college. Highlights of his report for 2006/07 include:
- 97% of operating budget spent (in line with a strategy of prudent spending)
- 98% of enrollment targets reached
- Significant improvement in tuition revenues
- International student enrollment revenue target exceeded
- Running Start Program revenue target exceeded
- Large operating budgets categories successfully managed within budget
- Significant increase in college operating revenues

Implementing the Long Range Plan

The next phase of campus development will be based upon the new long range campus plan. Developed with the assistance of the well-known architectural firm, Schacht-Aslani, this 15-year plan of staged development is the result of a comprehensive process of information gathering, analysis and discussion that considered, among other things, long range instruction and strategic plans, accreditation recommendations, space utilization needs, workforce and economic trends, and Northgate area development plans. The plan calls for additional instructional labs, structural/mechanical/electrical upgrades and greater sustainability, and comprehensive renovation in the school’s forty-year-old structures. The need for more public space has already begun to be addressed in renovations described above—places where people can interact, exchange ideas and experience a sense of academic community and welcome the greater community.

Representatives of the college will present the plan to area community groups in the coming months.

Facilities

Improvements

Some of the most noticeable changes over the last year have been in North’s facilities.

North’s renovated Wellness Center was opened with the start of winter quarter 2007. The center, a 44,000 square foot facility, offers wellness, fitness, recreation and sports programs for its NSCC students and staff, as well as the public. The gym is the home court of the Seattle CC Storm men’s and women’s basketball teams.

To encourage a stronger sense of community and more vibrant campus life for students and staff, North has “opened up” the College Center building to the central courtyard and built new Student Leadership offices and a beautiful new Espresso stand/student lounge with floor-to-ceiling windows and a contemporary look. Stop by for a Tully’s!

Membership in NSCC’s renovated Wellness Center is open to the public.

Looking Ahead

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Innovation in Instructional Programs

Teaching and learning are at the heart of what North Seattle Community College does. Under the leadership of Vice President for Instruction Mary Ellen O’Keeffe, North has made progress with new and revitalized programs such as:

- **Nanotechnology**—the only program of its kind in the region, in partnership with the University of Washington. The program has been the recipient of National Science Foundation planning and train-the-trainer grants.
- **Certificate programs in International Trade, Project Management and Entrepreneurship**—training for those who want to change careers or add credentials.
- **An electrical engineering baccalaureate program** being developed in partnership with Eastern Washington University—North was pivotal in the development of legislation that focused on broadening the inclusiveness of this male-dominated profession.

Three new programs take advantage of legislative funding for I-BEST (Integrated Basic Skills Training) for English-as-a-second-language students:

A new version of North’s longtime, successful **Certified Nursing Assistant Program**—solid preparation for the state certification examination and roles in hospitals, long-term care and home health facilities.

**Information Technology for Healthcare**—for those wanting to expand professional healthcare qualifications or make a career shift that promises new opportunities in the technology field.

**Accounting Paraprofessional**—a certificate offering bookkeeping and business tax accounting skills.

Growing International Student Enrollment

NSCC international programs have continued to expand, with an expectation of reaching a target enrollment of 500 in the 2007/08 academic year. The applicant pool increased by 137% this year, with a majority of the increase coming from Vietnam and China. The college is also seeing increased interest from students in Taiwan, Mongolia and Saudi Arabia. Indonesia continues to send the largest contingent of students.

Distance Learning Enrollment Success

With one of the highest completion rates in the state and high ratings from students, the NSCC distance learning program shows steady enrollment growth. The college is projecting online study to be at its highest ever this academic year and represent a substantial portion of the college’s total enrollment. (See the accompanying chart for an overview of distance learning’s enrollment success.)

