Welcome to SFCC for fall quarter 2012. We are going to have a great year! We'll start the year with a NEW STUDENT WELCOME RECEPTION Wednesday, September 26, followed by an ALL MULTICULTURAL STUDENTS SOCIAL October 10. Please read the detailed information regarding the reception on the next page.

We have a calendar of activities for fall quarter listed in this newsletter. Please try to participate in as many activities as possible. You'll really enjoy them!

All of our multicultural clubs—The Red Nation’s Student Association, Black Students Union, Latino Unidos Association and Asian Club are currently seeking members to assist with activities this year. Become involved! You’ll truly benefit. A list of meeting times and places are listed in this newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come see me about any of your college needs. I am devoted to assisting you with succeeding at Spokane Falls Community College.

Best wishes,
Pam Austin
The Who's and Why's

Why do I receive this multicultural newsletter?
You have been self-identified as a student of color at SFCC. For this reason, you are a recipient of this fine document.

Who funds the Multicultural Student Services Office?
YOU. Part of your tuition helps support our services. So, you paid for them, why not use them?

Who works in the Multicultural Office?
Pam Austin, counselor/multicultural specialist
Jane Gong, office assistant
Work study students

What do you do?
We provide counseling and advising services for multicultural students. (Please review the first page for more details.) We also provide fun club activities to enrich your college life.

What can I get from your office?
Do you have any question regarding SFCC? Any academic or financial problems, or other issues? Talk to us. We have resources that might help you succeed at SFCC. Tutoring in math and English are available for you, as well as scholarship information.

Emergency book assistant program
We have a limited emergency book loan program for students who have applied for financial aid but the check is delayed. For those students, who need assistance, please come to the Multicultural Office to complete an application form. We reserve the first week for new multicultural students. After the first week, this program will be open to all multicultural students.

Black Student Union (BSU)
The BSU is open to all SFCC students. Our club is designed for two purposes; to help students of color get involved and feel more connected to the campus, as well as help build friendships and support in our community. The BSU has hosted a number of special campus events from our annual MLK luncheon to Blactivities Week, during which the events have ranged from fashion shows to talent shows. Our club events include a family and friends BBQ, spa days, paint ball, sky high jump and more. Come and join the fun!

Asian Club - In past few years, we have had so much fun doing so many events. We have sponsored Asian culture exploration, Asian holiday celebrations, egg roll and dumpling sale, and assisting the pow wow concession. Basically, we are doing one event, one fundraising and one club social each quarter.

Come on, join us. We promise to keep you busy in a positive way. Our first meeting is October 5 at noon, Building 17, Room 131.
My name is Ashley Archdale. I’m currently heading into my third year with the Interpreter Training Program (ITP). Before I started college I had already had an idea what I wanted to go to college for. In the Education Paraprofessional-Special Education, I have a passion with disadvantaged kids. While in the program I noticed that the education part wasn’t for me at all, I got bored easily with it. But in the program it was required that I had to take a foreign language, so I took American Sign Language (ASL). When I took the class I had found it was for me. I had fallen in love with it. So I changed my program. I wouldn’t give it up for anything. Since I’ve changed my study program (ITP), I couldn't be more happier. I have great support from my family and friends, the teachers, and everyone who know me well. They all know how much I love it.

Well, my college experience isn’t that bad. I have been and still am a work-study for the multicultural room. I really enjoy it, I’ve met amazing people there. Other than being a work-study student, I am involved with the clubs. The clubs that I am in are the Red Nations and Latinos. Last year, I’ve been involved with the biggest event that is held in the spring every year, the pow-wow.

So, since I am a college student I know that I can do it and I keep my grades up and do the activities I can. No one ever told me how easy or how hard college can be. I learned it on my own. But I can say that it is really up to the person and how they can handle things. I am not going to lie, it’s been hard at times for me. But the only thing I am looking forward to is to walk across the stage at the end of this year with my diploma. So, if I can do it, I know that others can with a little motivation.

My name is Daniel Fuentes and I am a second-year student at Spokane Falls Community College. I am working toward my Administrative Computer Specialist degree which is a two-years program in the Business Technology Department. This is quite an achievement for me considering I am in my forties and graduated from high school in 1986. During my time after high school, I spent quite a few years partying and living care free. It wasn’t until after spending some time in the state penitentiary that I decided it was time to leave my adolescence behind.

While doing my time in the penitentiary, I decided to do something productive, and then I received a two-years certificate in Information Technology. This was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made in life and was the turning point of my life. I wanted to attend a community college. My instructor told me about SFCC and their wonderful business technology department. Now, I have been a full-time student since 2010 and plan to graduate in fall 2013.

While attending SFCC, I have managed to maintain a 3.3 GPA and have been on the Presidential Honor Roll for three semesters. I have been the secretary for the Latino’s Unidos Association (L.U.A.) which is one of the Multicultural Clubs on campus. This has been a great confidence booster and helped me in a way, because I am older than most students. Being a good role model and somewhat of a mentor helps me stay focused. I believe the message about my life will bring to others that it’s never too late to grow up as long as you are transparent and true to yourself and others. I plan to continue my education and work toward my bachelor’s degree in Organizational Management either at Whitworth University or Eastern Washington University.
New Student Welcome Reception
Wednesday, September 26

Are you a new multicultural student? If yes, you are invited to attend a welcome reception in the Lounge C, Building 17, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 26. Multicultural Student Services and Multicultural Activity Clubs are sponsoring this event to help acquaint all new students with college life and inform you of the programs and services offered. Refreshments and prizes will be provided. We want to make your experience at SFCC a success.

