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# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

MAGAZINE

## Meet the Pope

President Sundborg  
accompanies Seattle  
family to meet  
Holy Father in Rome









## Midnight Madness

Hundreds of students, alumni and members of the campus community kicked off the basketball season with enthusiasm and lots of Redhawk pride at Midnight Madness. The event, sponsored by Student Development and Athletics, featured a meet-and-greet with players, live entertainment, food, a raffle and more. Learn more about the upcoming season at [www.GoSeattleU.com](http://www.GoSeattleU.com).

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## ST. IGNATIUS MEDAL



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### HONORING JOE, '67 AND TERRI GAFFNEY, '67, '89, WHO LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Seattle University bestowed its highest honor, the St. Ignatius Medal, on Joe and Terri Gaffney, alumni and longtime supporters of the university. The couple were honored at the annual Gala in November. The medal is presented to individuals who exhibit outstanding leadership, service, a commitment to others and a generous spirit.

Joe served on the Board of Trustees from 1988 to 2004, following eight years as a Regent. He has been involved in every SU capital campaign beginning with the 21st Century Campaign in 1980 and has led the university's Planned Giving Committee. Currently, he is a member of the SU Trustees' Investment Committee. For her part, Terri served on the board for the School of Theology and Ministry since its inception. Additionally, she was on the planning committee for the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Currently, she is a member of the Catholic Jesuit Identity Committee that advises the Board of Trustees. Together, Joe and Terri have served on the SU Centennial Committee, the STM New Home Committee and chaired the annual SU Gala in 1991 and 2009. They are among the creators of two endowments: the Patrick J. Howell, S.J. Professorship of Theology and Ministry and the Loretta Jancoski Endowed Scholarship.



Read more about this year's St. Ignatius Medal recipients at [www.seattleu.edu/magazine/](http://www.seattleu.edu/magazine/).



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President Sundborg traveled with a small group of SU affiliates to Rome for a memorable visit with Pope Francis.

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### WAC CHAMPS

Congratulations to women's soccer, which won its second WAC title and second consecutive NCAA Division I berth. The team outscored their opponents 12-0 in WAC play this season. In the first round of the NCAA Championship tournament, the women beat Washington State 2-1 in a thriller in double overtime. The Redhawks lost to South Carolina in the second round of the tournament.

## #5 IN THE WEST



### Seattle U rises in the national *U.S. News* rankings

Seattle University is one of the top 5 universities in the West, according to *U.S. News & World Report: Best Colleges 2015*. The university ranks #5 for its full range of undergraduate and master's degree programs. The university consistently has held a spot in the West's top 10 for more than a decade. Seattle University also received high marks from *U.S. News* for being a best value school, ranking #7 in the West.

Among *U.S. News* specialty rankings nationwide, the Albers School of Business and Economics ranks #14 for finance, the top program of its kind in the Northwest, and #18 for accounting. Albers is tied for #36 nationally among private business schools—and is the Northwest's top private business school. *U.S. News* ranked SU undergraduate engineering #34 nationally.



## ANOTHER HIGH ACHIEVING YEAR FOR COSTCO SCHOLARS BREAKFAST

The Annual Costco Scholarship Fund Breakfast set a new record, raising more than \$3.69 million for scholarships benefitting underrepresented undergraduates at Seattle U and the University of Washington. Costco Co-founders Jim Sinegal and Jeff Brotman, President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., current Costco Scholars and alumni were among the attendees of the breakfast at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue in the fall.

(l-r, seated front row) Costco Co-founders Jim Sinegal and Jeff Brotman; (l-r, standing back row) Jared Watson, '09, Mary Rodriguez (UW), Chalia Stallings Ala'ilima (UW); Dr. Christopher Holder, '02, Norma Cuevas, '05, '07, Candice Richardson (UW), Dylan Munn, '10, Analisa Castaneda, '05, Vanessa Castaneda, '06, '13, Brandon Knight, '09, and Turquoise Young (UW).



## CELEBRATING A LEGACY

During Alumni and Family Weekend in the fall, multigenerational Seattle U family members honored their family legacy by pinning current students with a special legacy pin. (Pictured left: Darrell Goodwin, '11 and Latanya Jenkins. Right: Veronique, '09 and Alexander Silverman.)



PHOTOS BY MONICA LLOYD

## Fun Fact

7,273

# of new students (undergrad, grad & law)  
for the 2014-15 academic year

## ALUMNI AMONG PSBJ'S "40 UNDER 40"

Seattle University alumni were among those recently featured in the *Puget Sound Business Journal's* annual "40 Under 40" spotlighting top business leaders under the age of 40.

Those from SU who received the honor include:

**Steve Galatro, '09 MFAL**, who worked on campus from 2005 to 2012, is executive director of the Pratt Fine Arts Center in Seattle's Central District.

**Matt Iseri, '05 MBA**, is founder and president of TokuSaku Consulting, a management consulting firm in Seattle's Pioneer Square.

**David Wasielewski, '01 MBA**, is managing partner and general manager at Din Tai Fung Restaurant in Bellevue's Lincoln Square. The restaurant is one of five West Coast locations for the Taiwan-based dumpling chain.

Now in its 16th year, "40 Under 40" honors those "who excel in their industry and show dynamic leadership."



# Nursing for Mind, Body & Soul | *By Caitlin King*

Lindsay Leeder, '02 MSN, lives the mission through her chosen field

In 2009, the H1N1 flu virus caused a worldwide pandemic. For Lindsay Leeder, '02, MSN, ARNP, one of the first health care providers in Snohomish County to have a confirmed case of the virus, it was just another day in the life of a nurse practitioner in a busy community clinic. "I think during my first two years of practice at the clinic I came down with bronchitis, flu, gastroenteritis and an awful sinus infection," says Leeder. "Occupational hazard I know, but you build good immunity in the process."

Recognized for her work in the field, she recently received a "Top Doctor" award from *Seattle* magazine, an achievement she holds close to her heart. "They hadn't recognized NPs [nurse practitioners] in the past. It was a great honor and I'm very humbled by it," says Leeder.

As a Sullivan Scholar at Seattle University, Leeder—who teaches in the College of Nursing and is director of the university's Sullivan Leadership Program—completed her undergraduate degree in general science and theology. After college, wanderlust and a passion for

nursing assistant in a pediatric intensive care unit in the county hospital.

"That gave me a lot of exposure, working with residents and nurses. That's what solidified my decision to return to school," says Leeder.

In 2005, the Tacoma-native enrolled in SU's Advanced Practice Nursing Immersion (APNI) program. She landed her first job out of grad school at Edmonds Family Medicine, working in family medicine and urgent care. "It was a scary and wonderful place to start because I was exposed to everything," says Leeder. It wasn't uncommon to see anywhere from 25 to 35 patients in an 11-hour day as she learned how to move from room to room managing patients with a variety of ailments.

But after some trying years and late nights in the walk-in clinic, Leeder started to look for a new opportunity to serve and in 2010, alongside her husband, alumnus Michael Kocharhook, '01, went to work in the bush of Kenya. For four months, they were immersed in rural education, building infrastructure and observing models of rural health care

Medicine. "I really love teaching, it's very invigorating to combine that with the clinical work," says Leeder. "You have an opportunity to be plugged into the greater picture."

As director of the Sullivan Leadership Program, she mentors students one-on-one in service and leadership. It wasn't a huge leap for Leeder, who previously served with MAGIS—the network for Jesuit university alumni—and worked with the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship. "When I opened myself up to it a little more, I realized the overlaps that were there," she says. The mission of SU—nurturing mind, body and spirit—is at the heart of nursing and medicine, Leeder believes.

"Way too often in health care, we see a patient, make a diagnosis and prescribe a medication based on a condition. What if we were to pause and assess the whole person, the whole story?" she asks.

She explains that her understanding of health, wellness and leadership is what influences her role in the Sullivan Leadership Program.

