



# RAINIER SCHOLARS

## Mission Statement

*Rainier Scholars cultivates the academic potential of talented and motivated students from ethnic minority backgrounds.*

*By offering access to exceptional educational opportunities and ongoing comprehensive support to our scholars, we work to increase their college graduation rates and develop new generations of leaders.*



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# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Preliminary Private School Apps due to RS RS Junior Mandatory Meeting UW Priority Deadline Aviation HS Open House	2 ISEE Entrance Exams at Seattle Prep and Blanchet MAT exam @ O'Dea	3
4	5 Islamic Ashura ISEE Entrance Exams at Seattle Prep and Blanchet	6 Eastside Prep Open House	7	8	9 Teens Night Out at the Seattle Art Museum	10 Human Rights Day RS Private School Fin. Aid Info Night SSAT Boarding School Exam MAT at Holy Names and O'Dea
11 MAT at Holy Names and O'Dea	12	13	14 Summer Opportunities Meeting 6pm	15	16	17 Sat. Event: Holiday Party
<b>Retreats 3 and 4</b>						
18 <b>Retreats 3 and 4</b>	19	20	21 Hanukkah Begins 	22	23 Camp Nor'Wester Application Due	24
<b>SPS Holiday Break</b>						
25 Christmas Day 	26 Kwanzaa Begins 	27	28	29	30 **RS Events are in bold	31 New Years Eve 
<b>SPS Holiday Break/Rainier Scholars Office Closed</b>						

5-Esperanza Martinez-Garcia (IV)  
5-Carolyn Tran (V)  
6-Brady Huang (IX)  
7-Aman Michael (VI)  
9-Samia Ali (IX)  
8-Michelle Ndugulile (VII)  
9-Kevin Van (V)  
10-Hamzah Aly (IV)  
10-Laura Le (IX)

11-Andrew Calimlim (VII)  
12-Carmen Phu (VIII)  
13-Ishmael Adusah (VI)  
15-Luam Ghebrehwet (VI)  
16-Matt Bash (IV)  
18-Daniel Gonzalez (VIII)  
22-Isabel Vicente (VII)  
25-Braxton Baker (IX)  
25-Chanel Christenson (VIII)  
25-Jade Moksness (VII)

27-Mia Andre (VI)  
28-Teata Nanpooya (VI)  
29-Anthony Farin (IV)



# JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2	3	4 Holy Names Open House	5 RS College Financial Aid Meeting  Common App for Private/Parochial School due to RS  Eastside Prep House	6 Rainier Scholars at Gates Foundation Visitor Center RSVP deadline	7 <b>Sat. Event: Innertubing</b>
8 Bush Open House  Northwest School Open House	9	10	11	12 Holy Names Application due  Aviation HS Open House	13 <b>Four Winds West- ward Ho Camp Ap- plication Due</b>	14 ISEE Test
15	16 Day of Service  Design your (Neighbor) hood Deadline	17	18	19	20	21 RS @ Gates Foundation Visitor Center Event  RS SAT PREP begins  RS January Workshops for 7th-9th Grades
22	23 Chinese New Year 	24	25	26	27  <b>RS Friday Night Chill</b> Forest Ridge All-Day Open House	28 Family Interviews at Forest Ridge
29	30	31 College Rolling Deadline			<b>**RS Events are in bold</b>	

3-Tony Gonzaga (V)  
3-Martin Nguyen (V)  
4-Viridiana Ortiz-Hernandez (VII)  
4-Teresa Pham (VII)  
4-Lydia Rezene (IV)  
4-Ellen Wu (V)  
5-Kathia Acevedo Vivar (IX)  
6-Sharon Felix (VI)  
6-Caper Woodson (IX)  
9-Banton Luu (VII)

