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OF THE YEAR

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AND A VOICE FOR
HIS COMMUNITY
AND DISTRICT**



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ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

For the past 35 years, Seattle University has celebrated extraordinary alumni and members of the community who exemplify the university's Jesuit values and excel in areas of leadership, professional achievement and community service. And this year's winners are no different.

“ There were things in my professional life I was really stressed about, then I went to a third world country where people sat on a dirt floor and had no money, but were generous beyond belief. It made me realize I didn't have to live the life I was living to be happy. So I went back to Seattle and quit my bank job.

—JOSEPH NGUYEN, '06, ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR ”

#WEGOTTHISSEATTLE

During this challenging time, as students and families hunker down at home and social distancing becomes the norm, the city where Seattle U calls home stands united, knowing that it will one day be back with the hum of activity, the music that made this town famous and the people that make the Emerald City shine.

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ON THE COVER:

Alumnus of Year Joseph Nguyen, '06,
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alumni at the Heart of SU Mission



For 23 years, I have had the privilege and joy to serve as the president of Seattle University and to get to know, work with and enjoy the support of many of you.

Our Board of Trustees and I have been planning for the transition to the next president of the university and accordingly I have submitted a letter indicating my intention to retire as president June 30, 2021.

While there is plenty of time to reflect on my years as president, it is time now for me to express my gratitude to you as persons who believe in Seattle University—and support and are served by its mission.

I think especially of our alumni, who prove by their impact on society that we are fulfilling our mission as a Catholic and Jesuit university. I had the privilege of consulting with the community to discern and write that mission: *Seattle University is dedicated to the education of the whole person, to professional formation, and to empowering leaders for just and humane world.* While I may have written it, the Board approved it, university colleagues have given their all to implement it—and at times our students have challenged us to live up to it—only our alumni show the mission is being fulfilled.

Seattle University is moving into a new era that calls for the leadership of a new president and renewed support from our friends and alumni. This era will build on the recently articulated strategic directions, vision and goals for the university for the next five years: *A Jesuit University of Distinction for a Time of Change.*

Please know my gratitude to you and my thanks on behalf of Seattle University.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J.".

Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J., President

Watch Father Steve's video message on COVID-19 [here](#).

— SPRING 2020 —
DID YOU KNOW



#WeGotThisSeattle: Students at Core of SU Response to COVID-19

CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION & HARD WORK OF FACULTY & THE CENTER FOR DIGITAL LEARNING AND INNOVATION HELP SU BE A LEADER IN TRANSITION TO REMOTE INSTRUCTION

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION SELECTS SU FOR 2020 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION

Seattle University has been awarded renewal of its Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, an acknowledgment of the university's national model for community-engaged learning.

"The classification recognizes the work of hundreds of faculty, staff, students, community partners and local residents who connect campus and community through courses and other activities," says Kent Koth, executive director of the Center for Community Engagement, which coordinates much of the university's service-learning outreach in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The centerpiece of this work is the Seattle University Youth Initiative, which was launched in 2011 and serves as a national model for many universities across the nation that want to provide opportunities for place-based service learning and research. Twenty institutions have joined the Place-Based Justice Network based at the Center for Community Engagement (CCE).

The 2020 Community Engagement Classification, awarded by the Carnegie Foundation, went to just 119 U.S. colleges and universities. It's an elective designation that requires applicants to perform a comprehensive assessment of their institution's community engagement efforts. This classification has been the leading framework for institutional assessment and recognition of community engagement in U.S. higher education for the past 14 years.

SEATTLE U BUSINESS, NURSING AND LAW EARN HIGH RANKINGS IN LATEST U.S. NEWS 'BEST GRADUATE SCHOOLS'

Seattle University business, nursing and law graduate programs made the rankings in the *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Graduate Schools 2021," including several in the Top 25 nationally.

The Albers School of Business and Economics has three programs ranked in the Top 25 nationally: Leadership Executive MBA #16, Master of Business Analytics #25 and Master of Professional Accounting #25. The School of Law ranked #27 for Part-Time Law program (tie), which is #1 in Washington state and #2 in the Northwest. The College of Nursing's Doctor of Nursing Practice program is #76, up 12 positions over 2019's ranking, putting it in the Top 22 percent of such programs nationally.

"These independent rankings are another testimony to the quality and impact of Seattle University's graduate and professional programs. I am very proud of our faculty, staff and students," says Provost Shane P. Martin, PhD.

SEATTLE U PART OF FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT DAY

Seattle University, the first Jesuit Catholic university in the U.S. to divest, was one of 57 universities across the country whose students held rallies and events to "make our degrees fossil-free" as part of Fossil Fuel Divestment Day in mid-February. The mobilization was organized by Divest Ed, a branch of the Better Future Project that supports student-led fossil fuel divestment campaigns.



Despite the world's unprecedented new normal of staying home and practicing social distancing to help flatten the coronavirus curve, Seattle University is tackling the impacts of COVID-19 in all areas of operations, with academics and the health and care of students, faculty and staff at the forefront.

Recognizing the impacts the pandemic is having on its students as spring quarter is underway with remote instruction, Seattle University launched the [Student Support Center](#), a one-stop website containing new information and resources to guide and support them. Extensive resources were collected to provide answers to questions and to provide links to the departments and services that can help with the problems and challenges students may face at this time.

Prospective students aren't left out. The [Stay Connected](#) website was created to provide students who have applied to attend Seattle U—as well as prospective students—resources and FAQs to guide them through the application and admissions processes.

In a communication to students, Provost Shane P. Martin and Vice President for Student Development

Alvin Sturdivant wrote, "The current situation with the coronavirus is unprecedented in our lifetimes and calls us all to care for ourselves and each other as we navigate these uncharted waters. While there are many questions and issues that need to be addressed, we want to communicate in this letter our strong commitment to you that our decisions will be guided by our Jesuit values, which call for putting the well-being of our students first."

