New Emphasis Ties in with Mission

For over 50 years, Seattle Central has been a driving force on important issues such as race, inequality and social justice. Last academic year, the college created a new emphasis in Equity and Social Justice (ESJ) to reinforce the college’s core values and beliefs. Students enrolled in the emphasis study the social, economic, cultural and political forces that shape diverse communities. They will examine various dimensions of human diversity — including race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, religion, and more — with a focus on social justice and change.

Meeting the Community’s Health Care Needs

Seattle Central College is partnering with health care leaders to meet the rising needs of the industry and provide opportunities for students to gain the skills needed to build successful and long-lasting careers. A new partnership with Kaiser Permanente offers 20 students through Seattle Vocational Institute’s Medical Assisting program financial assistance, academic support and mentorship. In addition, Seattle Central’s newest health care applied bachelor’s degree in Community Health and Education pushes individuals with strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills to the forefront to promote health and prevent disease within communities.

STEM Careers Become More Accessible

Seattle Central provides accessible opportunities for all students to pursue STEM majors and careers. The MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) and Ready! Set! Transfer! STEM Academy programs help historically underrepresented students successfully transfer to four-year colleges and universities both in Washington state and across the country. Students are also supported with faculty mentors, undergraduate research experiences, internship opportunities, and scholarships. A new program in IT Networking allows students to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at Seattle Central, training them to fill crucial industry roles as network and computer systems administrators and analysts.