10-Natnael Gaguro (IX)  
11-Luis Posadas (IX)  
12-Simon Mehari (IX)  
13-Samantha Arellano (IX)  
13-Dachevohna O'Cain (VI)  
16-Jason Beverly (VII)  
16-Musse Giday (V)  
19-Vanina Keyes (IV)  
20-Amanda Szeto (VII)  
21-Alexis Joshua (VIII)

23-LeAndra Baker-Lewis (V)  
23-Syade Shields (VI)  
25-Najma Mohamed (VII)  
25-Marcus Miller (V)  
31-Jessica Cai (VIII)  
31-Feven Mekonenn (VIII)  
31-Elena Smith (IV)





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# ACSS Announcements

These Events and Opportunities are open to all ACSS and LD students!

Unless otherwise noted, call Seayoung Yim at (206) 407-2149 to reserve your spot for any event.



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## Saturday Events



### Holiday Party

When: Sat., December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3pm-6pm  
Location: 2100 Building  
Cost: \$5



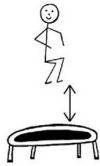
Join us, while we play games and win some CRAZY prizes. This is your opportunity to show your friends how good you are at Minute to Win It and win big in the Ugly Sweater Contest. Come and make new friends and catch up with the old ones while sharing some delicious food! Just swing by the 2100 Building to get your party ON! Be sure to RSVP!

### INNERTUBING AT SNOQUALMIE PASS

When: Sat., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 4:30pm-10:30pm  
Cost: \$5  
Signed waiver required



Take advantage of our beautiful Northwest winter season by innertubing downhill on fluffy packed snow. This is one of our most popular Saturday events so make sure to reserve your spot today. Parents will need to sign a waiver form and students will need to dress for the extreme cold weather. Please contact Seayoung Yim at (206) 407-2149 or at [syim@rainierscholars.org](mailto:syim@rainierscholars.org) to reserve a spot!



### Trampoline at Sky High Sports

When: Sat., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9:45am-12:30pm  
Cost: \$5

Ready to jump higher than EVER? Sign up for Sky High Sports, where you can play dodge ball while jumping on trampolines. Learn to do back flips and front flips into a trench of foam squares and balls!

## RS Announcements

### January Workshops

When: Sat., January 21  
Times: (see schedule below)  
Location: 2100 Bldg.



Student workshops are one of the three required events this year. Attendance is **MANDATORY** for ALL 7th-9th graders. This event is free of cost and will take place at the 2100 building. Please take note of the following workshop times broken down by grade:

**7th graders: (9am-12pm) - Choices & Decisions**  
**8th graders: (1pm-2:30pm) - Intro. to High School Planning**  
**9th graders: (1pm-2:30pm) - Intro. to Leadership Development**

If you are unable to attend please contact Jennifer Ward at (206) 407-2145 or at [jward@rainierscholars.org](mailto:jward@rainierscholars.org) to schedule a make up.



### Summer Opportunities Informational Meeting

When: Wednesday, Dec. 14  
Time: 6pm-7:30pm  
Location: Board Room, 2100 Bldg.



Are you looking for something meaningful to do this summer? Are you looking for ways to fulfill your summer enrichment requirement? If you answered yes to these questions attending this meeting is a must! We'll discuss the 7 summer boarding schools that we're in partnership with (Exeter, Andover, Choate, Hotchkiss, Northfield Mt. Hermon, Chesire Academy & Rochester Scholars). You'll hear directly from students who've traveled to the east coast for these programs. We'll also cover other local summer programs like Lakeside Summer School, Camp Nor'Wester and Four Winds Westward Ho, NOAA Science Camp, Satori Summer Camp and more. There will also be reps from The Mountain School in Vershire, VT, to speak about this school-year program.