To continue to provide the holistic education and sense of community integral to Jesuit education, Seattle U is offering a range of online programs and activities to complement academic studies. The virtual community [Redhawks United](#) provides a hub connecting students to other students, clubs and organizations, and activities such as online yoga classes, podcasts on stress reduction and virtual museum visits.

Through the Admitted Students Virtual Receptions, hosted by Undergraduate Admissions, more than 530 students participated during the inaugural live-streaming event—400 of which transitioned to the Zoom Q&A chat rooms. The most recent reception welcomed nearly 400 participants, with 270 active in Zoom Q&A forums.



1,200+ courses converted to online delivery for spring quarter



358 faculty have participated in Zoom-delivered Instructional Continuity Workshops



Lemieux Library, in partnership with Information Technology Services, distributed 41 Chromebooks and 12 iPhones on loan



From April 2-6, the Student Support Center site had 1,300 unique page views



In the first week of April, the Student Orientation to Learning at a Distance was viewed 50,000 times



SEATTLE UNIVERSITY BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEXT PRESIDENT



Father Sundborg Announces Plans to Step Down in June 2021

When Seattle University President Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J., joins next year's graduating class at commencement, he, too, will be stepping into a new phase of his life. That's when the university's 21st president is stepping down after 24 years at the helm of Seattle University.

While Father Sundborg let on informally about his plans to "graduate" with them when he addressed the Class of 2021 as freshmen in fall 2017, in February he and Seattle U's Board of Trustees made it official. A search committee was announced with the goal of identifying Fr. Sundborg's successor by this November. Fr. Sundborg will work with the new president during a transition period leading up to his final day in office on June 30, 2021.

In a message to the Seattle University community, Fr. Sundborg said, "With recognition of and gratitude for all that we have done together over these many years to further the mission of our university, to educate a whole generation of students, to develop inclusive excellence in how we learn and grow together, to transform our campus, to win new friends to our cause, to strengthen and position our university for success and to multiply our impact for good in society, it is clear to me that it is time for new leadership for a new era of Seattle University."

In a separate message to the university community Nicole W. Piasecki, chair of the Board of Trustees, said, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Father Sundborg for the unprecedented impact he has had on our university. Under his leadership, Seattle University has grown and flourished, consistently rising in national and regional rankings."

"We are grateful and fortunate that Father Sundborg will be leading us through June 2021," she continued. "This is a critical time for Seattle U as we begin to implement the recently approved strategic directions. We have a clear vision of our future and five goals for attaining that vision, based on the power of Jesuit education and the opportunities we have in Seattle."

An appointed [Presidential Search Committee](#) will oversee the search process and will be tasked with conducting the search and presenting recommended finalists to the Board. It will be led by John H. Vassall, MD, a current trustee, and Betty Woods, '74, former board chair and a longtime Seattle U supporter. The committee represents trustees, students, faculty, staff, alumni and the Jesuit community.

"Father Steve," as he is affectionately known, became president in 1997 and today is the state's longest-serving college president. Only one other current president of a Jesuit institution—Boston College—has served longer. Fr. Sundborg was ordained a priest in Seattle in 1974 and completed his doctoral studies in spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1982. He taught theology at Seattle University from 1982 to 1990 and served as provincial of the Northwest Jesuits from 1990 to 1996.

In addition to his responsibilities as president, Fr. Sundborg served on the board of United Way of King County, the Independent Colleges of Washington, the Seattle Nativity School and Fulcrum Foundation and as a trustee of Lakeside School, the University of San Francisco, Loyola Marymount University and Georgetown University.

Fr. Sundborg received prestigious honors and accolades throughout his presidency, including the Christus Magister Medal from the University of Portland, the Martin Luther King "Vision from the Mountaintop" Award, the Seattle-King County First Citizen Award, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Leadership (CASE) Award and the Campus Compact Engaged Presidential Leadership Award.

Read more about the Presidential transition, including the search process, [here](#).

CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2020

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND
RESCHEDULED FOR OCT. 9-11

Commencement at Seattle University is a time to commemorate your accomplishments and celebrate all your hard work culminating in a momentous academic achievement. It's a time for graduates, families and friends to come together to mark the closing of a college career and the start of a new beginning.

As Seattle University has worked to respond to the challenges of COVID-19, the university has rescheduled this year's commencement and Baccalaureate Mass to the weekend of October 9-11, 2020.

"What is most important at this time and the foreseeable future is that we all continue to do what we can to help slow the spread of COVID-19," says Provost Shane P. Martin. "While it has become clear for this reason that the pandemic will prevent us from holding Commencement as scheduled in June, the Commencement Committee will be working hard to ensure a ceremony in October befitting all you have accomplished and this special milestone in your life."

Seattle University partners with AI4ALL to offer summer program in AI to high school students

Seattle University has partnered with the national nonprofit organization [AI4ALL](#) to offer a summer residential program for high school students in grades 9-11 who want to learn about artificial intelligence through the lens of criminal justice and ethics. The Seattle U AI4ALL will be July 12-24, 2020.

Thirty of the 60 spots in the program are full scholarships for youth of color with demonstrated financial need, in keeping with AI4ALL's mission to increase diversity and inclusion in AI education, research, development and policy.

Seattle U will be the only residential summer program in the Northwest and is the first Jesuit university in the nation to join AI4ALL's cohort of 15 participating higher education institutions that includes Carnegie Mellon, Princeton, Stanford and UC Berkeley.

AI4ALL provides three years of seed funding for scholarships and resources and training for faculty to work with high school students of color. Additionally they offer support for partner universities in the program management aspects, such as student recruitment, guest speakers and experiential learning trips. AI4ALL is a national advocate for diversity in AI and provides partners with access to faculty, industry and policy leaders committed to increasing diversity in artificial intelligence. The

Seattle U AI4ALL course itself is focused on the impacts of machine learning and innovation in the field of criminal justice.

The academic course students participate in as part of the program will be taught by Seattle University faculty and guest speakers from the Seattle tech industry, nonprofit and government sectors. The Seattle U Initiative in Ethics and Transformative Technologies, funded by Microsoft, has provided supplementary financial support for the program to launch.

