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## Washington Governor Jay Inslee Visits SVC

Experiencing teaching and learning firsthand.

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**S** kagit Valley College is a vibrant community where all are welcomed and supported as they pursue their educational goals. I am proud that we have created a richly diverse learning environment that is focused on excellence. It's a place where students of all ages, from various backgrounds, and with different academic skill levels, receive the support they need to succeed.

As we welcome students to our campuses and centers, each person enters our doors with a dream or goal. While the size and scope of the goal can vary, one thing is certain: their goal is meaningful to them. It may be a goal of becoming a renowned chef who prepares savory delights. It may be a goal of becoming a skilled welder who builds fishing vessels. It may be a goal of becoming a farmer who dove-tails

their crops with foods and brews. Or, it may be a goal of becoming a teacher and role model, and finding the American Dream. What makes our College special is that we care, and our faculty and staff are committed to providing access, supporting achievement, and strengthening community.

In this edition of Currents, we are pleased to partner with the SVC Foundation. Among the many highlights, our cover story features a special visit to the Mount Vernon Campus by Washington Governor Jay Inslee. During his tour, Governor Inslee met with students, talked with faculty, and experienced teaching and learning at SVC firsthand. It provided an opportunity to showcase the great work taking place at SVC.

As you read the pages about the SVC Foundation, you will see how your support makes a difference. Many students reach their goals because of the leadership and generosity you extend through the SVC Foundation. Your gifts — whether they create scholarships, provide instructional enhancements, or support technologies — reduce barriers for student success.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students, thank you for joining our commitment to be the open door to higher education. Our success reflects our dedication to students and our relationship with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas A. Keegan  
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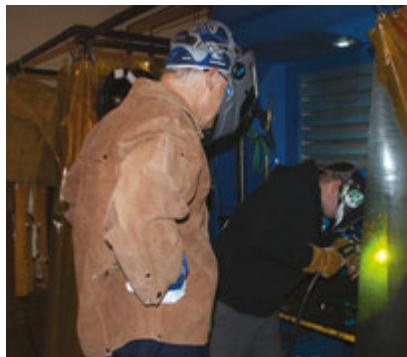
# Governor Jay Inslee Visits Skagit Valley College



(L to R): RN students Morgan Young and Stephanie Hackney demonstrate their training with the SimMan for Governor Inslee.

On January 27th, **Dr. Tom Keegan** was pleased to welcome **Washington Governor Jay Inslee** to the Mount Vernon Campus. During his visit, Governor Inslee toured several workforce programs and had an opportunity to meet with students, talk with faculty, and experience teaching and learning at SVC firsthand.

The morning tour began with a visit to the **Nursing** department, where the Governor observed students gaining real-world healthcare experience with training using SVC's high-tech Simulation Manikin. Since the Governor has a past connection with welding, his next tour stop at **Welding** was an especially fun experience! He had brought along his own welding jacket. So, with welding jacket and helmet on, Governor Inslee stepped into a welding booth and worked on a small project!



Governor Inslee observes a student Welding project.



Students share with Governor Inslee how SVC is helping them reach their educational goals.

The tour wrapped up at **Manufacturing**, where he learned about the future of Manufacturing training that responds to employer needs. As the Governor exited Reeves Hall, he acknowledged SVC's **Parks Law Enforcement Academy** cadets who were standing at attention. After arriving at the Cardinal Center, students who are recipients of **Opportunity Scholarships and State Need Grants**, greeted the Governor and poignantly shared how SVC is helping them reach their educational goals. The day concluded with **Culinary Arts** student chefs preparing a Coho Smoked Salmon Ramen Salad for lunch, with whole wheat bread made with locally grown and milled flour.

It was an honor to have Governor Inslee visit

Skagit Valley College! Thank you to the faculty, staff, and students who helped prepare for his tour and showcased the College so well!



Parks Law Enforcement Academy cadets standing at attention.