## IMPORTANT Private/Parochial School Applicant Dates

### Entrance Exams

**December 3:** ISEE @ Seattle Prep, 8:30am  
ISEE @ Blanchet, 8:30am  
MAT @ O'Dea, 8am

**December 4:** ISEE @ Seattle Prep, 1pm  
ISEE @ Blanchet, 1pm

**December 10:** SSAT Boarding School Exam  
MAT @ Holy Names, 8:15am  
MAT @ O'Dea, 8am

**December 11:** MAT @ Holy Names, 8:15am

**January 14:** ISEE Test 8:30am @ 2100 Building

You should be pre-registered for all of the above tests. Please contact Nicki Stein at (206) 853-6836 or [nstein@rainierscholars.org](mailto:nstein@rainierscholars.org) for more information.



### Application Paperwork Deadlines

**December 1st:** Preliminary applications due to RS

**January 5th:** All Common application Material due to RS

**January 12th:** Holy Names applications Due



### Opportunities to visit school campuses

#### December

1<sup>st</sup>: Aviation HS Open House 6pm  
6<sup>th</sup>: Eastside Prep Open House 7pm

#### January

4<sup>th</sup>: Holy Names Open House, 6:30pm  
5<sup>th</sup>: Eastside Prep Open House, 7pm  
8<sup>th</sup>: Bush Open House, 2:30pm  
8<sup>th</sup>: Northwest School Open House, 12pm  
12<sup>th</sup>: Aviation HS Open House, 6pm  
27<sup>th</sup>: RS student all day visit to Forest Ridge School  
28<sup>th</sup>: Family Interviews for Forest Ridge applicants

## Financial Aid Application Assistance for Private/Parochial Schools

**ALL schools require that you complete your financial aid forms every year. The fastest way to do this is online at [sss.nais.org](http://sss.nais.org). If you need computer access or would like to work online with some assistance, please contact Nicki Stein: 206-853-6836, [nstein@rainierscholars.org](mailto:nstein@rainierscholars.org).**

Group Work Session in computer lab  
When: Sat. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 10am @ Aki Kurose

Please bring your 2010 tax information and current paystubs for 2011



## Opportunity

### Design Your (Neighbor)hood

A teen program at the Seattle Art Museum

#### What:

How would you redesign your neighborhood? If you are a high school student who wants to learn art and design, sign up for Design Your (Neighbor)hood, an intensive workshop at Seattle Art Museum (SAM). Learn to be a design-thinker and change-maker. Explore visual art, architecture, design software, urban planning and social activism. Show your final project at SAM Downtown.

**When: February 25–June 9, 2012**

**How:** email: [communityprograms@seattleartmuseum.org](mailto:communityprograms@seattleartmuseum.org) for an application  
**Application Deadline: January 16, 2012**





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## Summer Opportunities

### Camp Nor'Wester

Who: current 7-10<sup>th</sup> graders  
When: 6/25-7/22 or 7/25-8/21  
Internal app. deadline: 12/23/11 (due to Jennifer Ward)  
Cost: Full scholarships available!



Experience a "unique" camping experience out in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. Camp Nor'Wester allows a diverse group of young people to gain outdoor skills such as traditional camping, waterfront skills (like sailing, canoeing & kayaking), as well as biking and archery. During camp you'll also develop your talents in singing, drama, and arts and crafts. All aspects of the program are supported by a strong ethic of stewardship with an emphasis on community living. For applications or more info., please contact Jennifer Ward at (206) 407-2145 or [jward@rainierscholars.org](mailto:jward@rainierscholars.org), or visit the website: <http://www.norwester.org/>.

### Four Winds \* Westward Ho

Who: Ages 11-18  
When: 6/24-7/21 or 7/24-8/20  
Internal app. deadline: 1/13/11 (due to Jennifer Ward)  
Cost: Full scholarships available!

Four Winds Westward Ho is a traditional co-ed summer camp on Orcas Island in Washington State's San Juan Islands, and has an impressive variety of programs and activities designed to develop skills and confidence through adventure in the out-of-doors. Perhaps what is different about this island camp is not so much the range of activities offered, but that people accept each other unconditionally.

