Multicultural Office/Center

Pam Austin
Multicultural specialist, counselor, 533-3546
Tuesday — Friday 10:30am-4:30pm

Jane Gong
Office assistant, 533-4331
Monday — Friday 8am - 4:30pm

Offices are located in the SUB, Bldg. 17, lower level, room 131. Our program is available to assist students of color on campus. Some of the services offered include:

- Academic and personal counseling
- Tutorial assistance referral
- Career planning
- Multicultural club advising
- Coordination of club activities
- Providing cultural diversity speakers
- Assistance in financial aid applications
- Job and scholarship information
- Community resource referrals
- Scholarship Information
- Limited emergency assistance

Person(s) with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations, should contact the college. For TTY service, call 533-3292. The Community Colleges of Spokane does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or age.

From the Multicultural Specialist...

Winter quarter went by so slowly I can hardly believe that spring quarter is finally upon us. Congratulations to all of you who made it successfully through the quarter. You are well on your way to meeting your goals. Go for it!

Spring quarter is usually a time to think about scholarships for next year. If you plan to continue at SFCC or SCC next year, it would be to your benefit to apply for some of the scholarships listed in this newsletter or in the SFCC Career Center. There are many from which to choose.

Also, we have some interesting activities this quarter. Please participate in whatever you can. We really need your support. A calendar of activities is included in this newsletter. If you plan to graduate in June, make sure you have applied for graduation. You can pick up a graduation petition in the Admissions Office.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a successful quarter. If you need help and support, please feel free to contact me! I am very excited to serve you all!

Best wishes,

Pam Austin
Multicultural Specialist/Counselor

Be sure to note the DEADLINES for all the scholarships!!
Washington Scholarship Coalition — Making college possible, one person at a time.

We are a partnership of public and nonprofit agencies coming together to build an online scholarship marketplace and provide a trusted source of scholarships. The Washington Scholarship Coalition exists to create connections and ensure scholarship funds are reaching those in need. www.theWashBoard.org is a no-fee, advertising-free, and charitably-motivated community resource for both colleges and residents of Washington state.

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship
Pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, math or health care? Looking for scholarship dollars?

- 3,000 scholarships are available in high demand fields in Washington state.
- Application period is March 1 through April 16, 2013.
- High school seniors and college and university students may apply.
- Visit: www.waopportunityscholarship.org

Catching The Dream
http://www.catchingthedream.org/Scholarship.htm

We provide scholarship assistance for students who demonstrate academic achievement, clearly defined goals, leadership, the determination to succeed, and the desire to return to their communities and help others to realize their dreams.

Scholarships range from $500 to $5,000 per academic year. Scholarships are awarded on merit and how we feel the students will most likely improve the lives of Indian people. CTD provides supplementary scholarship funding for those who have received college funding from other sources. Competition is very intense, with only 55 percent of applicants receiving scholarships.

All applicants use the same application form. Please e-mail, phone, or write your request for an application. Application must be postmarked by deadline date. If the 15th falls on a Sunday the deadline moves to the next day, Monday the 16th.

Deadlines for Applications:
March 15...........Summer school
April 15..........Fall semester or quarter
September 15...Spring semester or quarter

HBPA Foundation Scholarship
Hispanic Business and Professional Association
http://www.hbpaspokane.com/

The Scholarship Review Committee will determine the amount of each scholarship granted for tuition ($500 - $2,000) per academic year.

The scholarship applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria without exception:

- Be a high school or college student planning to enroll full-time at a college or university.
- Student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Student must be able to demonstrate involvement in the Hispanic/Latino community. (One letter of recommendation requires this information.)

Include completed scholarship application, two letters of recommendations, one copy (official/unofficial) of high school or college transcripts, and a 200-word essay on “What Role Does Higher Education Play in Today’s Hispanic/Latino Culture.” The application with all these documents must be postmarked on or before April 8, 2013.

All scholarship applicants are eligible regardless of their ethnicity and citizenship status.