Students will learn basic data analysis, machine-learning tools, programming languages and visualization models, with the goal of empowering students to continue to develop and implement these technical skills. The course also focuses on how these tools could be used to solve basic problems in the field of criminal justice and students will develop a project by the end of the course applying AI solutions to that end. "We are so thrilled to be in partnership with AI4ALL.

Our Seattle U mission of teaching excellence and our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is in perfect alignment with this incredible organization," says Geneva Sedgwick, JD, LLM, associate professor of business law at Albers and director of University Summer Programs.

"There are so many faculty and staff across our campus who united to participate in collaborating with the AI4ALL team ...and this partnership is the commencement of a wonderful opportunity to engage with youth from underrepresented communities in deeply meaningful ways of teaching and mentorship. It is an opportunity for us to learn and grow too."

Learn more about AI4ALL [here](#).



The Campaign By the Numbers



94.9%
of goal raised to date

84,707
total numbers of gifts

22,181
total number of donors


13,323
new donors


1,177
President's Club members


145
new endowments since
campaign start

165
new scholarships created
through campaign

CAMPAIGN PILLARS

 **Mission & Programs**
95% of \$100m goal

 **Scholarships**
93.3% of \$75m goal

 **CSI**
96% of \$100m goal

**Figures as of April 17, 2020*

Student Emergency Needs Fund

Many of our alumni and friends have asked how they can help during the COVID-19 pandemic. Seattle U asks you to consider doing what you can to support students who have been impacted financially by the crisis by making a gift to the Student Emergency Needs Fund. Learn more and donate [here](#).



Center for Science and Innovation Takes Shape—With Eye to the Future

Visitors to campus are taking notice of the Center for Science and Innovation, slated to open in fall 2021. As of April 2020, all concrete had been poured and the final steel pieces are going up—meaning the new Center for Science and Innovation is reaching its final height. Plans for the new PACCAR Engineering Innovation Center in the renovated Bannan Engineering Building include co-locating all engineering disciplines into one area for the first time, with the exception of computer science, which will house the Amazon Computer Science Center

Stay up to date on CSI progress [here](#).

FACULTY NEWS & NOTES

ALBERS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

An article by Associate Professor of Economics **Brian Kelly**, “Fighting Crime or Raising Revenue? Testing Opposing Views of Asset Forfeiture,” has been accepted for publication in the *Alabama Law Review*.

An article by Assistant Professor **Misuk Lee** and the Genevieve Albers Visiting Fellow **James Lee** (management), “Artificial Social Intelligence: Hotel Rate Prediction,” has been accepted for publication in *Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing*.

Professor **Jennifer Marrone** (management) has been selected for the George Albers Professorship for 2020-23. In scholarship, Marrone has published in some of the top journals in her field, such as the *Academy of Management Journal*, *Journal of Management* and *Group and Organization Management*. She also co-authored several articles with students and has nearly 3,000 citations of her work.

Ben Yeo, assistant professor of management, wrote an article, “What Drives University Technological Innovation Outcomes? A re-Vitalized Investigation,” that has been published in the *Journal of Information and Knowledge Management*. The abstract of his study begins, “Universities are a source of technological innovation, which in turn facilitates economic growth. The Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 was enacted to support university research efforts. However, since its enactment, university technological innovation had been increasing slowly.” Yeo’s teaching areas are information systems and data mining.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

P. Sven Arvidson, director and associate professor of Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies, published “How Can Sartrean Consciousness Be Reverent” in *Sartre Studies International*. This peer-reviewed article articulates a connection between Sartre’s early work and virtue ethics, especially focusing on reverent awe.

Dr. Quinton Morris, associate professor performing arts and arts leadership and director of chamber and instrumental music, has been named as the new co-chair of the Seattle Arts Commission. Dr. Morris joined the 16-member arts commission in 2017.

Charles Tung, associate professor of English, co-organized a seminar, “Inside Junkyard Ecologies and the Archives of the Present,” at the Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present conference at the University of Maryland, College Park, Oct 10-12. In his paper, “The Great Digital Garbage Patch, Tim Maughan’s Infinite Detail, and the Fantasy of Survival,” he examined contemporary fiction’s interest in the Digital Dark Age, toxic platforms, and the hazardous materiality of communication hardware.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Dean **Kristen Swanson PhD, RN**, has been selected to join the WSNA Hall of Fame in recognition of her many invaluable contributions to nursing profession throughout her nursing career. Swanson was inducted into the Hall of Fame March 19, 2020.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, associate professor of Christian Scriptures in the School of Theology and Ministry, was awarded the 2019-20 Colloquy on Race Critical Consciousness \$5,000 grant. Guardiola-Sáenz’s grant is titled “Sharing Experiences: Exploring the use of the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm for the development and advancement of critical race consciousness in the classroom.”

STAFF

Bernie Liang, '02 SDA, director of SU’s Center for Student Involvement, has been chosen as a 2020 Diamond Honoree by the American College Personnel Association Foundation (ACPA). Liang received his Master of Arts in Education in Student Development Association from Seattle U in 2002 and has worked for more than 20 years in student affairs.

Faculty and staff, submit your achievements and professional updates for Faculty News & Notes via email to tinap@seattleu.edu.

Assistant Professor Aakanksha Sinha, PhD, looks over the city from atop Capitol Hill Housing, an organization she and her students work with.



Along with her husband Uttam Mukherjee, Sinha owns and helps run local restaurant Spice Waala, which offers food and monetary support to various social service-oriented organizations.

SERVING UP SOCIAL JUSTICE

Aakanksha Sinha's purpose is driven by the greater good

By Allison Nitch

Growing up in India, Aakanksha Sinha, PhD, was surrounded by family members who reinforced the importance of making the world a better place. Since joining Seattle University as an assistant professor of social work and becoming a local business owner, Sinha is ambitiously accomplishing just that.

"I make sure any project I take on, any grant I'm applying for and any paper I'm writing is entrenched in the community so any creation of knowledge impacts the group that I'm working with," Sinha says.

