

Skagit Valley College Admissions Newsletter

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President's Message of Inclusion

The following message is from Dr. Tom Keegan, President of Skagit Valley College

To our community,

I would like to provide you with information regarding ongoing efforts to nurture a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for ALL students and employees at Skagit Valley College. Please know that we welcome all who come to our doors. We are committed to serving all in a safe, respectful, and supportive environment.

Green Dot Training

This bystander intervention training is designed to develop skills for intervening when witnessing a bias event (harassment, discrimination, etc.). Green Dot Training will be offered beginning Spring 2017 for college staff, faculty, departments, classes, and student groups throughout the year.

Safe Zone Training

You may see signs on campus that indicate a "Safe Zone." These signs mean a person is open to talking about and being supportive of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning +) identities. A number of faculty and staff attended Safe Zone "Train the Trainer" sessions during Fall 2016. These individuals will conduct educational sessions throughout this academic year and beyond for staff and faculty.

Working With Dreamers

During the recent election, President Trump's Immigration Plan contained a call to end President Obama's executive actions related to immigration, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). DACA grants temporary protection to undocumented immigrants who entered the US before their 16th birthday, have resided in the US since June 2007, and meet other requirements.

Skagit Valley College has served many DACA students, also known as "Dreamers," since 2012. These students, like many others, have contributed to our College community, graduated, transferred to universities, found family-wage jobs, and achieved in many other ways. As our commitment relates to serving undocumented individuals, the College—within the limits of the law—will continue our current practices:

- The College has no legal obligation or affirmative duty to enforce federal immigration law. Accordingly, we do not provide information to others without a lawfully issued subpoena or court order
- We do not request immigration documentation except as needed to determine eligibility for resident tuition rates.
- We do not make admission decisions based on immigration status.

- College security officers do not question people about their immigration status and will not detain persons because they are undocumented.
- Consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the College will not release protected student information without a lawfully issued subpoena or court order.

Promoting Civil Discourse

The College's Core Theme, "Community," includes the following statement: *Students and employees will engage in a culture of mutual respect and acceptance that embraces diversity and promotes a civil society.*

A civil society expects that all members feel free and safe to voice their opinions in a civil way, as well as to respectfully challenge the opinions of others. It is through this type of dialogue that we make a better community and a better world.

Thank you for your help in making the College a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all.

Dr. Tom Keegan
President, Skagit Valley College ■

Upcoming Events for High School and Community Professionals

College Bound Coalition Convening

The Coalition for College Bound Scholars is bringing together K-12 educators, higher education professionals, youth agencies, scholarship groups, community, and elected officials interested in increasing college enrollment and retention in Skagit County for low-income, first generation college-going students.

You are invited!

March 16 from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Northwest Career/Technical Academy, Mount Vernon

Registration is open! Go to www.futuresnw.org, then “Convening” along the top. A meeting outline is available on the registration site.

Why should you make time to attend this meeting?

- The focus will be on the nearly 8,000 students in Whatcom and Skagit County that are in the State of Washington College Bound Scholarship pipeline in middle school and college.
- College Bound Scholars of all ages are presenting the key note and will share how the scholarship is making a difference in their lives.
- You will leave with current data that can support your work.
- The morning brings together teams within and across community agencies and organizations.
- Much of the meeting will allow you to dialog and work with others.
- Clock hours will be available for K-12 staff. ■

Save the Date! Serving DREAMers Training

The SVC Undocumented Student Task Force will be hosting a training on serving DREAMers students on **April 18th, 2017**. This free training will be held on the Mount Vernon Campus and will provide two opportunities during the day to attend; in the morning and again in the late afternoon.

This training is targeted to educators and community partners interested in becoming allies for undocumented students and DREAMers. The goal of the training is to inform participants of the needs, concerns, and issues impacting DREAMers’ access to and retention in higher education. The Undocumented Student Task Force will also share best student success practices and other resources available for undocumented students and their families.

Registration will be open later in March on our undocumented student website: www.skagit.edu/DREAMerstrainings. If you would like to be notified when the registration opens, contact Daisy Padilla at daisy.padilla@skagit.edu. ■

INTERESTED IN BRINGING A GROUP OR CLASS FOR A TOUR?

We are happy to arrange special tours for groups sponsored by a particular school or organization! Contact our Recruitment Specialist in charge of campus visits, Andrew Santos at Andrew.Santos@skagit.edu or 360-416-7936.

Upcoming Events for Students

Running Start Info Nights

Do you have students interested in enrolling in Running Start? We will host Information sessions at the Mount Vernon Campus on the following evenings:

March 1, April 18,

May 10, June 7

6pm – Lewis Hall L311

Mount Vernon Campus

SVC Scholarship Deadline

If you have students who are planning to attend Skagit Valley College in 2017-18, they should fill out this scholarship application! Submitting this application ensures consideration for a wide variety of scholarships through the Skagit Valley College Foundation. For more information and the online application, go to www.skagit.edu/scholarships.

Deadline: Friday, March 10

5pm – Financial Aid Office

Backstage Pass

Go behind the scenes on SVC’s Mount Vernon Campus and attend a free SVC event – April will be a Women’s Softball Game!

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

11am - Information Desk
Mount Vernon Campus