# ACHIEVEMENT



"Preparing appetizers for the Governor's Inaugural Ball provided our student chefs an amazing opportunity to showcase their skills"

*Culinary Department Co-Chair Gilbert Rodriguez*



# Governor Inslee's Inaugural Ball: Skagit Valley College Culinary Arts Team Is Featured

Whether it's a fabulous breakfast frittata, a midday plate of organic mixed greens, or an exquisite evening meal, culinary arts professionals love the opportunity to prepare creations for others to enjoy.

For the SVC **Culinary Arts** team, one of those special culinary opportunities took place on January 11th when they traveled to the Legislative Building at the Capitol Campus in Olympia with hors d'oeuvres they prepared for Governor Jay Inslee's Inaugural Ball.

Under the direction of Department Co-Chair Gilbert Rodriguez and Chef Instructors Shawna Poynter and Christopher Johnson, and **Northwest Career and Technical Academy** Culinary Instructor Lyle Hildahl, the SVC team was honored to be one of only six Washington community college culinary programs selected to participate this year. "Preparing appetizers for the Governor's Inaugural Ball provided our student chefs with an amazing opportunity to showcase their skills, using fresh and sustainable products

grown and produced in the Skagit Valley," said Chef Gilbert. "Our team was honored to be invited once again to participate."

With a focus on excellence, SVC's Culinary Arts program is committed to providing a variety of opportunities to showcase student achievement, including culinary competitions, event catering, and special occasions like the Governor's Inaugural Ball. This year's invitation was not Skagit's first. It is the third time that SVC was honored to participate. In 2009, the team was selected to prepare hors d'oeuvres for then-Governor Chris Gregoire's Inaugural Ball and in 2013, Skagit's team prepared appetizers for Governor Inslee's first Inaugural Ball.

**Bon Appetit!**

[www.skagit.edu/culinary](http://www.skagit.edu/culinary)



*This year, the team prepared 500 each of the following hors d'oeuvres:*

Duck Bacon and Winter Ratatouille & Cambonzola

House cured duck breast, apple-turnip-fennel ratatouille and blue cheese

Salmon Pastrami Mini Sandwich

Pastrami cured salmon and slaw on pretzel bun

Chocolate Dipped Almond Petit Fours

Lemon Cream Puffs



## Two Skagit Valley College students named to the 2017 All-Washington Academic Team

Congratulations to Mayuko Jordan and Victoria Waller who have been named to the **2017 All-Washington Academic Team**, the showcase for Washington's community and technical colleges. This recognition honors high achievers in the classroom and the community.



Originally from Japan, Mayuko is studying at the Whidbey Island Campus in preparation for a career in dental hygiene. She also serves as a recording officer in **Phi Theta Kappa** and the Asian Pacific Islander Club, and is a Navy Marine Corps Relief Society volunteer.



Victoria is a passionate mother of five who is pursuing an **Early Childhood Education** degree at the Mount Vernon Campus. She plans to work in early education so that all children have the best start possible.

# COMMUNITY



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Seed to Table program”

*Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC President*



# Partnerships, Passion Drive "Seed to Table" Innovation

Skagit Valley College, with a host of collaborators, is creating a multi-industry program to help shape and expand our local economy. The program, called **Food and Beverage Management: Seed to Table**, will integrate existing College programs in Sustainable Agriculture, Craft Brewing, and Culinary Arts.

Many leaders in government, industry, agriculture, and economic development have joined the College in fostering these innovations that are designed to help our region prosper. Partners include: Washington State University Bread Lab, Viva Farms, Port of Skagit, Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County, and local food and beverage industry members.

"Strong partnerships have played an important role as we launch our new Seed to Table program," said Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC President. "Together, we are creating new learning opportunities that lead to student success and economic prosperity, offering training innovations that celebrate the agricultural richness of our region, and fostering relationships that strengthen our community."

Lynnette Bennett, Associate Dean of Workforce Education at SVC, added: "Our region is leading innovation in this industry, and our students need knowledge and experience in growing, processing, marketing and preparing food and craft beer." Creating the integrated program will rely on—and strengthen—existing relationships among government, industry and the College in the region.

A representative of the craft brewing industry, Bryan Krueger was invited to participate in the first conversations about starting the Craft Brewing Academy and he became one of four local brewers to write curriculum for the program. Bryan brings education, experience and passion to every aspect of the unique initiative: a BA in Environmental Studies, an MA in teaching, and eight years as a brewer.

