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Trustees named for Seattle Community Colleges Community leaders Gayton, Gregoire

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SEATTLE – Governor Chris Gregoire has appointed two members to the Board of Trustees for the Seattle Community Colleges: Businesswoman Carmen Gayton and Attorney Courtney Gregoire.

Carmen Gayton is a well-known real estate broker with Windermere Real Estate, whose career also includes leadership positions in Human Resources at the Weyerhaeuser Company and at Coopers & Lybrand LLP. She is equally well known for her service on the boards of organizations such as ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists), PONCHO (Patrons of Northwest Civic, Cultural and Charitable Organizations), The Lakeside School, and the YWCA. She is originally from South Carolina, where she received a B.S. degree in Mathematical Sciences with a Biology option from Clemson University.

Courtney Gregoire is an attorney with Microsoft Corp., whose wide-ranging career in public service includes work as a legislative director in the U. S. Senate and as Deputy Chief of Staff for the U.S. Department of Commerce. While working in Washington, D.C, she also served with the National Democratic Institute and maintained her ties to Seattle, serving with the University of Washington Center for Women & Democracy. Trustee Gregoire is a graduate of Willamette University and Harvard Law School, and began her law career at K&L Gates.

"I look forward to working with our new Trustees to ensure the continued role of the Seattle Community Colleges in strengthening the economy of this region," said Board Chair Jorge Carrasco. In addition to Carrasco, the Board includes Vice-Chair Albert Shen and Board member Tom Malone, who recently completed a term as president of the Statewide Trustees Association for Community and Technical Colleges. The new Trustees fill seats left vacant when Gayatri Eassey was awarded a Clinton Fellowship to develop community colleges in India this summer and Dr. Constance W. Rice was selected to the new statewide Student Achievement Council.

The Seattle Community College District is the second largest higher education institution in the state, serving more than 51,000 students every year at Seattle Central, North Seattle and South Seattle Community Colleges; Seattle Vocational Institute; and four specialized training centers across the city.

Trustees are responsible for overall policy and leadership in meeting the current educational needs of the community. The Seattle District's five board members are appointed by the governor and referred to the State Senate for approval, which is expected to occur during the 2013 legislative session.

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