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**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Faculty and Staff**

- Toni Bajado—Metro King County’s Diamond Award
- Dr. Brian Casserly—contributor to KCTS series on World War II, accompanying Ken Burns’ PBS series.
- Patricia Cheadle—selected for Harboryview Board of Trustees
- Tom Drummond—SBCTC’s 2007 Teaching Learning and Assessment Award
- Tracy Heinlein—International Gallery of Superb Printing Bronze Award, for *Crosscurrents*
- Thomas Kerns—selected for The People’s Inquiry, New Zealand Commission
- Ron LaFayette—Phi Theta Kappa’s Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction
- Jean Kent, Michael Kishner and Jim Harnish—new emeritus faculty members
- Joan Stuart Ross—artist-in-residence at the Espy Foundation
- Rita Smilkstein—named Fellow of the American Council on Developmental Education Association
- Molly Tenenbaum—Exemplary Status Award from the Washington Community and Technical College Humanities Association

**Students/Alumni**

- Shantay Johnson—Rev. Samuel McKinney Scholarship
- Cate Overstreet, Stanley Vegors, Donald Warren and Heidi Wilken—selected by the Council for Undergraduate Research for inclusion in “Posters on the Hill” in Washington, DC
- Andrea Roldan, —featured in an episode of PBS series *Biz Kids*
- Elise Saba—University of Washington President’s Medal for scholarship as a transfer student

**College or Division**

- Licton Springs Review—second place in the Pacific-Western Division Literary Magazine Competition for 2007
- Integrated Studies program—selected as one of 25 colleges and universities to be included in the Washington Center’s National Project on Assessing Learning in Learning Communities
- College selected to host—regional meeting of the Council on Undergraduate Education and National Council of Instructional Administrators
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5th North Passport Gala Raises Over $140,000

A Grecian evening at North Seattle Community College with spectacular student artwork, authentic Greek dancing performed by St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church’s youth, and a multi-course dinner with live auction drew more than 200 community leaders to the 5th annual North Passport Gala in April. Sponsors at this year’s event led the way by contributing nearly $50,000 to the Scholarship Program and related services.

2007 Sponsors:
- Global Explorer $10,000: Rolex USA, American Financial Solutions
- Navigators $5,000: The Boeing Company, Premera Blue Cross
- Voyagers $2,500: Bank of America, Ben Bridge Jewelers, Davis Wright Tremaine, Fisher Communications, McKinstry, Rick Steves European Tours, Food Services of America.

The student-focused event, hosted by the Education Fund Board of Directors, is North’s largest annual fund-raising event, generating more than $400,000 for the college since 2002.” We are deeply grateful for the commitment of our sponsors and the generous gifts we’ve received to support student scholarships at North,” said Dr. Ron LaFayette, President of North Seattle Community College. “Private funds raised at North Passport are vital as we continue to ensure that more students have access to an affordable college education to improve their lives.”

During the live auction, guests enthusiastically bid on several unique items that were featured at the gala, including an opportunity to garden with Master Gardener Ed Hume, a special occasion at the Ruins, and a rare piece of Chinese calligraphy painted by C.F. Wu from Hong Kong.

For information on North’s 2008 gala scheduled for February 2, 2008, go to www.northseattle.edu/educationfund or contact Sandra Schumann at (206) 527-3621 or nscceducationfund@sccd.ctc.edu.
Dear Friends

of North Seattle Community College,

The 2006 – 2007 academic year at NSCC was a time of great progress and transitions. The Education Fund co-hosted a fall Walk for Education with the Homewaters Project. We hosted Microsoft volunteers on campus for the United Way Day of Caring. And we welcomed scholarship donors and student recipients to a reception in October. In April, we raised more funds than ever before at our annual dinner and auction “North Passport: Destination Greece 2007.” We have many volunteers, led by Event Chair Nancy Martin and staff person Rebecca Hastings, to thank for that successful event, which brought in a net of over $124,000 in donations to the Education Fund.

