

Bright Future Update

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Director's Corner:

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I am pleased to announce that in September of 2004, Dr. Charles Mitchell, Chancellor of the Seattle Community College District and Mr. Raj Manhas, Superintendent of the Seattle School District signed an interlocal agreement for the second consecutive year.

What is the significance of this interlocal agreement to the Bright Future Program? As a result of this agreement, Seattle Vocational Institute (SVI) is qualified to receive direct state funding for high school students proportional to the amount of time these students spend at SVI. With the additional money generated from this agreement, the Bright Future program can provide more services to students by helping with lab fee expenses, providing bus tokens for transportation to and from SVI, and offering financial help for purchasing textbooks for those students who need assistance.

I truly want to thank all the counselors, career center specialists, administrators, and staff at target high schools for their on-going support and belief in the Bright Future Program.

Did You Know?

According to a study, the top three occupations most relevant to high school training programs and with the greatest number of projected annual openings in the State of Washington were:

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| 1. Certified Nursing Assistant | 653 openings |
| 2. Medical Assistant | 229 openings |
| 3. Dental Assistant | 246 openings |

At the end of summer quarter 2004, thirty-eight Bright Future students have successfully completed both their high schools and vocational programs. Twenty-four (63%) of these graduates were enrolled in allied health programs, including Acute Care Hospital Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant and Dental Assistant.



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Graduate Profile:

Angelo Torres

I (Reza Khastou) received a phone call from Angelo Torres and could hear the excitement in his voice. Angelo had good reason for his excitement, for he was doing what a lot of young people his age wish to do - becoming independent. For Angelo, proving his independence was evidenced by his ability to rent his own apartment. When I received his call, Angelo was doing just that, renting his first apartment. In his excitement, Angelo described how much bigger his apartment was than his bedroom at home. He was excited and proud.

Angelo Torres is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and is the Bright Future Program's first male graduate of the Dental Assistant Program. According to Molly, Angelo's mother, "He was able to accomplish all this because of the great support system within the Bright Future program, which kept him on track and motivated him."

Despite a few hurdles, such as being a male in a female dominated career of dental assisting, he is now gainfully employed in a dental office and very happy in his chosen profession.

Angelo is another good example of a student who, by integrating a cohesive vocational education with his high school program, has graduated with the skills, knowledge, and experience that enabled him to become a productive member of our community.

Beginning in the fall of 2005 Seattle Vocational Institute in cooperation with Seattle Central Community College expects to open a new Dental Hygienist program. We expect that as Bright Future graduates gain experience and mature, they will return to school to further their education, and the dental hygienist program will be a good start for our dental assisting students.



A New Staff Member at the Bright Future Program!

The Bright Future program would like to introduce a new member of our team, Lon-Marie Walton. She will be joining us as a Case Manager in December of 2004. Lon-Marie has a Master's degree in Education from University of Washington, and has worked with Medina Children's Services as a case manager, and John Marshall Alternative High School as the Parent Education Lab Program Manager. The Bright Future students are going to benefit greatly from Lon-Marie's experience and knowledge.

Another Friend in the Community

A Bright Future student was the recent recipient of a scholarship from the Seattle Education Access (SEA). Seattle Education Access is a nonprofit organization that provides educational advocacy and opportunities for low-income, at-risk youth and young adults. We want to thank Polly Trout and the SEA for their generosity. We look forward to a continuing relationship where our organizations work together to help at-risk youth in Seattle.

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Program Profile:

Cosmetology

The Cosmetology Program at Seattle Vocational Institute offers students a certificate or an A.A.S. degree in Cosmetology. In addition, students earn 60 transferable credits toward a two-year degree at Seattle Central Community College. This program includes training in multi-ethnic hairdressing and cosmetology services.



To complete the program, students spend 1,650 hours of training in cosmetology. Group and individual instruction in Pivot Point techniques, hair sculpting, scalp care, wet and thermal hair styling, ethnic hair care, hair coloring, permanent waving, chemical relaxing, skin care, make-up, manicuring, pedicuring and sanitary and safety measures are typical learning experiences. Students use their knowledge and perfect their expertise at the school's full service salon. Students completing this program will possess skills necessary for employment as salon owners, hairstylist, designers, chemical services technicians, beauty consultants, personal image consultants or manufacture representatives. The cosmetology industry offers individuals the freedom and flexibility to work part-time or pursue a full-time career. New students are accepted during fall, winter and spring quarters. For more information please call 206-587-5477.

This fall quarter, two new Bright Future students from Cleveland and Franklin High School are enrolled in the Cosmetology program.

Salon Services

The School of Cosmetology Salon is a full service salon that offers services to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The salon is located at 1500 Harvard Ave., Seattle, WA. A Senior Citizen discount (65 years and older) is offered. A licensed cosmetologist is on staff during all salon hours.

Externships:

Thanks for the Opportunity

One of the components of the Bright Future Program is the work based learning component. In addition to clinical experience, most vocational programs at Seattle Vocational Institute offer externship opportunities to their students. Below is a list of businesses, organizations, clinics, and hospitals where Bright Future students have performed their externships. We want to thank these organizations for being a part of the education of these young men and women.

Broadway Sports & Internal Medicine
Country Doctors
Dr. Hashim Chotia, DDS, MSD
Dr. Keith Dung, DDS
Dr. Jeffrey Nimitz, DDS
Equity Office
Everett Clinic
Fannie Mae
Fircrest

Greenwood Medical Clinic
Harborview Hospital
High Point Dental Clinic
Holly Park Dental Clinic
Indian Health Board
International Health Clinic
King Plaza Dental & Denture Inc.
Odessa Brown Children's Clinic
Providence @ Ballard

Rainier Vista Job Resource Center
SEA MAR Clinic
Seattle Urban League
Small Business Administration
South East Dental Clinic
UW Grants & Contract Dept.
UW Hospital
UW Neurology Dept.
Willamette Dental Clinic



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Performance Report at SVI Fall 1999 - Fall 2004

The Bright Future Student Demographics

Bright Future is celebrating its sixth year at Seattle Vocational Institute. One of the reasons that target high school counselors and staff support the Bright Future Program is that it provides an option for students who are not performing to their potential. As soon as these students enter our program something magical happens. Students who have had poor attendance at their school now do not miss a day. Those who did not perform well academically in their classes are now stars. And for some, we are a program that can give them a head start on their career goals and a way into a post-secondary educational institution.

Female students	72%
Students of color	81%
Special Education students	8%
At-risk students	56%
English as a Second Language students	15%
Teen mothers	9%

Total students served 77

High School Students Performance at SVI

Graduated from SVI	40	52%
Still active	21	27%
Incomplete*	16	21%
Total	77†	100%

*Completed more than 6,000 hours of vocational education.

†The 77 students completed a total of 68,789 vocational hours.

High School Completion Rate

The number one goal of the Bright Future Program is for students to complete high school. We are proud of our results, especially when compared to the overall Seattle School District's completion rate of 59.6%.

Graduated from H.S.	53	69%
Still active	21	27%
Incomplete	3	4%
Total	77	100%

We are also proud of the Bright Future student's performance at SVI. We attribute the high rate of completion of the vocational program to many factors: students feeling that their education is meaningful, hands on learning, smaller learning community, interaction with older college classmates, community support and student support services.

Vocational Program Graduates at SVI

Medical Assistant	11
Dental Assistant	10
Medical Office Administration	1
Acute Care Nursing Assistant	2
Network Technician	3
Computer Information Processing	4
Administrative Office Professional	2
Cosmetology	5
Total students	38*

*As of summer '04