"I've found in many schools, there is a mismatch between the social work department's mission in social justice versus the university's mission," Sinha continues. Seattle U is different, she notes, and cites the presence of the Center for Community Engagement on campus as an example of how it drives awareness "to the focus on social justice that my department and Seattle U are both committed to."

Much of Sinha's research focuses on access to basic needs, including domestic and global food insecurity. Each undergraduate and graduate course she teaches features a substantial service-learning component. "I don't mean they just go and volunteer for a couple of hours," she notes. "In the classroom, we determine how we can apply the knowledge and skills students have toward creating a tool that helps the community."

One example includes a graduate program evaluation class that helped empower low-income residents within Capitol Hill Housing (CHH).

"It started with students conducting interviews and collecting data from the residents," Sinha explains. This led to a pilot study, a report on its findings and a presentation for CHH, who then hired Sinha as a consultant to review all 46 of their buildings across Seattle, work she did alongside a current social work graduate student and an alum of the social work master's program.

"We ended up conducting a two-day workshop with residents who shared issues around stigma, discrimination and not being valued as human beings," she says. This process led to the establishment of the Resident Social Council, where residents will work on ideas to help their own community and develop a sense of well-being.

Outside of Seattle U, Sinha and her husband, Uttam Mukherjee, got their start in Seattle's food scene by making and selling kathi rolls—a traditional Indian street food—at South Lake Union's market in 2018 before opening their local restaurant Spice Waala in 2019.

Sinha says street food "equalizes the playing field for everyone—it shows the diversity in the society and brings everyone together. There isn't a hierarchy in the food, so it isn't that somebody who's very rich can buy better food or someone who's very poor will get lower quality food. Everybody is given the same food and treatment."

The counter-service location on 15th Avenue East is based on a social impact business model, which integrates social work and social justice within a profitable framework. Sinha paraphrases economist, microfinancing pioneer and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus: "Why does business need to be completely separate from social work and why can't we bring the two together?"

Spice Waala has five employees, all paid above minimum wage and with profit shares in the business. "If they're investing their time and helping us grow, then they also get a part of the business," Sinha says.

Spice Waala also supports nonprofits by fulfilling requests based on specific needs, ranging from food to monetary donations. This year, Sinha says her objective is to create "long lasting relationships with three or four organizations so that we can have more of a sustainable model for impact."



PHOTOS BY YOSEF CHAIM KALINKO

2020

**ALUMNI AWARD
WINNERS**

FIVE LEADERS IMPACTING OUR WORLD



For the past 35 years, Seattle University has celebrated extraordinary alumni and members of the community who exemplify the university's Jesuit values and excel in areas of leadership, professional achievement and community service. The 2020 Alumni Award winners span generations but share a commonality as trailblazers and groundbreakers in the fields of politics, entrepreneurship, social work, sports and community engagement.



PHOTOGRAPHY BY YOSEF CHAIM KALINKO

JOSEPH
NGUYEN
'06



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



**A SON OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
WHO BECAME A PUBLIC SERVANT
AND GUIDING LIGHT IN THE
ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.**

A beacon of hope and a voice for his community and district, Joseph Nguyen is the first person of color to win a senate seat in Washington state's 34th District and the first Vietnamese American state senator. A legislative newcomer and deeply committed servant-leader focused on issues of social justice, Nguyen is determined to use his platform to elevate voices and ideas that have, in the past, been left out of the conversation. Currently a senior program manager at Microsoft, Nguyen also serves on the Wellspring Family Associate Board and the Community Advisory Committee for the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight in King County.



READ MORE OF JOE'S STORY [HERE](#).

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNA



**A TRUMAN SCHOLAR WHO BUILDS
COMMUNITIES OF SUPPORT AND
EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN AND THE
UNDERREPRESENTED.**

A vibrant leader and advocate for underrepresented communities, Aericia Shimizu Banks has worked both in and alongside government to drive sustainable change for communities of color and women. Through her policy work in the Obama administration, the Pew Charitable Trusts, Google and now Pinterest, she strives to keep the most marginalized at the fore. Her many achievements include co-founding BEACON, a campaign to make Washington, D.C., the most influential city for women entrepreneurs, the Google Legal Scholars program and legislation addressing inequities in inventorship. Her accolades include recognition as a *Forbes* magazine “30 Under 30” list-maker, a CAFE 100 Change Fellow and a United State of Women Changemaker nominee.



READ MORE OF AERICA'S STORY [HERE](#).



AERICA
SHIMIZU
BANKS
'10



TAYLENE
WATSON

UNIVERSITY SERVICE



**A SOCIAL WORKER WHO ADVANCED
SOCIAL JUSTICE WHILE PAVING
THE WAY FOR OTHERS WHO
FOLLOW THIS CAREER PATH.**

FROM THE EDITOR:

Taylene Watson, a tireless advocate for others and a remarkable, inspiring woman, passed away March 26, 2020. We honor her life and legacy and offer our heartfelt thoughts to her friends and family.

For nearly 40 years, Taylene Watson was an exemplary leader in the field of social work with a specific focus on veterans affairs. She joined Seattle U's social work Community Advisory Committee as its Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program was going through accreditation and its Master of Social Work (MSW) program was undergoing a feasibility study. Watson was instrumental in both processes, meeting with accreditation site visitors and writing letters of support. She trained dozens of Seattle U social work students through her internship program in the Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System (VA). Colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences say, "Our program would not be the same without her."



READ MORE OF TAYLENE'S STORY [HERE](#).

