

## Additional Comments Provided by Responders to the February, 2009 CCS Alumni Survey

1. I am currently living in Seattle Washington
2. I would be more likely to become involved if I still lived in Spokane County.
3. I live in Wisconsin so anything to do with discounts in Spokane do not do me any good.
4. I'm grateful for Running Start.
5. There should be a non-applicable section when asking about the benefits offered.
6. I am sorry I live out of state and do not have the technical skills required for website development, etc...
7. way to get more add to go back to college
8. thank you for the CCS Alumni Association
9. Thank you to Jim Bellotty and the Math department for preparing me.
10. More outdoor concerts and activities
11. i currently lived in the state of Florida. i am not able to participate in the activities etc, due to the distance.
12. Students & Alumni are frequently not aware of available services. Yes there is an orientation class but it is not always convenient for working students. Is all this information available on a disk or in the student book?
13. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to have input into CCS.
14. I would be willing to spend an evening or two to help an Alumni Association project.
15. I live in Missouri.
16. For alot of these volunteering things it is not that I do not want to help it is just that most things are not in my area so it is hard to get to where I would need to be.
17. Too busy trying to keep my family in a home. No (real) time to volunteer.
18. I would love to know more about the benefits discussed in this survey!
19. I like the community business discounts that I have used; however, I have tried to use a couple of discounts that did not seem to have any value. For example, I am already a member at STCU, and when I mentioned the CCS member benefit of free lifetime membership, it

did not seem to actually be worth anything. Also, I might be more interested in some type of reunion or SFCC Program event(Interpreter Training Program) if I actually worked as an interpreter, but I do not.

20. You folks do really great work. Thank you.

21. Many of the questions I was unable to answer yes because I am not a resident of Washington. I live in Wyoming. But I am very proud of my CCS experience especially with the soccer team and Cor van Der Meer.

22. I no longer live in the Spokane area, thus some of my answers.

23. Sharon Kelly deserves a raise! :-)

24. At this point I am still in graduate school. I will be more able to participate in those activities that I have declined when I graduate in the spring.

25. Because I am out of State for Grad school, much of this (i.e. volunteering etc.) is nearly impossible. I'd be willing to Mentor, however it would be by e-mail and phone at the present time.

26. Right now I am currently looking for employment in any career field besides the one I studied for. I did not know which stores or shops were available to me as an Alumni. I would like to be able to learn more at SCC, but there isn't anything available (grants) to me at this time that can help a retired vet in the career field I chose, Machinist. I found the Machinist Trade Instructors very rude, and uncaring of their students. The only instructor I felt that helped me in any way was Sally G in math. I need to get back to some level ground, working, and keeping the roof over my families head before getting back in school (money is way out too tight to further my education. I would like to do Machinist Trade for 2 more years to get a BAS Tech degree.

27. I have moved out of state and am caring for ill family members. Although I went on to earn a Masters Degree in Education from Gonzaga, it is actually the A.A.S. Degree in Special Ed/Rehab earned at Spokane Falls that is enabling me to support myself. I value the time I spent at Spokane Community and Spokane Falls Community Colleges. I was able to build an educational bridge between high school and university with the help and support of some great folks. I would be happy to pay a membership fee as long as it went towards a scholarship program.

28. It's not that I don't care about the Alum Assoc., but I don't have the spare time right now to volunteer - I work full time, manage a family and am also attending EWU to go for my BA.

29. I didn't find a job in the field I studied so not current in it. I couldn't get financial help while attending SCC and still can't afford to update the needed information if I decided to persue that field again. Would've loved it. I am working in a different field but currently have no time and little funds to contribute.
30. Right now I am a busy Mother of three who is currently taking time off from school to focus on family.
31. Don't live in Spokane any longer
32. I now live 1100 miles away from Spokane, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Please take that into consideration when viewing my answers on your survey.
33. Thank you!
34. I would be willing to help out in areas such as #24, but I live in Wisconsin.
35. I live in another state now so am unable to use the benefits offered but I do like to know what is going on at the college.
36. I am a struggling single mom trying to get a teching position and right now money is very tight.
37. My answers would be significantly different if I still lived in the Spokane area. I have moved to Georgia and attend Kennesaw State University where most of my SCC credits transferred to. Thank you so much!
38. I might be willing to help out at one point but I am still in school and have very little time at the moment.
39. I no longer live in the area.
40. it would be nice if more benefits (especially food/drink) were available in spokane. i would feel better about paying a membership fee if there were a few more benefits for spokane residents.
41. It would be nice to have transportation to and from Colville to Spokane to take courses that are not available here. But because of the drive and the cost of fuel students from Colville cannot attend those classes.
42. Mostly interested in fitness club that is affordable
43. I am a full time student at EWU and don't have much time right now. If you were to contact me after my education was completed I would be more open to helping.
44. I would love to be more involved, but currently there just isn't any time for me to give.
45. I got a letter saying that I should update my e-mail. But this e-mail got through and i've gotten at least one more. please fix this if you can.
46. For the mentoring question; the Yes answer and the If So, What Field of Study answer could not both be checked