## Summer Boarding Schools Information



Are you interested in traveling to another state next summer in pursuit of an amazing educational opportunity? We have a number of partner summer boarding programs which may interest you:

**ACCESS Cheshire (Cheshire, CT)**  
<http://www.cheshireacademy.org/podium/default.aspx?t=153017&rc=0>

**Choate Rosemary Hall (Wallingford, CT)**  
<http://www.choate.edu/summerprograms/index.aspx>

**Hotchkiss Summer Portals (Lakeville, CT)**  
<http://www.hotchkiss.org/summer-programs/index.aspx>

**Northfield Mt. Hermon (Mt. Hermon, MA)**  
<http://www.nmhschool.org/summer>

**Phillips Academy Andover (Andover, MA)**  
<http://www.andover.edu/SummerSessionOutreach/SummerSession/Pages/default.aspx>

**Phillips Exeter Academy (Exeter, NH)**  
[http://www.exeter.edu/summer\\_programs/7324.aspx](http://www.exeter.edu/summer_programs/7324.aspx)

**Rochester Scholars (Rochester, NY)**  
<http://enrollment.rochester.edu/admissions/precollege/>

Some of these applications will not be available until mid or late December, but we encourage you to visit the websites and attend the **Summer Programs Info. Meeting on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** to learn more about these programs and pick up applications and financial aid forms.

## Opportunities

### Rainier Scholars at the Gates Foundation Visitor Center

During the summer of 2011, Rainier Scholars was selected to visually represent education programs in the US by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center. A group of Cohort IX scholars had their photo taken during science class with Jason Medeiros. This life-size reproduction photo will be displayed on the theater door wall of the new visitor center that is slated for opening in early February. Join us for a sneak peek of the entire interactive exhibit.

#### Event Details:

440 5th Ave North, Seattle WA 98109  
When: January 21, 2012, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: Admission is free

RSVP is required by **January 6, 2012**

Your name must be on the RSVP list to attend.  
Parents welcome!

To attend, RSVP by January 6 to Melinda Mizuta at 206-407-2119 or [mmizuta@rainierscholars.org](mailto:mmizuta@rainierscholars.org). The center opens to the public February 4.

### 2012 PNAIS Student Diversity Leadership Retreat

The Northwest School, Seattle, WA  
4:30 PM Friday, February 10 - 4:30 PM Saturday, February 11, 2012  
Invites 7th and 8th Grade Students to Gather For An Overnight Retreat

And Consider:

#### Is There Really A "Me" in Media?

What Do You See In The Media? Does The Media We Produce and the Media We Consume Reflect who we **REALLY** are?



## Community Service

Everybody can be great because  
everybody can **serve**.

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Do something great on **Monday, Jan. 16, 2012!** Join thousands of volunteers across America for a day of service honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Participate in projects that make our community strong. MLK Day volunteer registration is now open! Individual volunteers can continue to register until **Jan. 13**. For more information contact us at [volunteers@uwkc.org](mailto:volunteers@uwkc.org) or 206-461-3644.



### Seeking Math & Reading tutors

Where: Dearborn Park Elementary School  
When: Reading, Mon – Thurs., 3:15-5pm;  
Math, Thurs., 3:15-5pm  
Who: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

Dearborn Park Elementary School is looking for a few dedicated volunteers to work with Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their Washington Reading Corps program and Math Club. All volunteers will need to complete a background check. Interested? Contact Jennifer Ward at [jward@rainierscholars.org](mailto:jward@rainierscholars.org) or 206.407.2145 for more information.



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# LD Announcements

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## Important Senior Announcements

### COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING: DEFINING FINANCIAL AID

When: Tuesday, Dec. 6  
Time: 6-8 pm  
Location: 2100 Bldg (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room)



**Seniors and/or parents:** This is part one of a three-part series on financing your college education. During this session, Rebecca Wonderly from Seattle University's Office of Financial Aid will give a presentation about financial aid terms and paperwork that must be completed in order to apply for aid.