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

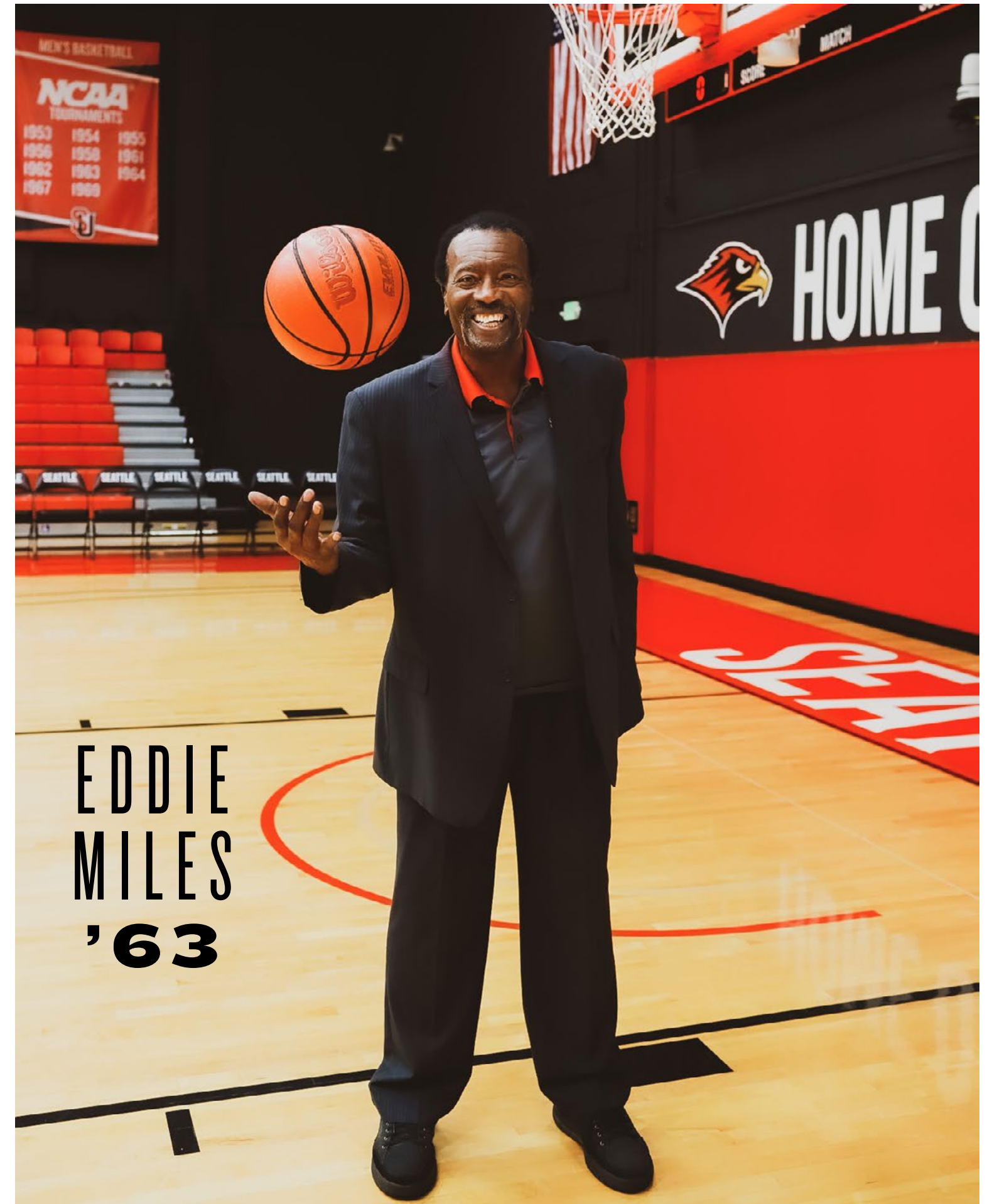


**“MAN WITH THE GOLDEN ARM” FROM
LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS KNOWN FOR HIS
ATHLETIC SKILL AND AS A MENTOR AND
COMMUNITY LEADER TO YOUTH.**

Eddie Miles is a Seattle University basketball legend. Known as “The Man with the Golden Arm” for his shooting prowess, he was selected by the Detroit Pistons in the first-round of the 1963 National Basketball Association draft. His nine-year NBA career included playing for the Baltimore Bullets and the New York Knicks. The highlight was his selection for the 1966 NBA All-Star game where he led his West team in scoring. In 2011 Miles was inducted into the Seattle University Athletics Hall of Fame. Since retirement, he is a youth basketball trainer and math tutor and sits on the Seattle University Athletics Hall of Fame selection committee.



READ MORE OF EDDIE'S STORY [HERE](#).





DELORES
DAVIS
'51

COMMUNITY SERVICE



**A LIFE ROOTED IN SERVICE, FAITH,
JUSTICE, LEARNING AND GRACE, DRIVEN
BY A DESIRE TO TAKE ACTION WHEREVER
THERE IS A NEED AND MAKE AN IMPACT
THAT IS VAST AND MEANINGFUL.**

Delores Davis's devotion to community service illuminates her deeply held values of care, justice, leadership, faith and diversity. Driven by a desire to take action wherever she sees a need, a lifelong love of learning and a passion for connecting with people, Davis's impact has been felt far and wide for more than 50 years. A medical social worker, teacher and advocate for children in need, she retired to a new vocation as a published writer and teaches seniors how to write their life stories. Her volunteer work spans leadership positions in local, civic, private, educational and religious organizations. She is a figure of grace and faith for family and friends and an exemplar of the values and mission of Seattle University.



READ MORE OF DELORES'S STORY [HERE](#).

TEAM PLAYER

Criminal Justice student Cherise Silvan, '20, strives to support others both on and off the field

By Allison Nitch

Since her freshman year at Seattle University, student-athlete Cherise Silvan, '20, has been on a mission to serve both her softball team and community. As she nears graduation, Silvan's winding up to make an impact on the world through her compassionate sense of social justice.

Providing service for others and being part of causes important to her make Silvan "intrinsically happy," she says. "Whether it's a large or small change, I made a difference."

"I chose Seattle U because I appreciate the Jesuit Catholic values it embraces," she continues. Majoring in criminal justice with a specialization in forensic psychology, Silvan "wants to help criminal justice system reform by supporting rehabilitation efforts, reduce the recidivism rate and change how our society views law enforcement to 'us with them' instead of 'us versus them.'"

