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## South Suburban College to Host Workforce Equity Initiative Grant Virtual Open Houses to Promote Benefits for Current and New Students

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL— The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) recently announced an award of \$1,200,000 for the continuance of the Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) Grant at South Suburban College. The WEI project is designed to create, support and expand short-term workforce training opportunities in high need areas within SSC District #510. Through new programs, expanded access, opportunity, and support services, the project is anticipated to yield impactful outcomes for individuals, families, communities, and local businesses.

Additionally, the WEI grant provides wrap-around services including comprehensive financial assistance and academic support to participating students within a variety of program areas providing stackable credentials. These programs will be highlighted at the upcoming Open Houses including Nursing, Patient Care Technician (PCT), Basic Nursing Assistance Training Program (BNATP), Community Healthcare Worker (CHW), Certified Production Technician (CPT), Solar Photovoltaic Installer, Forklift Operator, and the brand-new Barber College at the college's Main Campus. When SSC's Barbering Program opens this spring, it will become the only active public barber school in the State of Illinois.

SSC is hosting two WEI Virtual Open Houses to provide information to students who could benefit from WEI funding, programs and services in the Spring 2021 Semester and beyond. The Open House Zoom links are accessible from <a href="https://www.ssc.edu/info">www.ssc.edu/info</a>.

- Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon
- Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm

For more information about the WEI programs at SSC, please call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2413, email workforceequity@ssc.edu or visit www.ssc.edu/wei.

Spring classes begin Monday, January 11, 2021, and <u>class schedules</u>, registration services and a new "live chat" with staff are all available online from <u>ssc.edu</u>. Future SSC students should get started at <u>admissions.ssc.edu</u>. Once the application process is complete, new students will receive an SSC email account and a Self-Service Username & Password via email which will allow access to student information and class registration. In addition to the live chat function at <u>ssc.edu</u>, prospective students may call (708) 210-5718.