**Please note that parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.** You must RSVP call or email Seayoung, [syim@rainierscholars.org](mailto:syim@rainierscholars.org) or 206-407-2149.

### College Financial Aid Meeting: Breaking Down the FAFSA

When: Thursday, Jan. 5  
Time: 6-8 pm  
Location: 2100 Bldg



**Seniors and/or parents:** This is part two of a three-part series on financing your college education. During this session, a Rebecca Wonderly from Seattle University's Office of Financial Aid will go step-by-step through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the one financial aid form that ALL colleges require in order to qualify for financial assistance in college.

Please note that parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. You must RSVP call or email Seayoung, [syim@rainierscholars.org](mailto:syim@rainierscholars.org) or 206-407-2149.

### ATTENTION SENIORS:

**It's time to finalize your college list.** Please e-mail or call Nikki to inform us where you wish to apply. We will send a letter of recommendation to each school, so it is important that we know where you are applying. If you are applying to colleges with "rolling" deadlines, those should be turned in by January 31!

For seniors who are applying to private colleges, you can submit the CSS Profile now! Go to [www.collegeboard.com/profile](http://www.collegeboard.com/profile) to see if any of your colleges require the Profile and to complete the form online. It is essential that you complete the Profile by February 1.

**DON'T FORGET:**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DEC. 1.



## Juniors



### Juniors: Mandatory Meeting

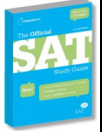
When: Wednesday, Dec. 1  
Time: 4-5 pm  
Location: 2100 Bldg (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room)

**Juniors:** This is a mandatory meeting to discuss the college search and application process, including Rainier Scholars SAT test prep. This will be your first chance to sign up for test prep. Please make sure you attend this meeting! No need to RSVP because everyone is expected to attend.

## Junior Announcement continued

### SIGN UP FOR SAT Prep for Juniors

**Attention Juniors:** SAT Prep course begins on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Rainier Scholars from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sign up for this exclusive prep class on December 1 at the mandatory meeting. *If you haven't already, please sign up for your Junior 1:1 meeting by contacting Seayoung at 206-407-2149.*



### CALL FOR ENTRIES:

#### Bezos Scholars Program @ the Aspen Institute Now Accepting Applications for 2012

All-Expenses-Paid Scholarship  
for Public High School Students and Educators

#### Application deadline: February 3, 2012

For program and application details, including photos, video clips and testimonials, visit: [www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/scholars](http://www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/scholars)

National scholars program seeks exceptional high school juniors and educators for a powerful leadership development opportunity and all-expenses-paid scholarship.

The **Bezos Scholars Program @ the Aspen Institute** selects 12 top public high school juniors to receive a six-day, all-expenses-paid scholarship to attend the **Aspen Ideas Festival, June 26 - July 2, 2012**. In addition to attending seminars, tutorials and roundtable discussions, Bezos Scholars participate in leadership trainings to prepare for the challenge ahead: Creating sustainable Local Ideas Festivals that will transform their schools and communities in the coming year.

#### Bezos Scholars Program School Criteria

- Public High School (including Charter and Magnet schools)
- At least 25% of students are eligible for free/reduced lunch program
- Offers Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or college credit courses

#### Bezos Scholars Program Student Scholar Criteria

The criteria below are firm. We will only accept applications from students enrolled in public schools.

- Demonstrates leadership in school and community
- Has scored exceptionally well on PSAT/SAT/or ACT
- Taking AP, IB classes or college/community courses
- GPA of 3.5, or higher
- Public high school junior during the 2011-2012 academic year
- Legal U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Availability of student on all dates

## Leadership Retreats

Retreats 3 and 4  
Dec. 17-19, 2011

Retreats 1, 2 and 5  
Feb. 18-20, 2012



Please be sure to sign up with Seayoung if you have not taken either retreat yet. It is **required** you complete all 5 retreats by senior year.