"The pillars of the Sullivan Leadership Program are all things that are very important to me," says Leeder. "It's based on academic excellence, service and leadership, community, global engagement and spirituality; those pillars formed who I am."

Most of her time as director is spent guiding students, developing gatherings and planning retreats. In her office, she keeps a map with pushpins on places like Bosnia, Mongolia and the Philippines, all destinations the Sullivan Scholars have traveled.

The scholarship, which is only awarded to nine incoming freshman each year and covers full tuition, requires that students maintain a certain GPA, spend some time abroad and commit to academic excellence and professional development. "It's such a privilege to work with these students," says Leeder. "They are some of my greatest teachers."

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LINDSAY LEEDER, '02 MSN, ARNP

social justice led her to spend a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Houston, volunteering as a nursing assistant in an AIDS hospice. She then moved to Los Angeles, where she worked nights as a

with local communities. After returning home from Kenya, it wasn't long before she was offered a full-time teaching position at the College of Nursing as well as a weekly job at Edmonds Family





Lindsay Leeder, '02 MSN



Thursday, January 29  
WASHINGTON, D.C. ALUMNI RECEPTION  
Georgetown University

Thursday, February 26  
**SU ADVANTAGE | NETWORKING NIGHT**  
*Top of the Town room @ the Sorrento Hotel, Seattle*

Saturday, February 28  
**SEARCH FOR MEANING BOOK FESTIVAL**  
*Campus-wide, Seattle University*

**Saturday, February 28**  
**SENIOR NIGHT ALUMNI PRE-GAME RALLY**  
*Pre-game rally @ Club Live, KeyArena at Seattle Center*  
 Men's basketball v. Bakersfield

March 12-15  
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (WAC) TOURNAMENT  
Las Vegas, NV

**Saturday, March 14**  
**ALBERS ALUMNI CRAB FEED**  
 5:30 p.m., *Campion Ballroom*  
 Annual benefit for student scholarships

Thursday, March 19  
**IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP EVENING**  
 6-9 p.m., LeRoux Room, Student Center 160

**Thursday, April 16**  
**ALBERS EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES & ALUMNI RECEPTION**  
 5:30–6:30 p.m., Pigott Auditorium\*  
 Featuring Adrian Hanauer, general manager, Seattle Sounders FC  
*\*There will be a post-event alumni reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. @ Rhein Haus, across from the Lee Center for the Arts*

Saturday, April 18  
30TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI AWARDS CELEBRATION  
*Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle*

**Saturday, April 25**  
**ALUMNI DAY OF SERVICE**  
Day-long event with service projects throughout the city.

For more information on these and other events, visit [www.seattleu.edu/alumni/events](http://www.seattleu.edu/alumni/events).

**2015  
Reunion Weekend**

**Friday-Sunday, May 1-3**  
A weekend full of events including a class of '65 lunch and '05 dinner, tours of the Chapel of St. Ignatius and the SU gardens, Alumni Mass and more.

# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING

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# SAVE THE DATE

**FEBRUARY 7-8, 2015**

# REIGNITE TRADITION

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**ALUMNI PRE-GAME RALLY >>>> POST-GAME  
CELEBRATION >>>> ALUMNI MASS >>>>>>>>**

## >>> HALL-OF-FAME AWARDS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

**SU VS. UTAH VALLEY**  
**FEBRUARY 7 | KEYARENA**  
**PRE-GAME RALLY: 6 PM | TIP-OFF: 7 PM**



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**#SUHOMECOMING**

# Breaking Barriers | *By Annie Beckmann*

## Student Maia Schumacher receives national award from Learning Ally

Building a simple paper pyramid at Washington Middle School sounds like an unassuming art project, yet Maia Schumacher sees something much more.

This Seattle University sophomore from Tacoma describes how constructing small pyramids in the school art room opens the door to fruitful conversations about learning disabilities among middle schoolers. Unlike other school subjects, she says, art doesn't have quite the same rules and barriers to learning.

"Each side of the pyramid becomes a symbol for conversation. I might ask what they struggle with at school on one side, what they dislike on another, what they love on another," says Schumacher, who recently was named co-coordinator for the SU chapter of Eye to Eye, a mentor-based program with 56 chapters around the country. Eye to Eye helps build self-esteem and promotes self-advocacy in children with dyslexia, other learning disabilities and ADHD.

Schumacher made a lasting impression on Susan Huntley, tutoring coordinator at Washington Middle School. Huntley says Schumacher was gracious, friendly and eager to help with both Eye to Eye and the Homework Club.

A future nurse anesthetist, Schumacher is a go-getter with a strong work ethic. She was one of six students in the nation to win a top award from Learning Ally, a nonprofit that serves those with learning and visual disabilities. Rich Okamoto, director of Disabilities Services, says Schumacher is the first SU student to win this national achievement award.

Since elementary school, Schumacher has struggled with severe dyslexia, making it difficult for her to spell, decode words and decipher directions. As reading assignments grew in complexity, she required assistance. By the fifth grade, Schumacher also began to use Kurzweil, special reading technology with literacy support.

Even with assistance, book reports,

math and science were still a struggle when Schumacher reached high school. Plus, as a young teen, she didn't want peers to know she had a learning disability.

That's when she discovered Learning Ally and started using its audiobooks.

"Learning Ally gave me confidence in myself and my abilities. Technology is the key to success for me," she says. "Plus, Learning Ally is available to me in all phases of life."

In her essay for the \$6,000 national award, Schumacher highlighted how she developed a newfound sense of independence, rose to the top of her class in high school and, as a college sophomore, already is focused on pursuing a master's degree and a nursing career.

"I picked the school that best meets my needs," she says. "SU is so accepting of everybody's needs. It's all encompassing. At SU, I can build connections with my teachers, the Disabilities Office and other students."

In April 2014, Schumacher and her mother Susan and grandmother Janet traveled to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., to thank supporters, volunteers and sponsors for her scholarship. Learning Ally staff also came to SU to make a video of Schumacher and her supporters, shown at the awards gala.

Schumacher then had an opportunity to speak her mind at a dyslexia panel that met with Congressional staff members in the U.S. Capitol.

"Schools are not set up in a way to help kids with learning disabilities. They hold us back," she told them.

She has advice for others with challenges similar to hers.

"Don't let your learning disability define you," she says. "Dyslexia is a gift in the form of a challenge."



PHOTO BY CHELLE NICOLE PHOTOGRAPHY

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MAIA SCHUMACHER, SOPHOMORE





Student Body President Eric Sype

*“A Jesuit education has opened my mind to things that weren’t even on my radar. What do social justice and environmental justice look like in the world...?”*

ERIC SYPE, '15

# Politically Minded, Socially Aware | *By Annie Beckmann*

## Getting to know new Student Body President Eric Sype

Eric Sype, '15, had a sixth grade teacher in his hometown of Cashmere, Wash., with a knack for spotting a promising leader, one who was ready to step into the limelight of public service. He nudged Sype to become class president. That teacher was onto something.

Soon, Sype ran for class office and became president of the student body, first at his middle school, then in his high school of 450. A natural leader was born.

"When I came to Seattle U, I thought my involvement in student government should be over, that I would focus on my studies," says Sype, with a shrug that quickly morphs into a wily smile.

Again, he was drawn in and became an at-large representative in the Student Government of Seattle University (SGSU) as a freshman. Today, as student body president, the senior has no regrets.

He's particularly excited about the "We the Redhawks" initiative, which gives any student the opportunity to write a petition, collect signatures, meet with SGSU leadership and conceivably watch serious or even lighthearted interests gain acceptance on campus.

Sype points to a couple of hot-button issues of late.

"For several years now, divestment in fossil fuels by the university has been a concern. There is still a large and loud movement," Sype says.

A smoke-free campus is another. It's going to be a huge task, says Sype, for the campus to go tobacco free. Multiple populations still have to be consulted and due process will be needed.