As the idea for Seed to Table took shape, SVC received state grant funds to develop a cross-discipline curriculum focused on sustainable and local farming, foods and beers. Bryan agreed to coordinate the grant. One of the early goals is to identify courses within existing programs that provide information relevant to all three disciplines. "Those courses" Bryan says, "belong at the beginning of the sequence for every student in the three programs."

Lyle Hildahl, Hospitality Consultant, is helping guide curriculum development. With long experience in culinary arts and the Washington Restaurant Association, he hopes the integrated program will boost the creation of a Skagit Valley "brand" linking local agricultural and culinary businesses that offer fresh and organic foods and the burgeoning craft brewing industry. One of Lyle's contributions is to bring culinary students and their creations to events where the Seed to Table concept can be featured. He worked with Culinary Arts Department Co-Chair, Gilbert Rodriguez and his team to prepare hors d'oeuvres for the Governor's Inaugural Ball.



*Dr. Laura Cailloux with SVC donors and Friday Harbor business owners Mary and Jim Scott, enjoying the SVC President's Reception at The Brickworks.*

## Community Connections in the San Juan Islands

On Wednesday, March 1st Skagit Valley College's San Juan Center and College President Tom Keegan, Vice President Laura Cailloux and Center Director Randy Martin hosted a reception at The Brickworks in Friday Harbor. The event featured the integration of three SVC programs: Cardinal Craft Brew, Culinary Arts and Sustainable Agriculture. With more than 100 community members in attendance, SVC shared local and regional College highlights and updates. Sponsored by SVC Foundation, this event was a great opportunity to connect with our community on San Juan Island and celebrate the great programs that lead to student success!



Solveig Atterberry  
Memorial Scholarship~

Honoring the memory of  
her spirit of generosity.





Jones Atterberry shares a portrait of his late wife, Solveig, with his granddaughter Elauna Dupuis and great granddaughters Mia and Isabel.

## Memorial Endowment: A Family's Legacy Supporting Students For Years To Come

Some expressions of love reach across great distances. Sometimes, they reach across time. Such is the nature of the gifts to SVC Foundation that fund endowed scholarships. Endowments are invested, so their earnings fund student scholarships in perpetuity. For many years into the future, students will be touched by today's gifts. A donation from Jones Atterberry, establishing the Solveig Atterberry Memorial Scholarship, is a poignant example. Solveig, Jones' wife and partner of almost 30 years, passed away in 2014, and Jones expressed his devotion through a gift in her name.

The endowment fund was established by Jones and his son, Solveig's daughters, and a

granddaughter. Reflecting Solveig's interests and passions, Jones selected two fields of study to support with scholarships: drama and business. This seems perfectly fitting, says Solveig's daughter Lorna Dobberstein: "My mother loved everything about performing arts; she would be excited and honored to know her passion for the arts lives on in her memorial scholarship."

Solveig was born in Denmark in 1944. At only 19 years of age, she immigrated to Vancouver, Canada. After many years there, in 1985, she married Jones and moved to Burlington. Her first professional career was selling international fragrance brands at duty-free stores in Blaine, where she soon excelled. Over the years, she became Vice

President of Sales and Marketing for a fragrance company, traveling the world. She rose to prominence in the fragrance industry, gaining international recognition.

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**"My mother loved everything about performing arts; she would be excited and honored to know her passion for the arts lives on in her memorial scholarship."**

*Solveig's daughter Lorna Dobberstein*

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In 1995, she earned her real estate license and joined Jones in the local real estate business. They worked together in real estate throughout Skagit County for more than fifteen years. "Someone might wonder why Solveig was deserving of this legacy at the Foundation," Jones says. "The question has a simple answer: the gift represents the spirit of generosity she demonstrated in life. The students we want to support in performing arts and business also reflect her passions: she loved her professional life and it provided her the means to support local performing arts groups."

Other friends have written to remember Solveig. Klara Barford, a long-time friend, fondly recalled that "there was no way to meet Solveig and forget her! Solveig was full of life!"

