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News advisory: UW President Michael Young keynotes Sept 21 convocation at Seattle Community Colleges

WHAT: New University of Washington President Michael Young will be keynote speaker at district-wide [Convocation](#) for faculty and staff at the Seattle Community Colleges. Convocation is the one time in the academic year that all college district employees gather in one place. In addition to President Young's remarks, the program will include a look at the year ahead from Seattle Community Colleges Chancellor Jill Wakefield, and remarks by Laura Hinton, a graduate of North Seattle Community College and of the University of Washington. Annual awards and current videos are also presented.

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept 21

9 – 10:30 am

- President Young ~ 9:20 am
- Award-winning alumna ~ 9:45 am
- Chancellor Wakefield ~ 10 am

WHERE: [Wellness Center](#) ("PE" on this maplink)

[North Seattle Community College](#)

Background: The Seattle Community Colleges educate and train 51,000 students every year at Seattle Central, North Seattle and South Seattle Community Colleges; the Seattle Vocational Institute; and four specialized training centers located throughout the city. The district sends more students to the University of Washington than any other college district, where they do as well or better than students who start at UW as freshmen.

In four of the past five years, students from the Seattle Community Colleges were honored at graduation with the UW President's Medal, the highest honor for transfer students. When Convocation speaker Laura Hinton received a degree in anthropology in 2009 she was also honored with an Arts & Sciences Dean's Medal in addition to the President's Medal. She is now studying for her master's degree in nursing at Seattle University, with a goal of promoting access to health care for marginalized populations.

Previous convocation speakers have included state governors and legislators, Seattle mayors and leading national educators.

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