A Naef Scholar and a peer adviser at Matteo Ricci College, where his major is Humanities for Teaching, Sype is a sports lover—pickup basketball, tennis, kayaking, even fantasy football.

"Fantasy football is mildly embarrassing at times, but it's a relaxing de-stressor for me," he says. He also loves cooking, especially breakfast.

The past two years, Sype's summer job has taken him outdoors—as a deck hand on a fishing tender in Bristol Bay and Southeast Alaska, where he routinely helped weigh, sort and haul fish to canneries, then scrubbed and hosed the decks.

"My time in Alaska has taught me what true hard work looks like," he says. "That will happen when you consistently work 10-, 15-, 20-hour days in tough, dangerous environments. It has also shown me how to apply what I have learned at SU to the world," he says. "While in Alaska, I was constantly questioning what effect the practices of the fishing industry had on the environment and trying to think critically about the life I was living."

Sype's a realist about why he is student body president.

"I do not see this role as intentionally something I'm doing as a next step for my future," he says. "I'm in this role because I have a great love for Seattle University."

While he wasn't raised Catholic, Sype was aware of SU as his dad received his master's in public administration here.

"A Jesuit education has opened my mind to things that weren't even on my radar. What do social justice and environmental justice look like in the

world, for example? I firmly believe education is the great equalizer.

"I don't think I could ever have a self-serving job after this. There will have to be a mission in my life," says Sype.

Winter quarter last year, SU helped Sype find a program in Nicaragua where he took part in setting up a bike rental company to fund scholarships in the rural town of El Limon Dos. In November, he made a trek to San Salvador to commemorate 25 years since six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered by members of the Salvadoran Army's elite battalion, the Atlacatl.

His global engagement spurred him recently to apply for a teaching assistantship in Colombia, but Sype hasn't forgotten the powers of observation of Don Smith, that sixth grade teacher of his at Cashmere Middle School. Smith remembers him well, too.

"He was really good at helping substitute teachers make sure they ran my class like I did if I had to be gone," Smith says. "Eric was very dependable. When we had magazine sales, food drives and other volunteer projects, you could count on Eric to do his part and then some."

"He also would share his thoughts on current events and social studies, even if they were different than the rest of the class or even mine. A bit unusual for a sixth grader."



Here more about the impact of a Jesuit education on Eric's life in a video at [www.seattleu.edu/magazine/](http://www.seattleu.edu/magazine/).





## Spotlight on the CORE

*A look at undergraduate courses in the new Core curriculum offers a better appreciation for how Seattle University inspires insightful and creative thinkers.*

# Global Warming Fuels Discourse | *By Annie Beckmann*

Global warming is the most significant issue of our time, Paul Fontana says with no equivocation. That's a big reason why he's passionate about teaching his Energy and Society course.

Among the learning outcomes of the class, students "evaluate current and future energy sources based on their technological, economic and environmental merits and limitations," says Fontana. The goal is for students to emerge as well-informed participants in the civic discussion about the local, national and global energy future.

How he accomplishes this involves an inventive approach. For the first three to four weeks, he teaches basic physics—how we get, process and use energy in its various forms. That increases technical literacy and gives students the vocabulary and tools to interpret what they hear or see in the media.

Tech literacy also makes it easier for students to investigate a particular source of energy—coal, natural gas or other fossil fuels, biofuel, solar, wind, water, electricity or nuclear power. They break into teams of two or three and explore the pros and cons of extracting a particular form of energy, the effect on the environment, efficiency and state or national policies.

"It's an opportunity for students to pick what they're excited about and become

critical thinkers on that energy topic," Fontana says. Each team writes a paper, presents findings and leads a class discussion.

All students are called upon to be vigilant about current events and submit energy-related news articles weekly, some of which are discussed in class.

There's a civic action component as well. After consulting with Fontana about a proposed action related to current public energy policy, each student writes to an elected official or local newspaper or might conduct a public awareness campaign on a particular topic. He offers examples to get them thinking including: expansion of oil transport and export through Washington state; expedited licensing and loan guarantees for new nuclear energy facilities; capping, regulating or taxing carbon emissions; and divestment in fossil fuels by the university.

"These are complex issues, with no simple answers," says Fontana, "but this class is a good context to have those conversations."

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PAUL FONTANA,  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**COURSE** | Energy and Society

**TAUGHT BY** | Paul Fontana, associate professor of physics

**CLASS MAKEUP** | Mostly juniors and seniors





Professor Meena Rishi

PHOTO BY SOFIA JARAMILLO

## FACULTY / news and notes

### ALBERS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

An article coauthored by **BRIAN KELLY, DEAN PETERSON** and **GARETH GREEN** (Albers) and **JOHN BEAN** (Arts and Sciences), has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Economic Education*. The article is “Using Integrative Graphic Assignments to Promote Deep Learning of the Market Mechanism.” Green also coauthored the article, “Environmental Choices and Hyperbolic Discounting: An Experimental Analysis,” which has been accepted for publication in *Environmental and Resource Economics*.

**TINA ZAMORA**, assistant professor of accounting, has co-authored a paper, “The Role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Assurance in Investors’ Judgments When Managerial Pay is Explicitly Tied to CSR Performance,” which has been accepted for publication in *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**ROB EFIRD**, chair of the Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work, was among 20 individuals selected for the National Committee on United States-China Relations Public Intellectuals Program (PIP). PIP participants are

American China scholars and specialists from a variety of disciplines who seek to engage with the public and policy community on issues pertaining to U.S.-China relations.

Digital Design Associate Professor **NAOMI KASUMI** has been commissioned to create a major installation at Sojiji Temple, one of the oldest Buddhist training monasteries in Japan.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**BILL O’CONNELL**, associate professor in the College of Education’s Counseling and School Psychology programs, presented the peer-reviewed session “Communities of Concern: Breaking the Cycle of Intergenerational Poverty,” at the American

# Internship Nurtures Citizens of the World | *By Tina Potterf*

## Faculty spotlight on Albers' Meena Rishi, director of IDIP

With Seattle University's International Development Internship Program, or IDIP for short, students get hands-on experience working for NGOs set up in Asia, Africa, Central America and Latin America, among other regions in the world.

Participants of this 20 credit, three-quarter undergraduate program—comprised mostly of juniors and seniors—also cultivate leadership skills through interaction and engagement with NGO leads.

Overseeing SU's IDIP program is director Meena Rishi, a professor of economics at Albers and coordinator of undergraduate research. Rishi is the successor to longtime IDIP director Janet Quillian, who retired from the university last year.

During Quillian's time, Rishi was a frequent guest lecturer for IDIP and well aware of the value of the program.

IDIP is a unique and transformative program offered by the university that "instills a life-long commitment to global development among its participants," explains Rishi. "Students experience a profound transformation in their world view as they work with local NGOs."

As the new director, Rishi plans to add additional NGOs and countries to the mix. "We want to expand our footprint in Asia," says Rishi, who this past summer spent time meeting with potential NGO candidates in Guatemala and India.

"I visualize IDIP as a bridge that can 'operationalize' the topic of international economic development for our students by leveraging input from international organizations, domestic and international NGOs, SU faculty and community participants."

The program is the only one of its kind in the country as it's an internship abroad rather than a traditional study abroad, says Rishi, who joined the Albers faculty in fall 2004. It requires a yearlong commitment that starts in the fall with a rigorous lecture-driven course to prepare students for working with an NGO, which they do during winter quarter. When they return to Seattle U spring quarter, the focus is on students' international internship experience. Seminar topics consist of re-entry issues, telling one's story, NGO project presentations and

social justice advocacy.

IDIP has been housed in Albers for the past few years and Rishi says the fit with the business school is a natural one considering economics and economic development have long been strong pieces of the program. Alumni of IDIP

### FUN FACT

*Professor Meena Rishi is active in Seattle's South Asian arts community, engaged in theatrical and visual arts productions.*

have published papers on their work and others have taken roles with organizations in developing countries.