The scholarship applicant must be a resident of Washington state.
Scholarship Information

**Scholarship Opportunity**


The Sallie Mae Fund sponsors several scholarship programs and supports hundreds of other college scholarships. All of its programs are based on financial need, as the fund seeks to bridge the dollar gap when no one else can. With an estimated $3 billion in private scholarships awarded nationally each year, the fund aims to send the message that money is available to those who make the effort to apply. Since 2001, The Sallie Mae Fund awarded $12.7 million in scholarships to help 5,000 students enrolled in college.

**Associated Industries Bright Promise Program**

Scholarships for the Northwest’s Best and Brightest Associated Industries announces $100,000+ scholarship program [http://www.ccs.spokane.edu/Foundation](http://www.ccs.spokane.edu/Foundation)

**ABOUT THIS PROGRAM:** The Associated Industries (A.I.) Bright Promise Program recognizes students with a passion for learning and a bright future in one of four areas: business, technology, manufacturing technology and health sciences. The program – which was created by Associated Industries – and is co-funded in partnership with United Health Care and Wells Fargo Insurance Services – provides half of one year’s tuition at one of the Community Colleges of Spokane campuses or Eastern Washington University.

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**Are you an adult student in transition and pursuing a post-secondary education?** Apply for one of three Executive Women’s International ASIST Scholarships! $2,000 for each scholarship.

**Application deadline is April 19, 2013**

[http://www.ewispokane.org/Corporate%20Website%20Template%20Files/Scholarships.html](http://www.ewispokane.org/Corporate%20Website%20Template%20Files/Scholarships.html)

**MassMutual Scholars**

A national program for high achieving African American, Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic scholars interested in careers in the insurance and financial services industry.

**Application Deadline:**

May 3, 2013

[www.act.org/massmutual](http://www.act.org/massmutual)

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**Washington State EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT**

**Washington Supports Higher Education**

The governor and the state legislature have a long-standing goal to eliminate cost as a barrier to a college education. Washington ranks third in the nation in the level of funding, more than $200 million per year, for need-based financial aid for enrolled students. In addition, the state provides about $2.8 billion to public institutions to help reduce the total cost charged to students.

For financially needy undergraduate and graduate students with close social and cultural ties to a Native American community, [http://wsac.wa.gov/payingforcollege/StateAid/AmericanIndian](http://wsac.wa.gov/payingforcollege/StateAid/AmericanIndian).

**State Need Grant** students with significant financial need may be eligible for these awards. [http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Page.aspx?cid=93](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Page.aspx?cid=93).

**State Work Study** Undergraduate and graduate students with financial need can earn money for college and gain work experience through part-time work study placement. [http://www.hecb.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/FinancialAid/WorkStudy/](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/FinancialAid/WorkStudy/).
A wonderful tribute to three legendary Latin American women: Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya and Argentinean poet Alfonsina Storni.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 3  Multicultural New Students Open House (All) Drop in any time between 10:30a.m. -12p.m., Building 17, room 131

April 9  “Tres Vidas” Core Ensemble Performance, 11:30a.m.—1p.m. Music Building

April 11-13  Students of Color Conference Trip to Yakima


May 1-3  Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 11:30a.m., Sub Lounges

May 7  Asian & Pacific Month celebration 11:30a.m., Lounge C

May 17 & 18  Red Nations Spring Pow Wow

June  End–of–the–Year Function to be announced

Red Nation’s Student Association Pow Wow May 17 — 18, 2013

The Red Nation’s Student Association is planning its 16th Annual Pow Wow at SFCC. This pow wow is Friday, May 17, 7pm to midnight and Saturday, May 18, 11am to midnight. The feast is served from 5 to 7pm on Saturday. Dancers and drummers throughout Washington and surrounding states have been invited to this celebration of Native American culture. We will offer cash prizes in all dance categories for both male and female dancers.

The Native American Graduation takes place at 3pm May 18, in the SUB Lounges A & B.

An invitation is being sent to arts and crafts businesses who want to feature their crafts at this event.

We are currently looking for SFCC students interested in helping with this event. We need help with dance contest and clean up. Please sign up. For further information, please call Alfredo La Pier at 509-289-8692.

