



## RAINIER SCHOLARS

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*Greetings, RS Alumni!*

Hope everyone out there enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Summer seems like a distant memory now, but it was busier than ever at Rainier Scholars, with alumni present in so many ways - THANK YOU.

And all of a sudden, it's DECEMBER. It's always heartwarming to see even more alums home in Seattle, looking to connect with their Rainier Scholars family. We've got a couple great opportunities to do just that:

- Set sail on the Argosy Alumni Cruise December 29th to catch up with fellow alums and staff from back in the day! Buy your tix below!
- Come out to the AEP Annual Winter Potluck December 16 to meet current AEP students and families who would love to hear about your journey from "AEP to Adulthood."

And of course, you have an open invitation to drop by the 2100 Building any time! You'll find familiar faces and new faces too, eager to hear what's new in your world.

Hope to see you SOON - on a boat, at a buffet or back at the office!

*Bethany Furubayashi, on behalf of The Alumni Council  
RS Development Officer*

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### STAYING CONNECTED

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## ***ALL ABOARD, ALUMNI!***

Good friends. On the Sound. Brews & Bites. This was SUCH a big hit last year, we're doing it again! Join RS alums and staff on Friday, December 29, 5-7:30 pm, as together we'll be "ballin' on a yacht," taking in that Seattle skyline on an Argosy Cruise of Elliott Bay!

**Nancy Tran** of Cohort IV will definitely be there: "Last year's boat cruise was great, catching up with those I haven't seen in years - current and former staff, and fellow alumni who had gone away for college. ***Being able to spend time with the Rainier Scholars family was a highlight of my holiday season.*** Be sure to get your tickets! This is an event you won't want to miss."

Tickets are \$25 per person. Best of all, \$5 from each ticket purchased will be donated to Rainier Scholars, supporting the younger version of YOU!

Click [HERE](#) to buy a ticket(s) and reserve your spot by **December 15**. Buy two tickets and bring your +1 - we'd love to meet them!

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## ***AEP WINTER POTLUCK - YOU'RE INVITED!***

Cohorts XVI and XVII warmly invite all alumni to join in the fun at the annual AEP Winter Potluck! Bring a dish to share, along with your stories from AEP (and beyond!). Our 5th and 6th graders just LOVE meeting alumni...and a few encouraging words from you can make all the difference to younger students just starting their Rainier Scholars journey.

Saturday, December 16, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
South Shore PK-8 School  
4800 Henderson St., Seattle, WA 98118

Please bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Liz Sadler: [lsadler@rainierscholars.org](mailto:lsadler@rainierscholars.org)

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## **GIVING BACK**

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### ***Make Rainier Scholars your New Year's Resolution!***

Whether you are near or far, there are many ways to "give back" to Rainier Scholars in 2018 - CHOOSE ONE (or more!):

- Help spread the word of upcoming alumni events/activities among your cohort.
- Be active on the Alumni Facebook and LinkedIn pages, posting job announcements and other news!
- Introduce your employer to Rainier Scholars - maybe they'd like to tour, host an intern, sponsor our luncheon? Start the conversation!
- Participate in an Alumni Council meeting held the second Monday of the month, 7pm, at the 2100 Building. For a 2018 meeting calendar, visit the [RS Alumni webpage](#).
- Support a college scholar by sending a care package their way..or by being a

mentor who can help ease the transition into, through and from college!

- [Donate to Rainier Scholars](#). You know firsthand what that experience means. Help make that possible for younger students.

Email your Alumni Council at [rainierscholarsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:rainierscholarsalumni@gmail.com) on next steps - we'd love your help!

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## RECENT HAPPENINGS

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### *Alumni Happy Hour at The Garage*



In August, alums took to the lanes at The Garage to enjoy some friendly competition. Whether they rolled strikes or gutter balls, everybody enjoyed delicious food and were excited to catch up with each other. And it was great to welcome a few new college grads into the fold. It's official - you're an alum now!

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### *Alumni at First Day of AEP!*



Alums came out in force to greet the newest and YOUNGEST cohorts EVER to Rainier Scholars! With our 11-year program extended to 12 years this past summer, students now enter AEP after FOURTH grade.

Nervous and excited at the same time, it was comforting to step off the bus on Day One and receive high fives and encouragement from staff, board members...and alumni who fought through their own first-day jitters and now hold college degrees. With three cohorts (15, 16 and 17) arriving at once, the line was L O N G! And that's a beautiful thing.

BTW, alumni have a standing invitation to visit AEP! Sign up for a Wednesday 3:30 pm [tour](#) during the school year, and introduce a friend or colleague to our program by bringing them with you!

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### *Seahawks & Rainier Scholars: Spirit of 12 Partners*



Rainier Scholars proved we definitely know how to bring the spirit on gameday, raising

"dollars for scholars" in our third season as a Spirit of 12 Partner!

What was it like being a Cart Captain? Alum **Tan Dinh** of Cohort IV can tell you: "It was a most enjoyable experience! Selling programs was a great chance to meet fans and work with other Rainier Scholars volunteers. I'm glad to know I made a difference guiding younger scholars at my cart!"

Together alumni, scholars of all ages and their families, staff, corporate and community volunteers raised over \$60,000 for Rainier Scholars this season. Now that's what we call a BIG WIN!

We'll definitely be looking for alumni volunteers to lead the charge next season - maybe even earlier if the Seahawks make the playoffs this January. C'mon now, it can STILL happen.

So let's hear you, 12s - GO HAWKS!

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## GUIDING YOUR CAREER

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### *Rainier Scholars Alumni are LinkedIn!*

The [Rainier Scholars Network LinkedIn](#) group is a place for alums, current scholars and staff to network, gain visibility into where scholars currently work and find/share job opportunities. Join now and invite other scholars in your network to do the same!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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**DEC 11:** Alumni Council Meeting, 7:00 pm @ 2100 Building

**DEC 15:** Deadline to buy your tix to the Alumni Cruise! Don't wait, they'll go FAST.

**DEC 16:** AEP Winter Potluck, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm @ South Shore PK-8 School

**DEC 29:** Alumni Cruise, 5:00 pm, Argosy Dock (sets sail at 5:30 - so don't be late!)

**APR 24:** Rainier Scholars Annual Luncheon, Seattle Sheraton, 11:30 am registration, 12:00-1:30 pm event

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## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Have news to share? Wanna be involved? Got a new address or email so we can keep in touch? Contact the Alumni Council at [rainierscholarsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:rainierscholarsalumni@gmail.com). If you're local, consider coming to a monthly meeting! All are welcome.

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