"Our students are not just thinking about a just and humane world," says Rishi. "They are thinking about being an active participant in the operation of a just and humane world."

Mental Health Counselors Association Conference. The session highlighted a community-based research proposal with Seattle University Youth Initiative partner Village Spirit Center.

### COLLEGE OF NURSING

**ANNE HIRSCH**, associate dean for graduate education and professor in the College of Nursing, has been appointed by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to serve on the new Performance Measures Coordinating Committee, a panel charged with recommending standard statewide measures of health performance by 2015. Hirsch is the only nurse on the panel.

### MATTEO RICCI COLLEGE

Assistant Professor **BEN CURTIS** was recently featured on Travel with Rick Steves. Curtis spoke of his travel along Croatia's Adriatic coast.

### SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

**GLORIA BURGESS**, contextual education director in the School of Theology and Ministry, hosted and moderated a webinar sponsored by the International Leadership Association, "Yes, to the Mess: Surprising Leadership Lessons from Jazz." Burgess also co-led a workshop, "Maestro: Inspiring Leadership Lessons from the Podium" at

the Tobias Institute's Annual Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

Theology and Religious Studies Professor **JEANETTE RODRIGUEZ** received the Virgilio Elizondo Award from the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States for her "distinguished achievement in theology."

### SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor **ANNE ENQUIST** of the School of Law received the Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education at a ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.



# Leading On and Off the Field |

By Jason Behenna

## Spotlight on star soccer player Stephanie Verdoia

Speaking to first-year Seattle U student-athletes during an orientation for incoming athletes, senior Stephanie Verdoia was asked when she started playing soccer. Her answer? At age 3 she was kicking around the soccer ball, although she acknowledged that she wasn't very good in those early years.

To see her now on the pitch, weaving through defenders, finding the open spot in the net, one would probably not believe that there ever was a time when Verdoia was not a natural in her chosen sport.

One of only four seniors on the 27-person women's soccer roster, Verdoia has emerged as a leader not only within her own squad, but throughout the Athletics Department and nationally.

Recently she was named the 2014 Capitol One Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I Women's Soccer. Alongside the prestigious honor, Verdoia also earned a spot on the Academic All-America® First Team for 2014.

"In my 33 years as a director of athletics I have never met anyone who dominates the playing field and the classroom and is such an outstanding contributor to community service as Stephanie," says Athletic Director Bill Hogan.

*"Simply a great person, a great athlete and a phenomenal student. Stephanie is the whole package."*

JULIE WOODWARD, WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

As a whole, this is just the third Academic All-America® First Team honoree in Seattle U history and the university's first ever Academic All-America® of the Year. Ana Gutierrez (2006/women's soccer) and Kelly Brewe (1985/women's basketball) are the two previous First Team honorees.

A Third Team Academic All-American in 2013, Verdoia holds a 3.9 GPA, majoring in political science with a specialization in legal standards.

When asked about her future plans, Verdoia said that if professional soccer did not happen, she would attend law school. She has her priorities straight, but she still pursues her dreams with tenacity.

"Steph's commitment to improving this offseason has really paid off," says longtime Seattle U head women's soccer coach Julie Woodward. "...Simply a great person, a great athlete and a phenomenal student. Stephanie is the whole package."

Verdoia was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2013, leading the Redhawks to their first-ever NCAA Tournament berth after a perfect conference season. However, Verdoia knew she still needed to improve, not resting on past accomplishments.

Through the first 11 matches of the 2014 season, Verdoia collected 10 goals and five assists for 25 total points. She earned WAC Offensive Player of the Week honors on August 25.

Verdoia has truly fulfilled the student-athlete experience at Seattle U. There will not be a question of if she makes an impact—only where she makes her mark.

—Mollie Hanke contributed to this story.



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# Meet the Pope

**President Sundborg accompanies  
Seattle family to meet  
Holy Father in Rome**

By Mike Thee



**It began** with what seemed like a simple enough question. Last Christmas, Jeff Wright, a member of SU's Board of Trustees, asked his mother if there was anything the family could do for her. Her response was not expected.

"I would like to meet the pope," she answered.

The son dutifully set out to make his mother's wish come true. After trying a few different avenues and coming up empty, he turned to President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., to see if the president might use his Ignatian mojo to help arrange a meeting with the most famous Jesuit in the world.

"What I thought was that I've never been asked that before," says Fr. Sundborg, "and I didn't know if that's possible."

But he gave it a shot. He wrote to the head of the Jesuits, Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., and what do you know, a few months later, there was an answer. The pope, Fr. Nicolás reported, not only responded but responded with an "unambiguous yes."



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*The first meeting of Pope Francis and President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., during a visit to Rome in November.*





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Stephen Sundborg, S.J. (left), with Superior General of the Society of Jesus Adolfo Nicolás, S.J. (center), and Rector Tom Lucas, S.J., prepare to meet Pope Francis. Father Lucas holds a gift for the pope, which he gave him when he asked the Holy Father to pray for the community.

And so it was that a group of about a dozen visitors, including the mother who made the request, her sister and other members of the Pigott family, accompanied by President Sundborg and Tom Lucas, rector of SU's Jesuit community, found themselves on a shuttle bus to the Vatican to meet Pope Francis at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 3.

The meeting was to take place in the Apostolic Palace where the pope typically meets with dignitaries. To reach their destination, the group relied on the same man who had been so critical in making the visit possible.

"We picked up the Superior General at the Jesuit headquarters," says Fr. Sundborg. "Father Nicolás was abso-

lutely eager to help with this."

"I felt like one of the characters [the dwarf with the big beard] in the *'Lord of the Rings,'* traveling with Gandolf the Gray," says Father Lucas of the journey. "Every time we got stopped, a Swiss guard would recognize him, 'Buon Giorno, Padre Nicolas!' and salute as we were whisked through gate after gate."

Now on foot, the visitors wended their way through a series of arches, courtyards, corridors and ramps. Escorted by the colorfully attired Swiss Guards and chamberlains, the guests were in awe over the magnificent centuries-old works of art displayed all around them.


Yet this once-in-a-lifetime experience was only beginning.

## MEETING THE HOLY FATHER

After reaching the Apostolic Palace, the group was led into a room about twice the size of an SU classroom. And there he was, standing alone, the man who went by the name Jorge Mario Bergoglio until a conclave of cardinals did what many considered unthinkable and elected a Jesuit pope on March 13, 2013.

A day before the visit, Fathers Sundborg and Lucas had joined 200,000 faithful in St. Peter's Square for the pope's weekly Angelus blessing. Now here they were face to face with the man to whom the throngs had clamored.

Francis warmly greeted his visitors and invited them to join him seated in an oval of chairs. Fr. Nicolás spoke



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of the Pigotts as a large family—“100 strong”—that has been extraordinarily supportive of the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Jesuits and Seattle University. The pope marveled at the family and how the Catholic faith had been passed from one generation to the next.

The visitors then had an opportunity to dialogue with the pope. Fr. Sundborg played the role of facilitator. He explained to the pope who the guests were and invited the family members to ask questions or make comments. President Sundborg translated their words into Italian, Pope Francis replied in either Italian or Spanish and Superior General Nicolás translated the responses back to English.

What most struck Father Lucas was “the absolute focus (Pope Francis) had”

on his visitors. “Each person in the group spoke to him, some asked questions, some talked about their families, some shared their struggles and trials and he was entirely present to each and every one. He made gentle little jokes; he looked into each person’s eyes.”

When it was Father Sundborg’s turn, the president asked if the pope had a message for Seattle University’s students. Rather than reel off a pat answer, Francis had a couple questions of his own about the students. After learning more from the president, he had two messages.