47. This is the first time since I graduated in 2003 that there was any contact from the alumni association regarding membership. Please provide me that information. Thank you.
48. yay, bigfeets!
49. I live in Western Washington and only went to CCS for two quarters so many of the benefits wouldn't help me.
50. Thanks for the survey.
51. I would like to participating in all these events but I no longer live near spokane, WA
52. I graduated 13 years ago, went on to get a BS and live in seattle, this survey does not apply to me.
53. I'm too busy with family obligations to do any of these things.
54. i am extremely busy going to college or i would love to help out..
55. I have one degree but I am still a full-time student getting a second degree.
56. This survey has mentioned several times connecting with classmates and alumni events, but I don't believe I've heard about any of these things in the past. Is this something new you are starting to do?
57. Thank you for asking me to participate in the survey.
58. Just don't have the time to participate in the events.
59. I look forward to sending my kids to SCC for a head-start opportunity.
60. I would be more involved however I am completely on the other side of the state and don't think it would be that convenient for me. As for the use of my degree question, I do use my degree that I obtained at CCS and EWU however my degree was not required and only assisted me in obtaining the computer forensics position in law enforcement. Unfortunately I'd have to say that the best thing in college for me was the excellent training I received from CCS track team.
61. let us know how long the survey is before we start
62. Just want free parking for use of campus as alumni
63. I live in Pocatello, Idaho so I am unable to help with any time donations. Sorry!!
64. Interesting survey, I'm glad I had the chance to participate.
65. Since I live in another city and its been 8 years since graduating from SFCC, its difficult to consider community college something to continue being involved with.
66. It would be very hard to volunteer as I no longer live in Spokane. Sorry

67. I have moved away from the Spokane area and would not be able to attend any events. My school experience was wonderful however.
68. I'd be interested in being more involved if I was still living in Spokane.
69. If I had time, I would volunteer, but I work two jobs plus have classes online.
70. As a single mom, it's hard for me to be involved in anything. Thank you though!
71. Major reforms need to be made at the CCS. Especially, putting a heavy emphasis on community based approach. Sadly, CCS are run like corporations more so than educational institutions.
72. Get rid of your spurious standardized test for alumni.
73. I made the mistake of going to Apollo College and would like a very last chance to get a life long, rewarding career, but my financial aid was denied and I don't qualify for help from you because I'm not a displaced homemaker and I don't have kids! I am turning 38 years old in April! I don't have the career recognized that I thought that I had obtained at Apollo with honor chord straight A's! My financial aid for SCC was denied, so thanks to SCC I have lost any chance at having any retirement or a fulfilling career!!
74. Maybe I've missed it, but I'd like to see events where alumni get together. There are people I would like to reconnect with, but I don't know how. I'd also like to network with alumni I haven't met yet.
75. SCC used to be more focused on student participation.....now, it seems to be focused on mere statistics and numbers rather than close interaction and keeping students informed. Students would be more enthusiastic if the people working at SCC seemed to be, as well.
76. I attended SFCC in the mid 90s, went on to EWU and grad school in Virginia. After grad school, I moved to Japan and am currently working in Korea. Many of my responses are a result of my location.
77. Thank you for the survey
78. I might be willing to do the above AFTER I obtain my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from EWU...I'm just too busy right now.
79. I am over 50 years of age, don't drive, am unemployed, and carrying 17 credits minimum per quarter; I don't have much in time, money, or energy to contribute currently.
80. I live in California now. Not much of this really applies to me.
81. No time for any volunteer work currently, but maybe in a few years. Keep up the effort. Networking is valuable.
82. Overall all was good and I would recommend
83. Unfortunately, I live in a rural area about 60 miles from SCC and would find it difficult to volunteer for any events or donating time on campus.

84. At this time am living off the area.

85. Maybe I would be interested down the road — right now I just have too much going on in my life.

86. I was not from Spokane and no longer live in the area, this effected my answers greatly. I would've liked more involvement in the CCS environment otherwise.