In terms of career aspirations, she is passionate about a position in homeland security in particular, with a focus on combating human trafficking. Says Silvan, "So many people are affected by it. Not just the kids and adults who are victims, but their families as well."

She's also interested in working with children in the juvenile detention system. "I want to be an advocate for children because they're so vulnerable—they need someone to stand up for them and protect them," says Silvan. "A lot of these kids don't have a safe environment to call home and are in juvie simply because they know they're going to get three meals a day and a place to sleep."

Silvan has experience working with youth through local volunteer service as a tutor at Bureau of Fearless Ideas. At Peace for the

Streets by Kids from the Streets, a former shelter and advocacy organization for homeless youth, she wore many different hats as a volunteer to help support those in need. "It was the first organization where I got to witness how serious the homeless problem is in our country," Silvan recalls.

As of late, she continues her volunteer work around issues involving the homeless by offering support to Real Change, a nonprofit that produces weekly newspapers for homeless and low-income people in need of immediate employment.

Growing up in Folsom, Calif., Silvan began playing softball at age 5 and was coached by her father, who played baseball in college. "He always held me to a higher standard," she says. "When I came to Seattle U, I was able to quickly understand Head Coach Geoff Hirai's coaching philosophy because my dad has a similar approach."

Looking back, she cites her team's 2019 victories as standout moments. "We won our first-ever Western Athletic Conference (WAC) regular-season and tournament championships and went on to our first Division I NCAA Tournament appearance," she says. "The fact that my class was a big part of fostering the underclassmen and teaching them how things are expected to be done on this team—and then seeing it all being put into play—was really awesome."

Silvan's advice for aspiring student-athletes? "Work hard in high school—grades do matter. Also, being a team player is really important. I've focused on putting the team first and figuring out what can I do to help my team win."

"I want to be an advocate for children because they're so vulnerable—they need someone to stand up for them and protect them."

—Cherise Silvan, '20

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CLASS NOTES



On September 21, 2019, **Lisa Jacobson, '12**, married Johnathan Lyman at Chateau Lill in Redmond, Wash. Other graduates of the Student Development Administration program in attendance included **Nicole Juliano, '12**, and maid of honor **Heather Jacobson, '12**. The Lymans live in Kenmore, Wash., with their two cats.



Kelly Hunt is in the process of completing the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Professional Golf Management program while working as a first assistant golf professional at Manchester Country Club in Bedford, New Hampshire. Hunt was featured in New England PGA's April digital newsletter along with her new website Golfers.net, which she created in response to the large gender gap in golf. Its mission is to create a community that connects women in the golf industry to share stories, inspiration, advice, empowerment and more.



Harlen Springer, '80 MBA, chair of the Florence Public Arts Committee and a founding member/past president of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, has been appointed to the Oregon Arts Commission by Governor Kate Brown. Springer is a retired corporate executive with experience leading artistic and consumer product companies.

"I am honored and humbled by this appointment," Springer said in a press release. "My work in Florence has given me the opportunity to interact with several current arts commissioners and it is clear the commission attracts strong people with a passion for the arts combined with a practical approach to strengthening communities by utilizing the arts to stimulate economic vitality. I share this same passion and desire to have the arts touch the lives of all Oregonians." Springer stays connected to the university as he serves as a judge for Albers' annual Business Plan Competition.



Annette Meyer, '85, received the 2019 Governor's Award for Leadership Management. Meyer is deputy director of the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services and one of just 20 managers from agencies across the state to receive the honor from Gov. Jay Inslee.

"These managers have set priorities and achieved results, managed risk and modeled leadership competencies," Gov. Inslee said in a press release. "They and their staff are responsible stewards of Washington residents' resources as they serve capably and honorably every day."



Mackenzie Wipf, '14, recently joined the development team at Woodland Park Zoo as the new Prospect Strategy Analyst. In this role, Wipf will be working with fundraisers to manage their portfolios and discover community members who wish to make conservation and sustainability a priority in their lives.

SHARE YOUR NEWS: Have a job promotion or wedding announcement for Class Notes? Submit detailed information, including contact info, to tinap@seattleu.edu or submit online via the magazine at The Newsroom, www.seattleu.edu/newsroom/.



Seattle University remembers those in our alumni family and university community we've lost.

1948

Margaret Read (January 17, 2020)

1949

George Lombardi (September 8, 2019)

1947

Maurice Claeys (December 2019)

1950

Mary Carrier (January 5, 2020)

Jeanette Hulburt (November 30, 2019)

Hugh McClean (January 15, 2020)

1951

Marilyn Gockel (October 25, 2019)

Peter Ivanovich (November 16, 2019)

Murial Ursino (September 10, 2019)

1952

Barbara Howard (August 24, 2019)

1953

Jean Hartwich (November 18, 2019)

Ronald MacMillan (September 20, 2019)

1954

Albert Acena (October 28, 2019)

George Karpach (September 20, 2019)

John McCullom (September 18, 2019)

Denton Sherry (December 13, 2019)

1955

Harry Hill (October 9, 2019)

Rosalee Hopper (July 25, 2019)

Phillip Mattingly (September 15, 2019)

Joseph Navone (December 20, 2019)

1956

Margaret Collins (November 24, 2019)

Michael Lane (January 6, 2020)

Mary Randall (October 14, 2019)

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D. Larry LaPorte (November 25, 2019)

Paul Sifferman (August 30, 2019)

C. Philip Sloan (November 20, 2019)

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Geraldine Allen (August 29, 2019)

Rosemary Fladd-McNutt (September 21, 2019)

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Diane Tice (January 5, 2020)

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Anne Gribbon Gilroy (July 31, 2019)

Gerald Killion (August 8, 2019)

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Mary Keough (November 23, 2019)

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Patricia Almquist (November 24, 2019)

Marie Materi (September 10, 2019)

Doreen Marchione (July 27, 2019)

Joan Unger (December 10, 2019)

Jim Wilterding (December 9, 2019)

Judith Wise (October 2, 2019)