“One was ‘witness’” says Fr. Sundborg. “That words don’t count. Words only touch a person’s mind. The only thing that counts for the students of your university is your witness. The

witness of your life, the witness of your faith, the witness of your commitment, the witness of who you are.

“And second, he spoke of ‘incarnation.’ That you have to enter into the concreteness, the existential reality of your students’ lives.”

The pope also spoke of the Church as a field hospital. “His view is that the whole world is at war, with conflict and polarization,” says Fr. Sundborg. “It’s not just some countries in war. There are people being wounded or hurt or discarded. The Church needs to be like a field hospital and help heal the wounds of people. You don’t ask in a field hospital what’s the cholesterol level of the person—you help them with their wounds.”

The gifts of self-deprecation and





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Ann Wyckoff accepts an offering from the Pope as her sister Theiline (Ty) Scheumann looks on.

levity for which the pontiff has become known were also in evidence. When Fr. Lucas mentioned he was superior of 24 Jesuits at SU, Francis gave a tongue-in-cheek response that could be translated to something along the lines of “Poor you!”

Going in, the group was expecting the meeting to last about 15 minutes. After about a half hour President Sundborg grew concerned that they were taking up too much time. “I was thinking, we should set this man free.” The pope responded that he was available for a few more minutes and would be happy to continue the visit. There was no objection on the guests’ part and when all was said and done, they had spent 45 minutes in the pope’s presence.

Before bidding them adieu, the pope made a point of sending them off with five words or phrases. He returned to witness, incarnation and field hospital, and also spoke of

closeness and mercy—two key themes of his papacy.

The pontiff was asked what prayer the visitors could offer on his behalf. The pope, Fr. Sundborg says, replied, “Pray that God never removes his hands of protection over me because if God were to remove his hands of protection over me, I could do some foolish things.”

This, Fr. Sundborg says, is a deeply felt reality for Francis. “He has a very strong sense of God blessing him and protecting him and so what he’s doing as pope is being supported and really guided by God’s protection and guidance of him.”

After giving each of his guests a set of rosary beads, the pope stood by the door and individually said goodbye to all of the visitors.

“None of us could believe that we were the only thing that counted for him for that period of time,” says Fr. Sundborg.

## HIGHLIGHT OF A LIFETIME

So what do you say after spending the better part of an hour with a man upon whom the eyes of the world are fixed—this larger than life figure who has captured the imagination of Catholics and non-Catholics alike, a leader with rock star-like status who has graced the covers of *Rolling Stone* and, of course, *Time* magazine as its 2013 Person of the Year?

As the awe-struck Seattle visitors boarded their bus and left the Vatican, Father Sundborg articulated what was likely on everyone’s minds: “Hey everybody, check one off the bucket list!”

But there was so much more to it than that. Writing from an airport on his way back from the trip, Father Lucas called the visit “surreal, but in a good way.”

Back in his office at Seattle University just days after the experience, Fr. Sundborg was clearly radiating a profound sense of wonder and gratitude.

“It’s a very unusual experience to be ushered into the inner heart of the Catholic Church and find a pope who is gentle, soft, humorous, kindly and very attentive and listening—this Gospel-like person of great mercy. That’s very wonderful and consoling for me as a Jesuit and a priest.

“I would have to say that the experience was not only a gift to this family but was a very moving personal gift to me and I can genuinely say it feels like the highlight of my life.”

## TIMELINE | Key Events in the Pope’s Life



**Dec. 17, 1936**

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Pope Francis is the son of Italian immigrants and the first of five children.



**1958**

Enters the novitiate of the Society of Jesus. He says three reasons led him to choose the Society of Jesus: the missionary spirit, community and discipline.



**1963**

Completes studies in the humanities in Chile and philosophy in Argentina.



**1969**

Ordained by Archbishop Ramón José Castellano.



**1973**

Appointed provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina, an office he holds for six years.



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Pope Francis listens as President Sundborg, Rector Tom Lucas and friends of the university visit with him in Rome.

## DID YOU KNOW

- \* Pope Francis is the first from Latin America and the first from the Jesuit order.
- \* No pope has ever chosen the name Francis. It was the simplicity, lack of grandeur and spirit of humility of Saint Francis of Assisi that attracted the pope to the name. That, and a mutual concern for the well being of the poor.
- \* In Buenos Aires, Cardinal Bergoglio took crowded public transportation during rush hour and preferred a simple downtown apartment to a big church estate. He cooked his own dinners, too.
- \* In a homily of hope that he gave in Brazil in 2013, Pope Francis spoke of three simple attitudes: hopefulness, openness to being surprised by God and living in joy.
- \* The pope factors heavily into this season's Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture Catholic Heritage Lectures. Upcoming talks: Feb. 19—Examining the Church as a “field hospital,” engaging Catholics wherever they are found; April 23: Thinking globally and acting locally. Learn more at [www.seattleu.edu/ictc/](http://www.seattleu.edu/ictc/).



1980

Becomes rector for San Jose College in Argentina, where he serves for six years.



1992

Pope John Paul II appoints him auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires.



1998

Becomes archbishop of Buenos Aires, a diocese of more than three million parishioners.



2001

Pope John Paul II makes him a cardinal. Bergoglio asked the faithful not to come to Rome to celebrate the event, but to donate to the poor what they would have spent on the journey.



2013

On March 13, Cardinal Bergoglio is elected Supreme Pontiff and now leads the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics.



# You Spoke, We Listened

We asked and you answered. In June, an electronic survey was sent to all alumni asking for input on how to improve your university and alumni experience. We see this as an important opportunity to hear what you have to say and for you to stay engaged. Based on your feedback we are taking action! Development of a lifetime relationship is our #1 goal and critical to improve our connection with all of you.

The following represents some of what came out of the survey results and what we are doing.



## FINDING

*Alumni are satisfied with their educational experience.*

- **92%** rate their decision to attend SU GOOD or GREAT.
- **88%** had a GOOD or EXCELLENT experience as students.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Better promoting the university to reflect the success of alumni and how well an SU degree prepares graduates for life.
- Highlighting the improving equity of an SU degree.
- Continuing to consistently communicate with alumni.



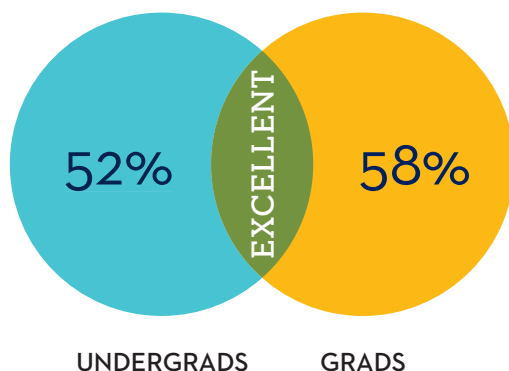
## FINDING

*Recent alumni value their relationship with Seattle U and want opportunities for improved engagement and connections.*

- **32%** of graduates since 2000 highly value their relationship with the university.
- Recent alumni want to stay engaged with each other and come back to campus.
- Recent alumni want more career-oriented and professional development opportunities.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Hiring Assistant Director to focus on the student-to-alumni transitions, recent alumni and reunions.
- Providing networking events, career workshops, monthly career webinars and career counseling.
- Initiating the new SU Bridge Young Alumni Chapter.
- Investing in a Student Alumni Ambassador program.



## FINDING

*Graduate alumni are more loyal and engaged.*

- Graduate alumni rate their loyalty to Seattle University higher than undergraduate alums.
- **58%** of graduate alumni rate their student experience EXCELLENT v. **52%** for undergrads.
- Graduate alumni engage in alumni activities at the same or higher rate than undergraduates.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Partnering with individual colleges and schools to improve programming for graduate alumni.
- Providing more career and professional development offerings that are relevant to graduate alumni, such as networking nights.
- Developing use of online resources to make contact and connections.

## FINDING

Alumni most value **career and professional development** programs and services.

