

CCS FOUNDATION ANNUAL MINI-GRANT WINTER 2008 RECIPIENTS

28 applications were submitted for consideration. Members of the evaluation committee included CCS Foundation Board members Craig Soehren and Lionel Greenwood, CCS representatives Bob Schlim, Rene Goffinet, and Alison Ninmann, and foundation staff members Gail Stevenson and Patci Ryan. Each application was carefully reviewed and discussed in terms of how the proposed project demonstrated a commitment to student learning and the college community. Mini-grant recipients were:

Andy Buddington, SCC Science Department, Newman Lake Gneiss Student Research, **\$500**

An undergraduate student research project will examine a local geological formation, the Newman Lake Gneiss formation. Data from sampling and mapping will be analyzed and presented at a regional geologic conference.

Lora Shinskie, IEL Read Right Program, Read Right and Families That Work Collaboration, **\$1,500**

This project will provide methodologies to Families That Work parents, enabling them to foster a reading-friendly home environment for their children. Students will share and discuss successes, challenges, ideas and strategies.

Dennis Johnson, SCC Disability Support Services, Transition Resources for Students with Disabilities, **\$500**

A booklet will be published that will provide comprehensive information about transition from high school to post-secondary school for students with disabilities. It will be used as an informational and recruitment tool for high school students and visiting students.

Kitara McClure and Ruth Silverthorne, SCC Multicultural Student Services, MOSAIC Mentoring Program (Multicultural Officers Seeking Assistance in College), **\$750**

Eight club officers will be paired with ethnic community leaders who will serve as mentors, focusing on academic, cultural, campus and community issues related to successfully pursuing higher education goals. The students will, in turn, provide mentoring to future SCC students.

Julie Litzenberger, SCC Center for Entrepreneurship, Marketing Materials for CFE, **\$1,095**

Professional marketing materials will be created and used for recruitment, guest speakers, future donors and community partners. The program, with a flagship class of 22 students, provides comprehensive training for students intending to operate their own small businesses locally.

Center for Entrepreneurship Faculty, SCC Center for Entrepreneurship, NACCE Conference, **\$2,300**

Two faculty members will attend the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship Annual Conference (NACCE) to enhance curriculum, program attributes and content by collaborating with other community college entrepreneurship programs in Washington State and across the nation.

Amy Wolfson, SFCC Communications Instruction, International Film Festival, **\$300**

A portion of the operational costs will be provided to showcase five foreign films that will specifically support and enhance classes in foreign languages, film, intercultural communications, humanities, and social sciences. Films will be provided for viewing by students as well as members of the Spokane community.

Craig Rickett, SFCC Communications Instruction, Intercollegiate Speech/Debate Club, **\$1,100**

SFCC will host a regional intercollegiate speech and debate tournament in 2008. 20-25 regional speech and debate squads will be invited to a competition with other colleges and universities throughout the northwest and nationally. The tournament will feature more than 200 students engaging in an academic competition.

Sam Magnuson, IEL Adult Basic Education, Crosswalk Incentive Program, **\$1,680**

At-risk students will be provided with YMCA memberships as an incentive for participation and progress in the High School Completion program. Besides improving health and physical fitness, the incentive program will allow this special population a path for reconnecting and reclaiming their membership within the Spokane community. Students will be able to concurrently earn physical education credits.

Methea Sapp, SCC Sciences Department, Oceans 102 Field Trip, **\$2,000**

Hands-on experience aboard a research vessel owned and operated through the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratory will allow students to sample and identify the variety of invertebrate life and aquatic biomes found within Friday Harbor.

Ric Villabulos, SCC Student and Instructional Services, Notebook Laptop for Academic Success Workshops, **\$2,000**

Academic Success Workshops provide learning strategies and time management skills for students. Mini-grants are usually not given for individual laptops, but Mr. Villalobos suffers from significant physical limitations, yet positively and directly impacts hundreds of students annually.

The committee was pleased to be able to secure funding for three (possibly four) additional projects from alternate sources of foundation funding. Unused and/or unawarded funds will be retained in the Mini-Grants Program Support fund for future distribution.



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