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News advisory:

First class of College Bound high school students previews college at Seattle Community Colleges

WHAT: “College Bound Kickoff”

One-day, 3-campus event to host the 2012 class of College Bound Scholars from Seattle Public Schools

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 26, 2011 1:30-4:30 pm**

WHERE: [Seattle Central Community College](#)
[North Seattle Community College](#)
[South Seattle Community College](#)

SIGNIFICANCE: Approximately 600 [College Bound Scholarship](#) students will be graduating in spring 2012 from the Seattle Public Schools, and more than 200 of them will be on the three Seattle Community College campuses to make the transition from high school to college. Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Community Colleges are jointly planning the College Bound Kickoff event to walk these students through the steps they need to take in their senior year to maintain their College Bound Scholarship eligibility and be ready for college entry in 2012.

This is the first cohort of program participants to graduate from high school since the program was created by the Washington Legislature in 2007. There are 88,000 College Bound Scholarship participants statewide.

The College Bound Scholarship provides an incentive for eligible students and families who otherwise might not consider college as an option because of the cost. With the scholarship, a student can earn an approved certificate or degree at a Washington public community or technical college, public four-year institution, an approved independent college or university, or private career school.

The amount of the scholarship will be based on tuition rates at Washington public colleges and universities and will cover the amount of tuition and fees, plus \$500 for books.

Seattle Community Colleges staff and volunteers from sponsoring organizations will be on hand to discuss financial aid, admissions/registration, advising and counseling, student support services and academic support services. Students will also have the opportunity to tour the campus and meet and talk with current college students.

Sponsors. The “College Bound Kickoff” event is sponsored by [Seattle Community Colleges](#), [Seattle Public Schools](#), [Community Center for Education Results](#), [College Success Foundation](#) and the [Seattle College Access Network](#).

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