"Most of all, Solveig's loyal friendship was a gift of life's memories to us and many others," shared family friends Jeff and Linda Hendricks.

"The SVC Foundation is very grateful to Jones and all who create endowed scholarships," says Anne Clark, Executive Director of College Advancement. "We are touched by their generosity and determination to honor their loved ones and support students."

# ACCESS

“Today, I know what the American Dream is for me. It’s to become a physical education teacher.”



# Hugo Santiago: Finding His American Dream



ee I always knew that a college education is an important next step after graduating from high school. It has been my American Dream, although I know the American Dream is not the same for everyone. For me, it is being able to pursue an education and to make a positive impact in our community. When I was a kid, I wasn't sure what the American Dream was all about. But, over time, everything started to make sense. During high school, a lot of my friends slowly started dropping out of school and I thought, 'Is that the American Dream?' I knew I was capable of accomplishing a lot more, but I didn't know how.

By the time I was a high school senior, I knew I wanted to go to college, but had no idea how to

get there. I was very blessed to receive a **Champions of Diversity** scholarship. It was the main door that led me here, where I am today. I learned something very important by winning that scholarship. I learned that it doesn't matter who you are, or where you come from; if you work hard in school and contribute to your community, there will always be people supporting you and helping you do better.

This spring, I will graduate from Skagit Valley College and continue my education at Western Washington University where I will pursue a career in education. Today, I know what the American Dream is for me. It's to become a physical education teacher. ”

*In addition to receiving a Champions scholarship, Hugo has been part of the **Maestros Para el Pueblo** program. Maestros is a collaborative effort between SVC, Mount Vernon and Burlington-Edison high schools, and Western Washington University. The program is designed to increase the number of Latino teachers in local classrooms. After completing his education, Hugo plans to become a physical education teacher at Mount Vernon High School. It reflects his commitment to family, education, and community — and his desire to help others pursue their American Dream.*

## Cardinal Athletics: SVC Celebrates Tulalip Night

It's a Cardinal tradition, Women's Basketball Head Coach Steve Epperson and Assistant Coach Deb Castle are all about building community on and off the court. So, on February 8th, Cardinal fans celebrated Tulalip Night. After a 69-50 win over Olympic, Freshman Forward Adiya Jones-Smith, (Tulalip Heritage HS grad) joined SVC President Tom Keegan to make a

special presentation to Tulalip Tribes Chairman Melvin Sheldon, Jr. (an SVC alum and Cardinals Baseball player) and Marilyn Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions, for their ongoing support of higher education. And, thanks to SVC Foundation, all fans received free admission, hotdogs, and beverages!

**GO CARDINALS!**  
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(L to R) Marilyn Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions; Adiya Jones-Smith, Cardinals Freshman Forward; Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC President; and Melvin Sheldon, Jr., Tulalip Tribes Chairman.

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## COMMUNITY #SKAGITSTRONG

Skagit Valley College is proud to join broad community support for Mount Vernon Police Officer Mike McClaughry, his family, law enforcement, and first responders. SVC was honored to serve as host for a blood drive in January, in support of Officer McClaughry. The drive was a HUGE SUCCESS and reflected a community coming together to help others who are in need. Throughout the day, Bloodworks Northwest registered 44 donors and collected 35 pints of blood, with 21 first-time donors joining their program! The drive's success was the result of an amazing partnership: Mike Peterson, President of the Fraternal Order of Police Local 18; Gayle Richards, Donor Resources



Photo courtesy of the Mount Vernon Police Department

Representative, Snohomish, Island & So. Skagit County for Bloodworks Northwest; Chief Jerry Dodd and Staff at Mount Vernon Police Department; Lou D'Amelio, Chief of the Swinomish Tribal Police Department; and Brian Murphy, Director of Student Life at SVC.

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**Mount Vernon Honors Reception**  
May 25, 2017  
5:30 pm – Doors Open  
6:00 pm – Program  
McIntyre Hall

**Scholarship Selection Committee**  
April 21, 2017 – 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NCTA)  
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**Whidbey Island Campus Honors Reception**  
June 2, 2017  
6:15 pm – Doors Open  
7:00 pm – Program  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge