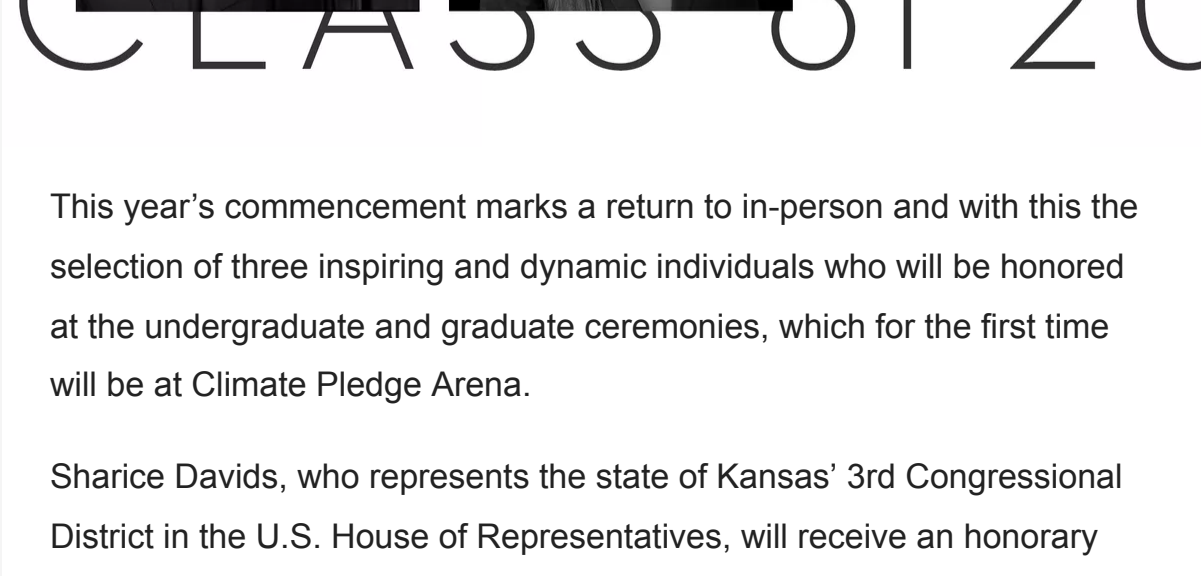


Inside Seattle U

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1 Big Thing: Seattle University Names 2022 Honorary Doctorate Recipients



This year's commencement marks a return to in-person and with this the selection of three inspiring and dynamic individuals who will be honored at the undergraduate and graduate ceremonies, which for the first time will be at Climate Pledge Arena.

Sharice Davids, who represents the state of Kansas' 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, will receive an honorary doctorate and speak at the undergraduate ceremony.

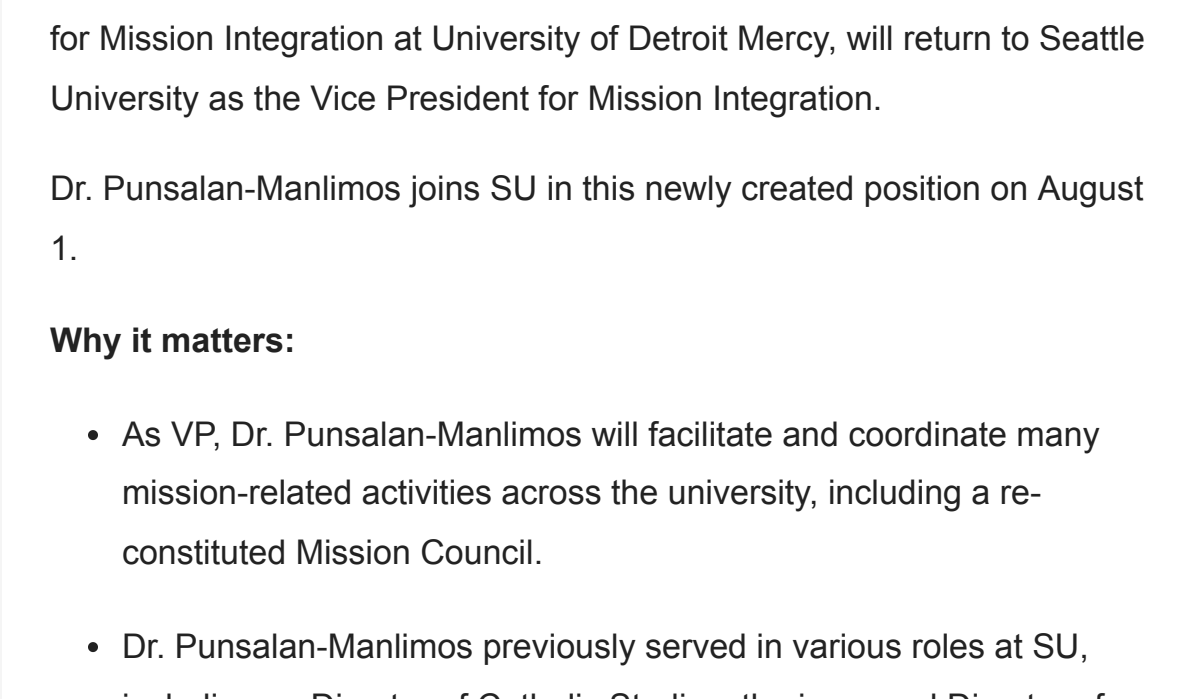
At the graduate commencement, the campus community will have the opportunity to celebrate two brothers and extraordinary Jesuits as SU awards honorary doctorates to Edward Reese, S.J., and Thomas Reese, S.J., who will also speak at the ceremony.

Why it matters:

- A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Rep. Davids is one of the first two Native American women to serve in Congress and is a nationally recognized expert on economic and community development in Native communities.
- A champion for religious freedom, Monsignor Thomas Reese was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom in 2014 and later elected as its chair.
- Fr. Edward Reese, who is currently the president of St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, was instrumental in establishing two middle schools that provide tuition-free education for students from underserved populations.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about this year's honorary doctorate recipients.

2. A Familiar Face Returns as New Vice President for Mission Integration



Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, PhD, current Assistant to the President for Mission Integration at University of Detroit Mercy, will return to Seattle University as the Vice President for Mission Integration.

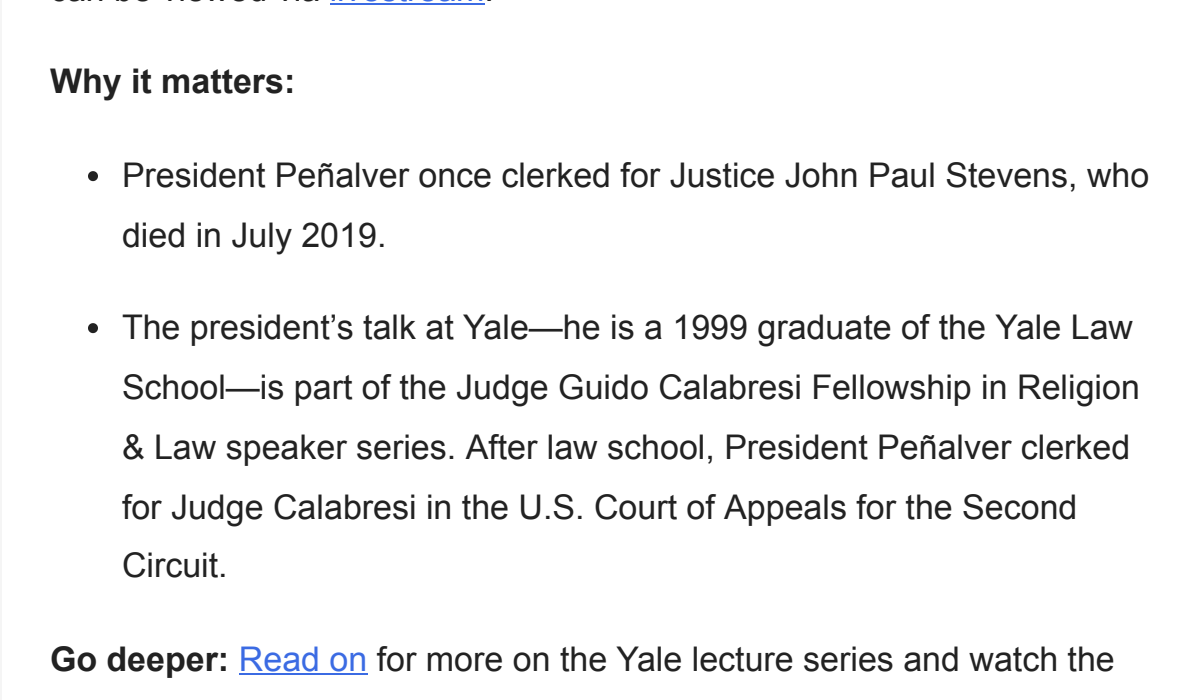
Dr. Punsalan-Manlimos joins SU in this newly created position on August 1.

Why it matters:

- As VP, Dr. Punsalan-Manlimos will facilitate and coordinate many mission-related activities across the university, including a re-constituted Mission Council.
- Dr. Punsalan-Manlimos previously served in various roles at SU, including as Director of Catholic Studies, the inaugural Director of the Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture and as a faculty member of Theology and Religious Studies.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about Dr. Punsalan-Manlimos' appointment.

3. President will Honor John Paul Stevens at U.S. Supreme Court Event



President Peñalver will deliver remarks as the U.S. Supreme Court honors the memory of the late Justice John Paul Stevens on Monday, May 2, at a meeting of the Supreme Court's Bar, followed by a special sitting of the Court.

The prior day, the president will give a talk on "A Christian Approach to Systemic Racism" at Yale's Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center. The lecture, beginning at 6 p.m. (3 p.m. PST) on Sunday, May 1, can be viewed via [livestream](#).

Why it matters:

- President Peñalver once clerked for Justice John Paul Stevens, who died in July 2019.
- The president's talk at Yale—he is a 1999 graduate of the Yale Law School—is part of the Judge Guido Calabresi Fellowship in Religion & Law speaker series. After law school, President Peñalver clerked for Judge Calabresi in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Go deeper: [Read on](#) for more on the Yale lecture series and watch the [livestream](#) of the Supreme Court event.

4. It's All About the Fans for Mariners President of Business Operations



Catie Griggs

Enhancing the inside-the-park experience of baseball fans is a top priority under the leadership of the Seattle Mariners' Catie Griggs.

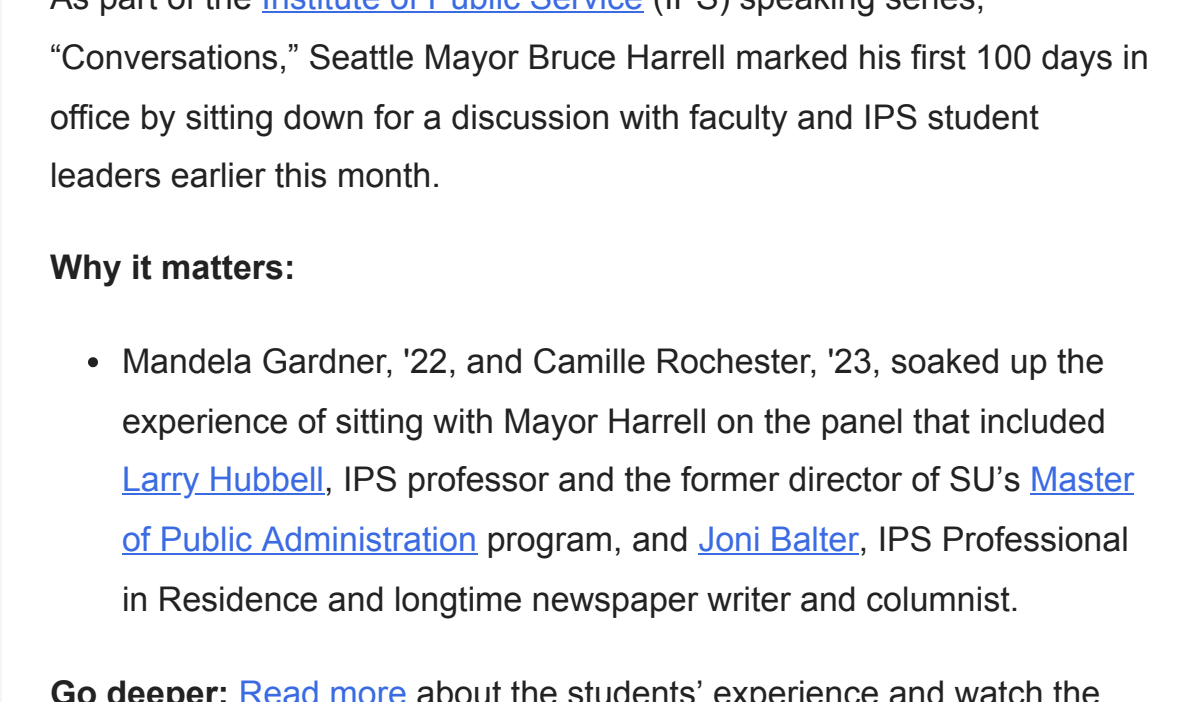
Griggs, the President of Business Operations for the Mariners, was the featured guest of the Albers Executive Speaker Series, delivering a talk on "The New Return on Experience (ROE): Redefining the Fan Experience."

Why it matters:

- Griggs is the highest-ranking female business executive in baseball.
- With the Mariners, Griggs spearheaded the creation of the club's first-ever Vice President of Fan Experience to give centralized, executive-level oversight to all elements of the fan experience, from the time they purchase a ticket to their trip home after a game.

Go deeper: [Learn more](#) about Griggs and the Albers Executive Speaker Series.

5. Athletics Fundraiser Red Tie is Back



Join Seattle University Athletics in celebration of an amazing year of accomplishments at the 9th Annual Red Tie.

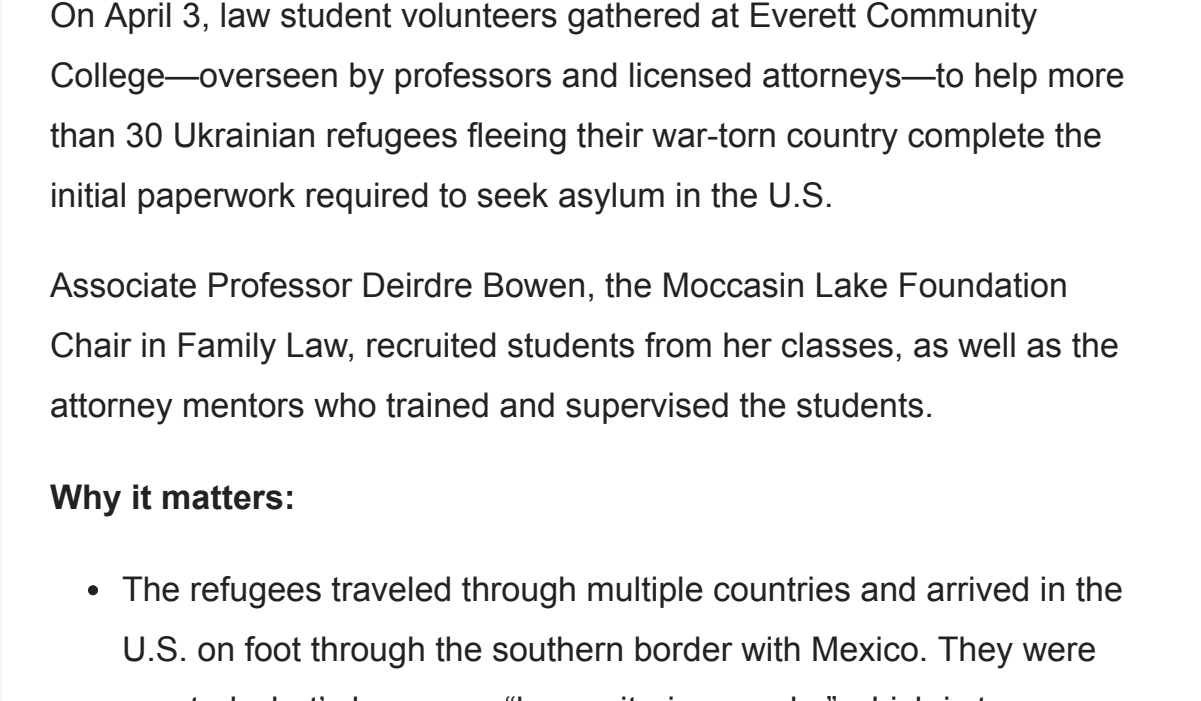
The event brings together SU friends and family for a night to recognize student-athletes and give back during Athletics' single-largest fundraiser of the year.

Why it matters:

- After more than two years, this year's Red Tie is back in person, Saturday, May 21 at Fremont Studios ([155 N 35th St, Seattle](#)).

Go deeper: Learn more and [register](#) for the event.

6. In Conversation: Mayor Details Priorities for City and More in SU Talk



(L-R) IPS Professional in Residence Joni Balter, Mandela Gardner, '22, Camille Rochester, '23, and IPS Professor Larry Hubbell on stage with Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell.