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Sidney Flor (December 1, 2019)

Joseph Welch (October 23, 2019)

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Jack Guise (October 20, 2019)

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Phyllis Solomon (August 31, 2019)

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Richard Wotipka (September 28, 2019)

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Hana Callaghan (January 4, 2020)

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Annalee Oakes, EdD (October 25, 2019)

Donna Vaudrin (January 5, 2020)

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Cora Howard (April 3, 2020)

Joseph Tatarka (December 21, 2019)

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Glenn Wildfong (August 15, 2019)

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Dorothy Zeviar (August 4, 2019)

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Gregory Dole (November 9, 2019)

Noory Kim (August 21, 2019)

2016

Harris Squires (November 12, 2019)

FACULTY/STAFF

Roy Barker, '65 (January 22, 2020)

Mary Bartholet (August 27, 2019)

Patricia Berry Bell, '89 (January 19, 2020)

James Bond (September 16, 2019)

Julian Bray, '95 (January 19, 2020)

Mary Cain, '60 (November 25, 2019)

Daisy Char Ching, '48 (January 21, 2020)

James Furlong, '59 (January 24, 2020)

Anne Gillen, '97, '01 (November 28, 2019)

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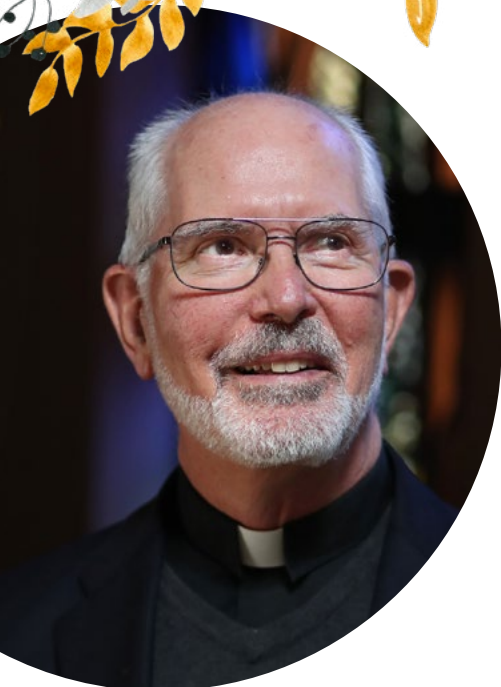
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REMEMBERING FATHER PETER ELY



Seattle University mourns the loss of Peter Ely, S.J., an extraordinary Jesuit, who passed away April 11, 2020 at age 81. He died of an apparent heart attack as he was returning to his residence following a walk.

“A beloved teacher, mission leader and member of our Jesuit community for many years, Peter has touched a great many lives and was a source of inspiration to all who knew him,” President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., wrote to the campus community.

With a glint in his eye and a smile always at the ready, Father Ely had a gift for connecting with others. He took a genuine interest in who they were and who they hoped to become. All who were fortunate to know him were drawn in by his warmth, compassion and a sense of humor that was never far from the surface.

A theology professor, Fr. Ely was generous with his prodigious knowledge and wisdom. He had a natural ability for meeting people where they were, reaching them on their own terms and explaining the complex in ways that were accessible, relatable and down to earth.

Time and again, Fr. Ely was asked to step into critical leadership roles, including Academic Vice President at Gonzaga University, President of Rockhurst University (1996-1997) and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Seattle.

At Seattle U, he served as rector of the Arrupe Jesuit Community from 2001 to 2008 and Vice President for Mission and Ministry from 2009 to 2015.

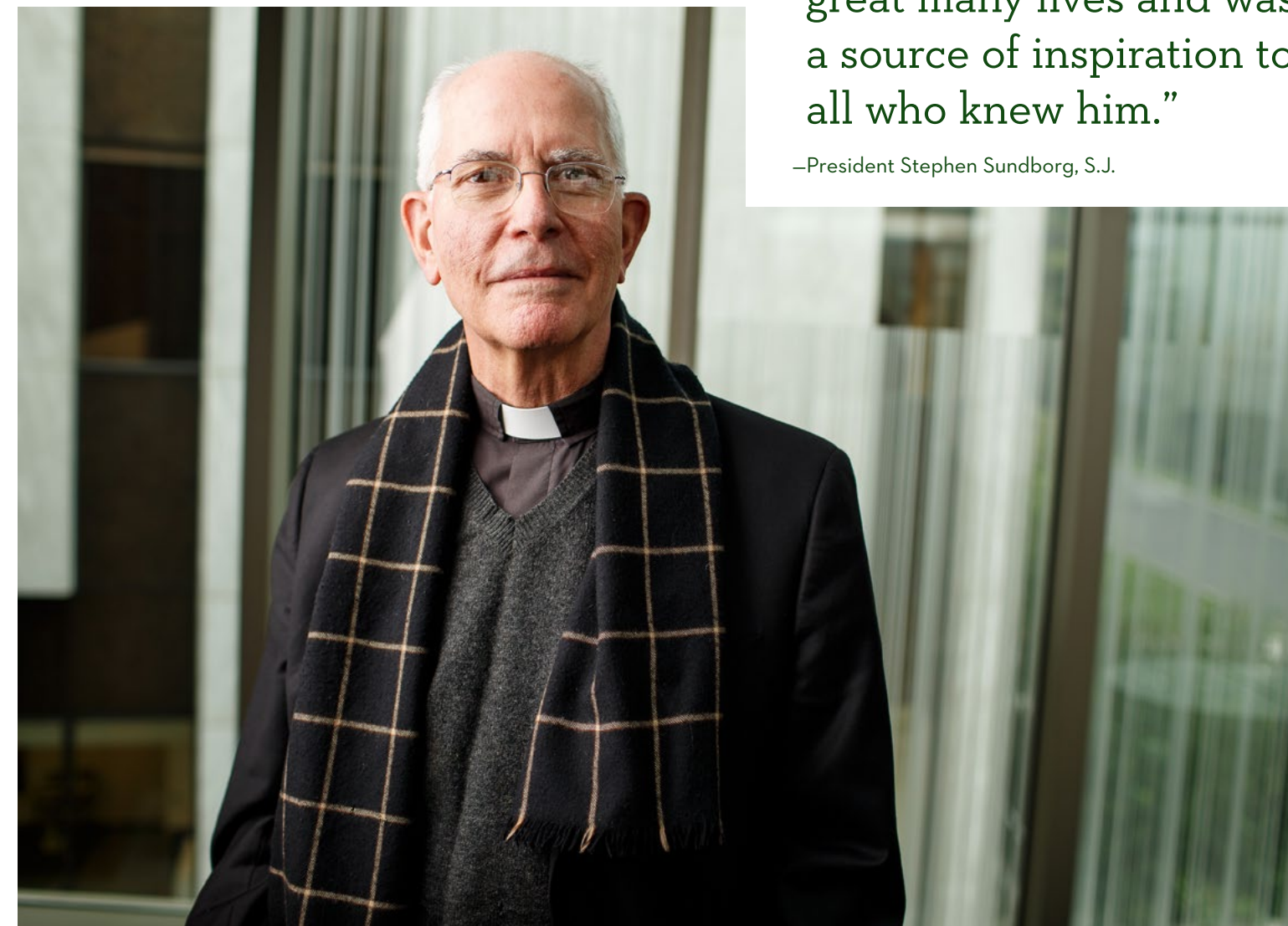
In these and other roles, he was the driving force behind a number of initiatives so central to our university’s Jesuit Catholic mission. He founded and, for more than 15 years, directed the Arrupe Seminar on the Foundations and Vision of Jesuit Education, which has introduced hundreds of faculty and staff to the richness of the university’s mission and the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Ely helped launch the Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture and led the university’s Interreligious Dialogue Initiative.