Most important services and benefits alumni want:

## Top 5

- 1 Continuing education
- 2 Professional development
- 3 Registrar services
- 4 Career services
- 5 Online directory

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Providing new networking programs, career workshops, monthly career webinars and career counseling.
- Partnering with Career Services to improve career offerings for alumni.
- Proposing a new online directory to simplify alumni-to-alumni connections.
- Leveraging programs in the schools and colleges to provide networking opportunities.

# relationship connection

## FINDING

Alumni value **their relationship** with Seattle U, but don't feel strongly connected.

- **29%** highly value their relationship with SU.
- **17%** feel highly connected with the university.
- Alumni don't know what services and programs are available or how to get involved.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Bringing back reunions and Homecoming.
- Establishing affinity, corporate and regional chapters.
- Initiating new programs such as the Legacy Family Pinning Ceremony.
- Improving our communications, including an improved SU Voice and revamped website ([seattleu.edu/alumni](http://seattleu.edu/alumni)).



## FINDING

Alumni value and **want to hear from** the SU Alumni Association.

Alumni read *Seattle University Magazine* and SU email more than any other alumni activity.

- **69%** say they get just the right amount of email.
- **41%** would welcome more invitations.
- Alumni want to know about the programs and activities happening at their alma mater.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Developing meaningful programs and events that appeal to a variety of interests.
- Enhancing social media presence.
- Improving follow up after events with stories and photos.

## ALUMNI BY THE NUMBERS

**73,000**

The number of Seattle U alumni, a number that keeps growing!

**50**

U.S. states with SU alumni.

**48,000**

Alumni call Washington state home.

**62**

Countries where alumni demonstrate what it means to be global citizens.

## Don't know how to get involved?

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## class notes



College of Science and Engineering alumnus **Marzouq Al-Ghanim, '93** (mechanical engineering) returned to his alma mater and visited with engineering students and his mentor, Professor Emeritus Dr. Jack Mattingly (far right). Al-Ghanim is elected member and current speaker of the Kuwaiti National Assembly and vice chairman of Ali Al-Ghanim & Sons Group of Companies.



**Mariane Escalona, '10** and **Florian (Ian) Purganan, '01, '04 JD**, married Oct. 5, 2013 at the St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco. The event was made even more memorable as the wedding was featured in last spring's edition of *Martha Stewart Real Weddings*. Mariane shares how the wedding came to be featured in the magazine: "We were really lucky! My cousin Elizabeth Messina was our photographer. She is well known and respected in the wedding photography business. Her work has been featured in *Martha Stewart* before so that definitely helped!"



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**Marianne Mersereau, '89, MA**, has published a children's book, *The Green Lake Gifting Game* (CreateSpace, 2014). The book is illustrated by Pacific Northwest painter Dita Louise. Mersereau is also the author of a book of poetry and numerous articles and essays.

## 1964

Dr. Peter Lee was featured in a September 11, 2014, *Fortune* magazine article, "Opening Happiness: An Oral History of Coca-Cola in China." Lee, who came to SU as an international student from Hong Kong, played a leading role in introducing Coca-Cola to the Chinese market after Deng Xiaoping instituted China's open-door policy in the mid-1970s. Dr. Lee still recalls the breakthrough moment. It was a fax that said, "We understand what your company could offer. We welcome you to Beijing for negotiations." The rest is history. Lee served as the first president of Coca-Cola China.

## 1967

Derek Dunn and Kathleen Dunn celebrated their 50th anniversary in October. Both met while attending Seattle University. The couple, now retired, resides in Portland, Ore.

## 1987

Jim Claypool is the managing member of Harrison Berkman Claypool & Guard, PLLC and HBC Financial Services, PLLC. HBCFS was recently named to

the inaugural CNBC Top 100 Fee-Only Wealth Manager list and was the highest rated firm in the state of Washington.

## 1989

Brad Hansen, MBA, was hired as president and chief operating officer of ZBB Energy Corp., based in Milwaukee. Hansen will also serve on the company board. Additionally, Hansen serves as managing partner of the boutique private equity fund he founded in 2010, PowerSav Inc., which specializes in China government policy supported markets. He previously led global sales and site operation organizations for the solar product line at Applied Materials Inc., where he worked from 1989 to 2010.

## 1992

Shaunta Hyde has been named managing director of community relations for Alaska Airlines. In this role Hyde will lead community relations and charitable giving in the United States, collaborating with civic leaders and organizations affecting Alaska Airlines.

## 1994

Sister Justine Tumushabe, '96 MA, recently sent in an update on where life has taken her since graduating from SU. "... I have been able to be principal in two high schools from 1996-2009. In 2003, I was elected on the governing council of my Congregation of the Daughters of Mary. I will complete my term of office in September and will get a new appointment. The education I got from SU has led me to high horizons. Be blessed."

## 1999

Seattle Bank has named John Blizzard, MBA, a longtime local banker, as president and CEO.

## 2012

PATH has named David Shoultz, MBA, PhD, as the Global Program Leader for Drug Development. Dr. David Kaslow, vice president of product development at PATH, said of the appointment, "David's expertise and experience in global health and infectious disease leadership, strategy and operations and business development will help drive and integrate our drug development and further

our mission of saving lives and improving health." Shoultz will also continue to serve on the Board and as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board at the Geneva Foundation. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Albers School of Business and Economics, teaching a winter quarter course on strategy implementation and a spring course on global health for students in the Executive MBA program. Prior to joining PATH, Shoultz worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

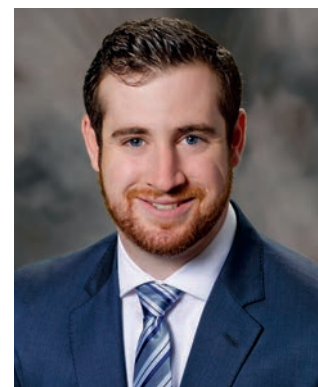
## 2013

Debra Akhbari, recipient of the 2013 Richard S. White Fellowship, has joined the Seattle-based firm Helsell Fetterman.

Travis Day, MSN, has been elected the new president of the Puget Sound Nurse Practitioner Association. The College of Nursing graduate said of the appointment, "I am excited to serve PSNPA. I look forward to supporting PSNPA's mission and fostering the growing network of over 2,000 ARNPs in the greater Puget Sound area."



The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal (NJDSM) with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) was recently awarded to (Ret.) Colonel Samuel Fuoco, '71, (Army), a College of Education and ROTC distinguished military student and graduate, presented by Brigadier General Michael Cuniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey. Fuoco, originally from Toppenish, Wash., served 37-1/2 years in the Army and Reserves with a 1-year combat tour during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2006-2007. He was also awarded the Bronze Star. He and his wife Frances have been a residents of New Jersey since 1978.



School of Law graduates Liberty Upton, '13, JD, and Samuel Winninghoff, '13, JD, have joined Seattle-based law firm Helsell Fetterman. Upton, who prior to joining the firm worked for Columbia Bank and for Judge Armstrong at the Washington Court of Appeals, Division II, specializes in estate planning and taxation. Winninghoff did an externship at the Federal Trade Commission and was an intern at the Washington State Attorney General's Office and K2 Sports in-house legal department. His practice focuses on civil litigation.



1946

**Lucille Ann Hayden Brennan (Aug. 8, 2014)**

Born in Whitten, South Dakota, Lucille spent her childhood in the Skagit Valley area, graduating from Mount Vernon High School. In 1947, she married John Patrick Brennan and relocated to Southern California where she lived for 60 years and where she raised 11 children. In her spare time Lucille loved to garden, hike, spend time in the outdoors with her family, read and write poetry and music. She was a woman of faith and served as a lector and Eucharistic minister.