Transitions: this past winter, our long-time Education Fund Executive Director, Jane Nakagawa, left the college to pursue a Master’s Degree in Public Administration at a local university. In February, our new Executive Director, Meredith Easton Brown, CFRE, joined the team. With Meredith’s leadership, we are excited about enhancing our volunteer and staff partnership and building on the great support garnered by Jane’s work on behalf of the college. As I write this letter in October, Rebecca Hastings is preparing to go work for the SCC District Foundation office, collaborating with us on the District-wide Campaign for Seattle Community Colleges and the District Foundation (for which I serve as Chair).

As my term of service as Education Fund Board Chair drew to a close in June, I was delighted to accept a three-year term of service as a board member. I look forward to continuing to raise awareness and critically-needed funds in the wider community in support of North’s student scholarships. Thank you again for your support. See you on campus!

Sincerely,

Phyllis A. Mayo, Chair
2006 – 2007 Board of Directors
Education Fund

Save the Date

Sixth Annual North Passport: Destination China
Dinner and Live Auction to benefit the Education Fund
Saturday, February 2, 2008
6 - 10 pm
Contact the Education Fund:
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North Passport: Destination China 中華文化之旅
A Trip to Celebrate Chinese Culture
The 2006-2007 recipient of the Dr. Peter Ku Scholarship was Erin Wilson. A Silverdale native, Erin is the first person in her family to attend college. She was independent and supporting herself but unable to receive financial aid until she turned 24, at which time she jumped into her education at NSCC with both feet. During her first year, Erin was invited to become a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for students at 2-year educational institutions. In her second year, she served as the society’s Public Relations Officer and Events Coordinator, and during her third year as the International Vice President for Division IV, which encompasses the 12 western states. During her time at North, she maintained a stellar GPA (graduating with a cumulative 3.93), held down multiple jobs, volunteered for numerous organizations, and assisted the Education Fund at its fundraising event, North Passport: Destination Greece!

When Erin received the Dr. Peter Ku Scholarship for the 2006-2007 year, she was in her final year and preparing to complete her Associate of Arts Degree. She planned to transfer to the University of Washington upon graduation from North Seattle Community College, but was awarded a full scholarship to Mount Holyoke College, one of the prestigious Seven Sisters eastern schools. She accepted and is now a Frances Perkins scholar, majoring in American Studies with a specialty in Youth Cultures and Girlhood Studies. She is part of the Mount Holyoke varsity soccer team, a host for prospective students, a Student Government senator, and a tutor at a nearby middle school.

Erin credits her success to lessons learned at NSCC, pointing out that Coordinated Studies classes, her experience as a tutor, and the practice of ‘seminaring’ have all been “integral” in learning critical thinking and preparing her for her current course load. She reports that she is “constantly impressed at how well North prepared [her] for a highly competitive school.”

She noted in her scholarship acceptance letter that she is: ...filled with a bittersweet swirl of emotions; on the one hand, I am excited to make the leap to [a four-year institution], but on the other, I dread leaving what has become my home and my family. Without [the donors], finishing my career here at North Seattle Community College would not be a possibility.

The entire NSCC community is proud of Erin and her accomplishments, both here and beyond!

The Peter Ku Endowed Scholarship was established at North Seattle Community College in 2003 when Dr. Peter Ku retired as Chancellor from the Seattle Community College District. Prior to Dr. Ku’s appointment as Chancellor, he was President of North Seattle Community College from 1990-1995 and for one year in 1997-1998, as well as President of SSCC from 1995 - 1997.

The 2007 - 2008 scholarship recipient, John Dorsey, holds a degree in Engineering from Iowa State University and has returned to college to fulfill his life-long dream to become a medical doctor. He plans to transfer to a four-year university after completing his coursework at North.

Dr. Ku continues to be active in community affairs since his retirement. He serves as a member of the Board of Governors of City University of Seattle and is also on the Advisory Boards of the Seattle Chinese School and the Seattle Chinese Engineers Society. He is also the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Seattle Chinese Garden which he and wife Sophia have supported since its creation on the SSCC campus.

