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SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGES RECEIVE \$500,000 FROM SAFECO INSURANCE FOUNDATION

Funds will support teacher training initiative and endowed scholarships
for business students

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SEATTLE — The Safeco Insurance Foundation has awarded \$500,000 to the Seattle Community Colleges. The gift, presented as part of the *Power & Promise* campaign, benefits programs and students across the multi-college district.

“The Seattle Community Colleges do an outstanding job of nurturing and educating the leaders and skilled professionals our region needs for a vibrant future. Safeco Insurance Foundation is proud to support the work of the Seattle Community Colleges, specifically as they prepare teachers and business students for future leadership roles,” said Virginia Anderson, president, Safeco Insurance Foundation.

The first recipients will be the Teachers for a New Era program at Seattle Central Community College, which will receive \$300,000 in 2008-09. This program was developed in partnership with the University of Washington to provide a pathway for a new generation of ethnically and culturally diverse teachers who will reflect the socioeconomic and ethnic diversity of the K-12 classrooms where they will be teaching.

In the following year, \$200,000 will be distributed equally for endowed scholarships to support students in business programs at North Seattle and South Seattle Community Colleges.

“With this gift, Safeco is making an enormous imprint on Seattle’s future,” said Seattle Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Charles H. Mitchell. “We thank Safeco on behalf of the generations of students who will benefit, including the K-12 students who will be taught by Teachers for a New Era graduates. “

The *Power & Promise* campaign, funded by gifts from the region’s leading individuals and organizations, now totals more than \$18 million towards a goal of \$25 million. The campaign provides support for specialized program initiatives as well for student scholarships and other assistance.

The Seattle Community Colleges educate more than 50,000 students each year at Seattle Central Community College, North Seattle Community College, South Seattle Community College, Seattle Vocational Institute, and five specialized training centers throughout the city.

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