1947

**D. Joyce "Dixie" Galbraith (June 25, 2014)**

Born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Richard and Blanche Bartlett, Joyce was the second of four children. At age 15 she and her family moved to Tacoma. During her time at Seattle University—then Seattle College—she met the love of her life Charles J. Galbraith and the couple married in 1949. Following a move to St. Louis, the couple returned to Tacoma to raise their family. Joyce enjoyed spending time with her family and looked forward to every visit from her grandchildren. Joyce was an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed the many friends she made while playing bridge. She also loved to travel.

1950

**Howard Anthony Lang (May 28, 2014)**

Before Seattle University Howard attended St. George and Seattle Prep. During World War II he served the country as a member of the Air Force. At Seattle University he played basketball and earned a degree in business. Howard assumed leadership of the family business, FS Lang Manufacturing. For more than 50 years he was an innovative leader who was greatly respected in the community. The love of his life was his wife of 60 years, Mary Regan. They made their home on Mercer Island where they raised their five children. He also coached Mercer Island baseball and Little League in the 1960s.

1951

**William "Bill" Robert Galbraith (Aug. 11, 2014)**

Following graduation from Seattle University and Stanford, Bill served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, aboard the U.S.S. Essex during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, he began his sales career with United States Steel in 1953. While working in San Francisco, Bill met the love of his life, Kathleen Margaret O'Neil. In 1966, he joined the Gunderson Division of FMC Corporation and was promoted to vice president of sales in 1970. Bill later retired as the senior vice president of marketing and sales from Greenbrier Companies. He served on the Pacific Northwest Rail Shippers Advisory Board.

1952

**Beva Mae Gall (Aug. 19, 2014)**

Born in Bottineau, ND, Beva and her family moved to Seattle in 1941, where she graduated in 1947 from Holy Angels Academy and worked as a labor/delivery RN after graduating from Seattle University's nursing school. She was a generous spirit and loved spending time with family and friends.

1953

**Dr. Charles Albert Bailie (June 24, 2014)**

Following graduation from Seattle University, Charles enlisted in the Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks. After an honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Creighton University School of Dentistry. During this time he met the love of his life, Sally Toohey, at a church dance. In 1960, Charles graduated from dental school and married Sally. In 1961, the couple moved their family to Cordova, Alaska, where he became the town's first dentist. Later Charles and his family moved to Kenai Peninsula. He practiced dentistry in Kenai from 1963 until he retired in 1993. Following his retirement, he and Sally bought a motor home and enjoyed traveling around the United States.

**Carol Frances McMichael (Aug. 16, 2014)**

A graduate of Holy Names Academy, Carol was an active member of St. Veronica's Guild, a volunteer at UW Hospital and a member of the UW Faculty Auxiliary. In her spare time she enjoyed skiing, tennis and golf, reading and travel. She also loved to spend time beachcombing at her family's cabin on Hood Canal.

1956

**Edward Stephen Naish (July 1, 2014)**

Born one of five children in Lewiston, ID, Ed spent his early years in Spokane until his family moved to Seattle in 1941. A graduate of O'Dea High School in 1947, he served in the Army from 1951–53 during the Korean Conflict. Following service he enrolled at Seattle University. In 1956, he joined the Boeing Company, where he worked until his retirement in 1989. In 1958, he married Jean Finley and the couple enjoyed cheering on their children and grandchildren at baseball, softball and basketball games, soccer matches and swim meets. Ed was an avid Seahawks supporter and season ticket holder.

1960

**Lloyd Ralph Gibson (Sept. 26, 2014)**

A longtime Federal Way resident and businessman—for 28 years he owned the Gibson Insurance Agency—Lloyd graduated from Seattle University after serving in the Army. He worked for Boeing for 17 years. He was active in many service organizations including Federal Way Rotary, where he served as president. He was an avid golfer and traveler.

1964

**Thomas Rueb (Oct. 1, 2013)**

*Born in Minneapolis, Thomas served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 23 years and received the National Defense Service Medal. Thomas worked as a civil engineer and was active with Stephen Ministries and Knights of Columbus. In his spare time he enjoyed model railroading, clock repair, religious studies, canoeing and photography.*

**Richard Alan Zimbrick, '72 ME (Sept. 20, 2014)**

*A lifelong resident of Tacoma, Richard graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory in 1959 and earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Seattle University. He spent his career at Boeing as a Chief Propulsion Engineer. After retiring in 2000, he enjoyed a life filled with travel and time spent with family and friends.*

1965

**Donna May Fisk Mahoney (June 14, 2014)**

*Donna earned her registered nursing degree at St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Yakima. While there she found her faith with the Catholic Church and went on to become a nun of the Sisters of Providence. After eight years of service with the Sisters, she decided to leave and eventually met Joe Mahoney, with whom she shared 45 years of marriage. She was extremely driven by her faith and loved to read scripture.*

1967

**Isabel Maria Laigo Lea (Sept. 17, 2014)**

*Isabel was born in Seattle and attended St. Benedict's, Blanche High School and SU. She was a lifelong member of St. Benedict's Parish and was a business owner. In her free time she enjoyed her friends and large Filipino family.*

1970

**William Douglas Hughes (Aug. 3, 2014)**

*A Washington native, Doug spent many years working in commercial real estate development throughout the Northwest. While he enjoyed his work, his true love was of the sea. An avid sailor and adventurer, at the age of 50 he was able to pursue one of his lifelong dreams. He took to the sea full time, living aboard and cruising on his boat. Anacortes became his permanent home. Doug enjoyed exploring the seas of Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, the coasts of California and Oregon and the San Juan Islands.*

**John Henry Mack, MBA (June 17, 2014)**

*John began his career at Rainier Brewing Company and was promoted shortly thereafter to senior human resources manager. After the brewery's closing, John joined United Way of King County, serving as vice president of human resources. As a member of the City University of Seattle Board of Governors for 16 years, John served as first and second vice-chair and a member of the executive governance and nominations committees. John also loved to travel.*

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Alene Biederman Cisney (July 30, 2014)**

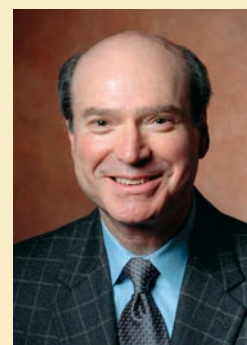
*Alene was born in Texas but called the Pacific Northwest home for most of her life. She earned her master's in librarianship from the UW where she met her husband Eric Cisney, whom she married in 1966. She worked as technical services librarian for Lemieux Library in the late 1960s and early 1970s.*

**Thomas McCarthy (Aug. 1, 2014)**

*Born in New York City and raised in Jersey City, Thomas earned his MBA from Rutgers University and worked toward a PhD at NYU. He served in the Navy during World War II before he began his professional career as a senior executive with the Federal Office of Personnel Management. After retiring from federal service he went to work as director of Seattle University's Graduate School of Public Administration.*

**Dr. Michael Silver (Aug. 19, 2014)**

*Dr. Michael Silver was a visionary leader whose dedication to the field of education inspired countless teachers and educators alike. For 10 years he served as associate professor and director of education and administration at the College of Education. There he designed the New Principals program and was chair of professional studies. He got his start as an educator in 1971, working as a social studies teacher at a St. Louis school. In 1986, he was appointed superintendent of the Tukwila School District, a role he held for 17 years.*



## THINKING OF YOU

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# Failing the Trapeze | *By Annie Beckmann*

The daughter of a carnival concessionaire, Susan Meyers, '99, was steeped in a world of tempting two-foot-long corndogs, the first-ever curly fries and souvenirs that sparkled day and night.

Yet what she remembers most about her colorful upbringing are stories of her grandmother, who was a circus flying-trapeze artist extraordinaire. As Meyers pursued graduate degrees in creative writing and composition studies, she vowed to write one day about the glamour and spectacle of her family's life in 20th century circuses, carnivals and vaudeville.

