



Please join Seattle City Councilmembers Sally J. Clark, Richard Conlin, Jean Godden, Bruce Harrell and Mike O'Brien for a lunch-hour discussion

A YEAR OF COLLEGE FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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600 Fourth Ave, Seattle

"By 2018 it is expected that 67 percent of living wage jobs will require some form of post-secondary education, which includes two- and four-year colleges, trade and technical schools and programs," according to the Seattle-based Alliance for Education.

Yet more than a quarter of Seattle's high school graduates don't go on to college in the year after they graduate and in some Seattle schools almost 50 percent of grads don't go on the next year.

Not having money for tuition is one big reason, but not having the confidence and preparedness are even more important.

Several educational institutions are working creatively to help students who don't think of themselves as "college people" get a higher education.

Please join us for a discussion on the programs that are working to help young people get post-secondary educations that lead to living-wage jobs and learn what else can be done to help more students go on to college. Panelists include:

- *Jill Wakefield, Chancellor, Seattle Community Colleges*
- *Gary Oertli, President, South Seattle Community College*
- *Chris Kinsey, Principal, Chief Sealth International High School*
- *Rachelle Sharpe, Director of Student Financial Assistance, Washington Student Achievement Council*
- *Kay Lewis, Assistant Vice President for Student Life and Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, University of Washington Husky Promise*
- *Elizabeth Pluhta, Associate Vice President for College Relations and Advancement, South Seattle Community College*