Tentative Agenda

Friday – May 17

5 pm  Registration start
7 pm  Grand Entry
8 pm—11:30pm  Dance Contests & Intertribal

Saturday – May 18

11am – 1pm  Dance and Drum Registration
Noon  Grand Entry I
1:30pm  Intertribal and Dance Contest
3pm  NA Graduation Ceremony
5pm  Feed in cafeteria
7pm  Pow Wow – Grand Entry II
7:30pm  Intertribal and Dance Contest, SFCC gymnasium
**Cinco de Mayo Celebration – LUA**

Cinco de Mayo is a huge Mexican American traditional holiday. We are celebrating one week of Latino culture heritage May 1 to May 3 at SFCC. We observe different aspects of Latino cultures including the widely celebrated Cinco de Mayo. All students are invited to participate and enjoy the fun. Latino Club (LUA) looks forward to seeing you this spring quarter.

5/1 — Pinata workshop  
5/2 — Speaker to be announced  
5/3 — Carnival and food

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Asian club members working on Chinese New Year display window

Black Student Union members took a picture with the guest speaker—Ali Shaheed Muhammad

Red Nations Association needs your help for their 16th Annual Pow Wow

Latino’s Unidos Association in the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade at downtown Spokane.
Spring has sprung! This quarter, we have quite a few fun activities planned! April 11-13 we will be returning to Yakima to participate in the Students of Color Conference. We will have an opportunity to share ideas and fellowship. The week of April 22-26 will be “Blactivities Week.” We will watch Chris Rock’s documentary “Good Hair,” have our hair done by professional stylists, and have the opportunity for open discussion. There will also be a karaoke contest with prizes, and a talent show with the chance to win up to $150! May 17-19 we will attend Camp Reed, bonding over a campfire enjoying s’mores. In June we will take a “Fantastic Voyage” on Lake Coeur D’Alene. Join us! We meet every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the VIP room in the cafeteria.
Meet our “private” English and Math tutor—Natoine Lively in the Multicultural Office

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
1—4 p.m.

Natoine (left) is tutoring Tamara

Multicultural Honor Society
Starts This Quarter

This quarter marks the beginning of a new club—the Multicultural Honor Society. We sent out letters to those multicultural students who are holding a 3.0 GPA or better. We will be having our first meeting the second week of the quarter in the multicultural room. Date to be determined. Inquire at the multicultural room in Building 17 room 131.

Those who want to show their interest in the club and did not get a letter can inquire as well and are urged to do so. We look forward to the beginning of this great society at Spokane Falls.

Welcome new students open house
Wednesday, April 3, between 10:30am — noon

Are you a new multicultural student? You are invited to drop by an open house in the Multicultural Center. We are located in Building 17, room 131. Multicultural Student Services and Multicultural Clubs are sponsoring this event to help acquaint all new students with college life and inform them of the programs and services offered. Refreshments are provided. We want to make your experience at SFCC a success.

Graduation 2013 information

- SFCC graduation ceremony, June 19, 3:30pm, outdoor stadium.
- Native American graduation celebration, May 18, 3pm, SFCC SUB lounges A & B, Building 17, contact Pam Austin, 533-3546.
- Hispanic Graduates & Young Scholars Recognition Ceremony, Thursday, May 2, 5-8pm SCC Bldg.6, contact Cynthia Vigil 533-3405.
- 17th Annual African American Graduation Celebration, April 27, 2013. The African American Graduation Committee and Gonzaga University invite you to join us as we recognize the academic achievement of the 2013 high school, GED, vocational, college and university graduates. The graduation celebration is held at Cataldo Hall of the Gonzaga University campus, 1-3pm. Graduates are asked to arrive by noon for check-in. If you have not already registered, please see Denise Osei as soon as possible in Building 17, room 212 or call 533-3219.
BLACK STUDENT UNION
Meets every Wednesday, 12:30pm
VIP Room, inside Cafeteria
Building 17

LATINOS UNIDOS ASSOCIATION
Meets every Wednesday, Noon
Multicultural Center
Building 17, room 131

RED NATION STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Meets every Wednesday, 12:30
Pam Austin’s office
Building 17, room 126

FAR EAST COAST CLUB
Meets every Thursday, 12:30
VIP Room, inside Cafeteria
Building 17