All Multicultural Students Fall Social

All returning and new multicultural student are invited to attend a fall quarter social Wednesday, October 10, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Building 17, Room 131. Let’s get together and celebrate the start of fall quarter. Pizza and pop will be provided by all multicultural clubs. We look forward to meeting and seeing you all again. Please check the flyer for details.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Roasted turkey with all the trimmings. ALL FREE!!!
This delicious holiday dinner is sponsored by all multicultural clubs and served by club members.

Mark your calendar: November 19, in the SFCC Cafeteria from 2 p.m. – until food is finished.

Native American Speaker—Dallas Arcand
November 14

Dallas Arcand is an Aboriginal entertainer from the Alexander (Kipohtakaw) Plains Indian Cree Nation, located near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He is broadly talented, but best known for his achievements as a hoop dancer, a motivational speaker and a musician. A talented musician, Arcand has developed a unique singing and song-writing style, ‘indigenous hip-hop’, and performs under the name Kray-Z-Kree on his debut CD REZalationzzz...

MULTICULTURAL CLUB CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR FALL 2012

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Photo sharing from multicultural center

Congratulations to the new graduates 2012!

Multicultural club advisors and members welcome you!
Hi, what are your tips on purchasing your text books?

- **Ashley:** I bought used books from SFCC book store. I am renting a book from SFCC book store right now for the summer quarter; it’s a lot of cheaper.

- **Phoebe:** I buy my text books from SFCC book store. It’s safer and faster.

- **Daniel:** I check the SFCC bulletin board first for used book on sale from other students. Otherwise, I buy my text books from Amazon.

- **Jeremy:** Most of the times, I rent my text book through online. Try [www.coursesmart.com](http://www.coursesmart.com)

- **Q:** I find my books on line. [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com) or [www.half.com](http://www.half.com)

- **Kimlly:** I tried variety ways. Ask library and Multicultural Office if they have free books; check the SFCC book bulletin in building 17; search on line [www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com), and SFCC book store.

- **Alfred:** I borrowed some text books from my friends who took the same class before.

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**Top 10 tips for winning scholarship applications**

1. Apply only if you are eligible. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully.

2. Complete the application in full. If a question does not apply to you, note that on the application. Do not leave a question blank.

3. Follow directions. Provide everything that is required.

4. Write an essay that makes a strong impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific.

5. Watch all deadlines. Impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline.

6. Make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Put your name (and social security number, if applicable) on all pages of the application.

7. Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet.

8. Proof read the entire application carefully. Ask a friend, teacher, or parent to proof read it as well.

9. Ask for help if you need it. Call the fundraising organization to get information.

10. It also is important to make sure your letters of recommendation are addressed to the organization whose scholarship you are applying for, and that they are current.

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**3 Tips for Becoming a Successful Student**

By: Dr. Alton Campbell

1. Treat school like a JOB: you are your own boss.
2. Make CONNECTIONS to faculty and staff.
3. Get INVOLVED in the college and with peers.
Community Resources

The following is a partial list of community offices available for you. Please contact them if needed.

**American Indian Center**, education and job training programs, and food bank assistance. To contact, call 509-535-0886.

**Emergency Assistance**, provides basic services for family, and financial assistance for gasoline, utility and miscellaneous needs. To contact, call 509-624-2378.

**Family Promise of Spokane**, provides emergency shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless families. To contact, call 509-747-5487.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach**, provides basic needs assistance, utility assistance, child care, etc. for southeast Spokane residents. To contact, call 509-455-8722.

**Odgen Hall**, provides emergency shelter, meals, clothing bank and medical supplies for low-income women and children. To contact, call 509-327-7737.

**Spokane Housing Authority**, provides rental assistance to low-income families, elderly, disabled and individuals in Spokane, Stevens, Whitman and Pend Oreille counties. Applications and information are available during regular office hours. To contact, call 509-328-2953.

**Work Source Referral Service**, Links business and job seekers together to provide increased employment opportunities for people of color. To contact, call 509–532-3000.

**Free phone - Assurance Wireless** is a Lifeline Assistance program brought to you by Virgin Mobile and supported by the federal Universal Service Fund. If you qualify for Lifeline Assistance, you can receive a FREE phone, 250 FREE monthly minutes and 250 FREE text messages. Contact 1-888-898-4888.

**SFCC Recreational Center**
Building 17, room 133-134
Free bowling for students with ID card
Ping-Pong table
5 Pool tables, 50 cents per game
Video game machines,
Air hockey table, and more

**Free Student Health Clinic**
For SCC and SFCC students
SCC Jenkins Wellness Center,
Building 7, 533-8611

**SFCC Food Bank**
Building 17, Room 139
Open everyday.
Times vary each quarter.
Open positions for work-study students.
Person (s) with a disability requiring any auxiliary accommodations should contact the college. For TTY service call 533-4166. Community colleges of Spokane provides equal opportunity in education and employment.

### Multicultural Club Meetings

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