As part of the [Institute of Public Service](#) (IPS) speaking series, "Conversations," Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell marked his first 100 days in office by sitting down for a discussion with faculty and IPS student leaders earlier this month.

Why it matters:

- Mandela Gardner, '22, and Camille Rochester, '23, soaked up the experience of sitting with Mayor Harrell on the panel that included [Larry Hubbell](#), IPS professor and the former director of SU's [Master of Public Administration](#) program, and [Joni Balter](#), IPS Professional in Residence and longtime newspaper writer and columnist.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about the students' experience and watch the event on the [Seattle Channel](#).

7. Ukraine Refugees Aided by Law Students and Faculty

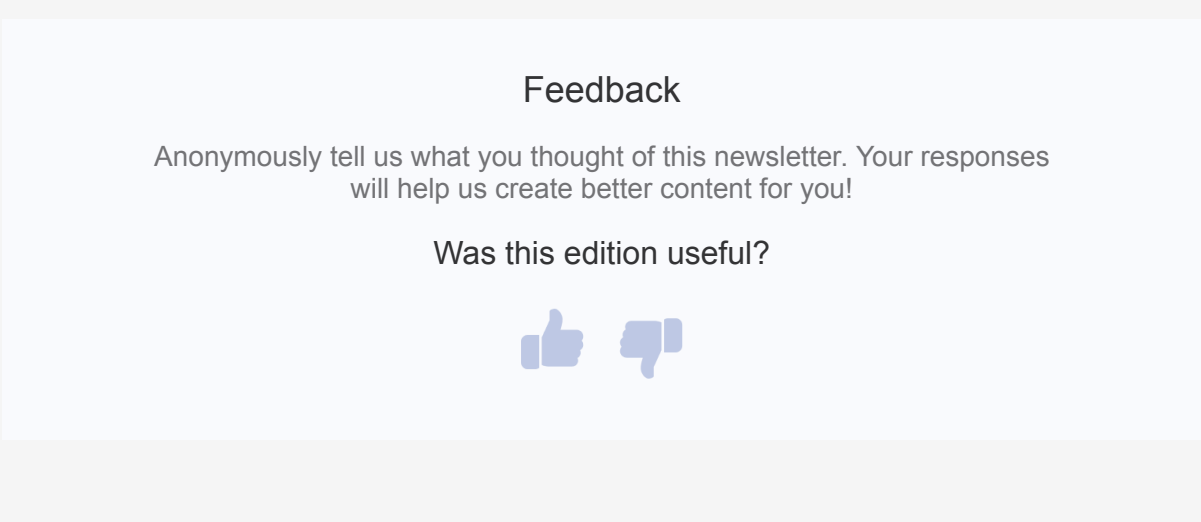


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Seattle University School of Law partnered with Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest to provide legal assistance to Ukrainian refugees.

On April 3, law student volunteers gathered at Everett Community College—overseen by professors and licensed attorneys—to help more than 30 Ukrainian refugees fleeing their war-torn country complete the initial paperwork required to seek asylum in the U.S.

Associate Professor Deirdre Bowen, the Moccasin Lake Foundation Chair in Family Law, recruited students from her classes, as well as the attorney mentors who trained and supervised the students.

Why it matters:

- The refugees traveled through multiple countries and arrived in the U.S. on foot through the southern border with Mexico. They were granted what's known as "humanitarian parole," which is temporary.
- "Some of these refugees have gone through a horribly traumatic experience and I want [the students] to develop the empathy that always remember that these are human beings and that part of your lawyering skills is to learn empathy," Bowen told KING 5 News.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about the work of the law students and Professor Bowen in assisting Ukrainian refugees.

8. Grant will Support SU Professor & Colleagues in Study of Milky Way

Photo by John Benitez/Axios

Associate Professor of Physics Joanne Hughes Clark, PhD, and colleagues were recently awarded a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Research Across Institutions for Scientific Empowerment (RAISE) program.

Why it matters:

- The funding—totaling \$227,000—will support the study of extra-tidal stars surrounding 20 globular clusters in the inner Milky Way.
- Eight SU undergraduate researchers will be supported over the three-year award, several of whom will also have the opportunity to travel to the Apache Point Observatory in Sunspot, New Mexico.

Go deeper: [Read on](#) for more about the grant and research.

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