In fall 2012, Meyers would return to Seattle University as an assistant professor of English. She also gave herself a nudge to complete *Failing the Trapeze*, her first book of historical fiction, which won the Nilsen Prize for a debut novel. Meyers did have an opportunity to share some of what she wrote with her trapeze celebrity grandmother, who died three years ago at 92.

Here's an excerpt from *Failing the Trapeze* (Southeast Missouri State University Press)

Maxine's mother was famous in the way that young women in the circus could be: regional and whispered about. No one knew her name; she didn't expect them to. What they remembered was her act. Each time, it began gradually: Dollie Mae ascending alone up the towered ladder to the high wire platform in her plain white leotard with its simple tulle skirt, being careful to keep her body rigid and her limbs pressed tight against her. At the top, she stood narrowly in the light of the big top, her husband on the bullhorn below, announcing to the crowd the beauty and splendor of that solo performance. Such confidence and grace. There was no one like her, not in all the 14 counties that they toured each season. "Dollie Mae Richards: The Queen of Trapeze." As the crowd watched, she would toe the edge of the platform, as though probing the temperature of the sea, considering each time that same abyss beneath her. There weren't any nets; she didn't want any. Flight, she would always insist, depends on just enough fear to keep you up there.

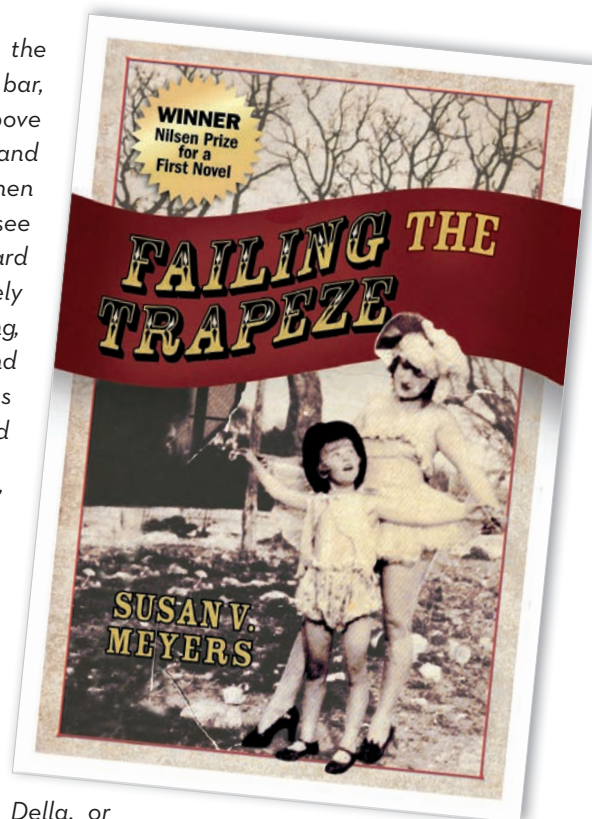
But nothing in Dollie Mae's performance suggested fear. She was a smooth performer: lithe and sinewy and strong.

As she readied herself, one of the catchers would hand her the bar, which she raised once sharply above her head, threw downward, and followed out above the crowd. Then she was flying, and you could see it finally: the plain white leotard that she had guarded so closely was studded with sequins and long, gauzy ribbons that streamed and shimmered as she moved. She was part cloud, part angel; the crowd drew its breath sharply.

"She can see us, can't she?" Maxine would want to know then. "She knows we're here?"

The girl's favorite way of watching her mother perform was to sit tucked at the base of the high-wire ladder, staring upward at her mother's confident shape, rising up into the air. Usually, her mother's sister, Della, or perhaps their mother, Mary, would sit there, too, having just completed her own trapeze routine. "What's it like?" Maxine wanted to know. But her Aunt Della and Grandmother Mary warned her that she was probably too little just yet. "You'll see in time," they promised. "Just wait."

To read more from *Failing the Trapeze*, visit [www.seattleu.edu/magazine/](http://www.seattleu.edu/magazine/).



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## A NIGHT TO REVEL

More than 600 revelers came together in celebration for the annual Seattle University Gala to benefit student scholarships. **Joe '67** and **Terri '67, '89 Gaffney** were awarded the St. Ignatius Medal, the university's most prestigious honor. The black-tie event held at the Westin was chaired by **Jim '69** and **Jan '70 Dwyer** and **Don '09** and **Melissa Manning**. Inspiring the crowd, sophomore **Palmyra Jackson** shared her powerful story of the importance of education and those that have been an example in her life. As a finale to the evening, The Michael Benson Band brought the crowd to the dance floor. The Gala raised \$645,000, which is a record for the event.



(Above) Co-chair Jan Dwyer, '70 and her daughters join other Gala revelers including (top right) Palmyra Jackson, '16 (left) and Michelle Murray, vice president for Student Development. (Dancing couple) Paul Purcell, '84 and Barb Guzzo. (Seated couple) Ray Marik and Mary Shenfield. (Bottom/left) Yolanda Watson Spiva, president & CEO, College Success Foundation, Christine Cheever, Wendell Spiva and Michael Cheever.



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TIM TALEVICH, '78, EDITOR,  
THE COSTCO CONNECTION



# Editor in Chief | by Annie Beckmann

## Tim Talevich, '78, connects Costco and the consumer

An editor's job has much to do with ensuring a publication is all it can be—timely, well written, informative, accurate. Unsurprisingly, editors often feel a twinge of anxiety when a print publication goes to press.

Imagine what that anxious twinge must be like for Tim Talevich, '78, editorial director for Costco Wholesale, which publishes more than 12 million copies of *The Costco Connection* each month around the world, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Taiwan, Korea and, most recently, Japan and Australia.

"We hold on to our chairs and hope for the best," he says with a laugh.

*The Costco Connection* began as a quarterly publication in 1987, initially in newspaper format. By 1998, it became a magazine.

"Our magazine reflects the character of our members," says Talevich. "They love and trust international brands, but they also appreciate top-quality local companies. Walk into any Costco around the world and you'll find the same mix."

From a maze of cubicles at Costco's headquarters in Issaquah, Talevich guides editorial content with a staff of 30—writers, graphic designers, circulation, production and advertising teams—along with a bevy of freelancers.

"The only thing predictable is that my day is unpredictable," he says.

When *The Costco Connection* features an article about a product, typically it generates a spike in sales for that item. "We have to be careful that we'll have enough to go around," Talevich says, citing a column on Kirkland Signature gas that prompted a big jump in sales at pumps at Costco's 385 U.S. stations as well as at international locations.

Talevich says his love of writing has always had a practical application. In one of his recent editor's columns, he describes the goals of *The Connection*: Be useful, be informative, be interesting and be unique.

If his last name sounds familiar, it should.

His late father John, '49, late mother Mary, '48, sister Rebekah, '74 (a nurse and therapist in Seattle), and son Peter, '09, JD, are all Seattle U alumni. (Peter now works for K&L Gates in Seattle.) His sister, Susie, also attended Seattle U in the 1970s. John Talevich served as a distinguished journalism professor here.

"I never took a class from Dad. The word on campus was that he was tough," says Tim, who grew up on Capitol Hill and completed a master's degree in journalism at the University of Oregon before working for *The Eugene Register-Guard* newspaper. After a few years, he returned to the Puget Sound region and worked for the *Bellevue Journal-American*, then spent several years freelancing for numerous clients.

In the late 1980s, a writer friend of his who had been freelancing for *The Connection* was leaving town and referred Talevich to the magazine. In 1994, he joined the reporting staff.

"I've been a lucky person in many ways," he says. "I'm one of very few who haven't come up through the warehouses. That's our policy except for some of the more technical roles and the attorneys."

Good fortune shadows Talevich. He beat leukemia. A year later, he started fundraising through triathlon endurance events for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in the organization's Team in Training program. He has completed 15 of these events and raised more than \$100,000 since 2002 after finishing chemotherapy. He is also active with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

This speaks to the role he says Seattle U plays in his career and in his life.

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