To all his work and ministry, Fr. Ely brought a commitment to openness, inclusivity and above all, a belief in the worth and dignity of all the people he encountered. His impact on our university and all who knew him will endure for years to come.

As a way to honor Father Peter Ely’s memory, all are invited to **send a brief remembrance of their gratitude** via e-mail to thecommons@seattleu.edu. (Please share just a few sentences and include your affiliation with SU and/or your connection with Father Ely.)

“Peter has touched a great many lives and was a source of inspiration to all who knew him.”

—President Stephen Sundborg, S.J.





THE GRASS REALLY IS GREENER

A closer look at what makes Seattle U's grounds blossom

By Allison Nitch

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Seattle University is known as an urban sanctuary, replete with pesticide-free, pet-friendly grounds, expansive green spaces and foliage-rich spots for contemplation. The grounds are kept at their pristine best thanks to the grounds crew, led by Shannon Britton and a team of staff and student workers. Here's a Q&A with Britton, manager of Grounds and Landscaping, reflecting on the act of nurturing and how it applies to campus, sustainability, your own garden and the community at large.

How does your team prepare campus for spring and summer?

Gardeners work on garden renovations throughout campus to remove invasive weeds such as blackberry and reed canary grass. Corrective pruning is also a focus during winter—along with spring and summer project planning and preparing for the mowing season, which includes varsity softball and soccer athletic fields.

What are some of the top priorities or concerns during the spring and summer seasons vs. caring for the grounds in fall and winter?

Spring has distinct events including Earth Month plantings with students and sprucing up campus for students, families and dignitaries (around graduation time). Summer offers an opportunity to accomplish major tasks that have a big impact on campus, such as scheduling large tree maintenance. Grounds staff also address hedge shearing and renovation projects that are focused on beautifying campus before school starts in September.

What does it mean to be truly pesticide-free? Is this unique for an urban college campus?

I like this question because SU has been pesticide-free since about 1990, so it just feels normal for us. In reality, there are very few college campuses that are totally pesticide-free. Unfortunately, this does make us unique. To me, being pesticide-free means not applying products that are harmful or kill what they come into contact with. Being truly pesticide-free is a personal and professional commitment to a deeper relationship with healthy communities for all living beings now and for future generations.

Since Seattle U's campus is pesticide-free, what natural alternatives does your team use?

Alternatives include removing invasive vegetation by hand and sheet mulching (laying down cardboard, newspaper or burlap and

then putting mulch on top). When it comes to pests, there's only one or two products used: neem oil, which smothers the target insect, and compost tea, which is applied to change the environment to inhibit an unwanted insect population. Mostly gardeners work to figure out how to achieve balancing the environment that has been tipped toward an unwanted pest. Successful techniques include changing a planting, changing a watering cycle and pruning to change light and airflow.

Do you have a favorite tree or flower on campus and why?

The Cedar and Redwood trees are my most beloved for their habitat, foliage and bark. But the Golden Catalpa between the Administration and Garrand buildings is spectacular in full leaf and flower from June to July.

What role do student employees fulfill in the grounds department?

Students receive training in landscape maintenance, irrigation maintenance, athletic field maintenance, lawn maintenance and renovation projects.

Any tips for readers who will soon start waking up their gardens from the winter slumber?

Early weeding and mulching help reduce the emergence of weeds when temperatures start to climb. Most of all, find what you enjoy about being outdoors that is sustainable—do more of that and invite others to join you. I recently installed stepping-stones and saved a few of the earth worms I came across in a jar with some soil to share with my four-year-old nephew. He delighted in dumping them out and gently handling their wiggly, articulating bodies. Raising awareness to the wonder of our environment and engaging the kid inside each of us—yes, more of that!

DID YOU KNOW...

According to the Grounds and Landscaping team, it takes dozens of pieces of equipment to get the grounds looking so manicured. This includes tractors, gas powered carts, electric and gas mowers, hedge trimmers, weed whackers, backpack blowers, chainsaws, fork lifts, chipper, many types of hand tools, spreaders and more.

Students play an important role in getting the campus and grounds in tip-top shape. The Grounds and Landscaping team employs eight to 10 students throughout the year as well as interns who fulfill and develop department projects such as Edible Campus, Tree Campus USA and Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary.

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