Please join us on Saturday, February 2, 2008, when the Education Fund will recognize Dr. Peter Ku and Sophia Ku at the annual scholarship fundraising dinner and auction. “North Passport: Destination China”, a celebration of Chinese culture and people here in Seattle.

100% Funding of Scholarship Requests Achieved

Scholarships are the real mission of the Education Fund. Providing access to education is the reason we do what we do, and the reason your support is so vital. Thanks to your generosity, and that of other people like you, every Education Fund applicant who met the minimum GPA requirements and submitted a complete application last spring received a 2007-08 award! That’s over $270,000 in need- and merit-based scholarships, awarded to 111 students. Besides serving returning North students, high school outreach took the form of a special College Incentive Award, which was awarded to 16 Seattle high school students. Finally, during the winter quarter, an additional 75 students will receive a winter/spring scholarship designed to help them to complete the current academic year. One recipient expressed her gratitude and remarked, “The impact of this gift is going to continue to affect my life well past my time at North.”

2007-08 Peter Ku Scholarship winner, John Dorsey (left), with a group of NSCC scholarship recipients
### Statement of Financial Position (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)

Note: All figures audited, not yet board-approved
Copies of approved audited financial statements will be available upon request in January 2008.

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North Seattle Community College is committed to changing lives through education.

We achieve our mission by:

- Offering comprehensive educational opportunities
- Creating a highly supportive learning environment
- Engaging in effective and enduring partnerships

CAMPUS EVENTS

Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Skagit Valley CC
Jan 5 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Skagit Valley CC
Jan 5 7:00 pm Wellness Center
Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Edmonds CC
Jan 12 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Edmonds CC
Jan 12 7:30 pm Wellness Center

NSCC Art Gallery: Alumni Show
Jan 15-Feb 8 Art Gallery IB 1322
Total Experience Gospel Choir
Jan 16 12:00 pm Cafeteria
Shakti Butler - Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible
Documentary film & discussion
Jan 17 12:30 pm Baxter Events Center
Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Shoreline CC
Jan 21 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Shoreline CC
Jan 21 7:30 pm Wellness Center

The Clothesline Project: Display of shirts with messages and illustrations created by female survivors of domestic violence or by those who choose to speak out against it.
Jan 23-25 8am-8pm Baxter Events Center

Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Olympic CC
Jan 23 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Olympic CC
Jan 23 7:30 pm Wellness Center

NSCC Theater Dept & Stage One: The Vagina Monologues:
Jan 25 2:00 pm Baxter Center
7:30 pm Stage One Theater

Seattle Symphonic Band Concert Series
Jan 27 7:30 pm Concert Hall

North Passport Destination China Dinner Auction
Feb 2 6-10 pm Multiple locations

Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Whatcom CC
Feb 6 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Whatcom CC
Feb 6 7:30 pm Wellness Center
Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Everett CC
Feb 13 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Everett CC
Feb 13 7:30 pm Wellness Center
Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Peninsula CC
Feb 16 5:30 pm Wellness Center
Men's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Peninsula CC
Feb 16 7:30 pm Wellness Center

NSCC Art Gallery: To be announced
Feb 19-Mar 14 Art Gallery IB 1322

The Don Juan Cult Concerto: NSCC Theater Dept & Stage One:
Feb 22, 23, 29 7:30 pm
Mar 2, 9 2:00 pm
Mar 1, 7, 8 7:30 pm

Women's Basketball: Seattle CC Storm v Bellevue CC
Feb 23 5:30 pm Wellness Center
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Feb 23 7:30 pm Wellness Center

Seattle Symphonic Band Concert Series
Mar 16 7:30 pm Concert Hall

NSCC Art Gallery: Immigrants to USA Exhibition
Apr 8-May 2 Art Gallery IB 1322

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Apr 27 7:30 pm Concert Hall

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