

Hi, RS Alumni! Please check out our latest edition of the newsletter to stay connected with one another, give back, and guide your professional career.



RAINIER SCHOLARS

Happy Spring, RS Alumni!

Not only are flowers in bloom, so is the luncheon on April 24th! Alumni are encouraged to join in the celebration, "Charting a Course to College and Beyond" - read on and RSVP. Also check out other ways alumni lend their support while staying connected with Rainier Scholars...and each other!

*Bethany Furubayashi, on behalf of The Alumni Council
RS Director of Corporate Engagement*

STAYING CONNECTED

Rainier Scholars Annual Luncheon - You're Invited!
Tuesday, April 24th, 12-1:30 pm
Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Grand Ballroom



It's always wonderful to welcome Rainier Scholars alumni to the luncheon! It's equally rewarding for alums as well, according to Peter He (pictured above right), University of Washington '16, who attended for the first time last year:

"I had always heard the Luncheon was a big event but didn't realize the actual importance of it until attending. The Luncheon was an excellent opportunity for me to network with the greater Rainier Scholars community - seeing their genuine interest in the program and the students made me proud and glad I didn't miss out. Plus I was able to experience first-hand the powerful and tear-jerking moments delivered by the speakers, some of whom were alumni. Despite everyone having a slightly different Rainier Scholars journey, the program and all of its alumni are one big family regardless of where we fall on the academic or professional timeline. In order to keep this family and network connected, we must continue to support the Luncheon and promote the Rainier Scholars program."

Join Peter and your fellow alums at this year's celebration! [RSVP](#) by April 9th and we'll save you a seat!

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Cruisin' through the Holidays!



A hearty crew of alums and Rainier Scholars staff were "all aboard" this holiday season for the 2nd annual Alumni Cruise of Elliott Bay - sharing laughs and stories, while welcoming into the fold new alums like Tan-Brian Dinh, Seattle University '17:

"This was my first time attending the RS alumni cruise and it was great to see so many familiar faces from the past. Among my favorite moments were catching up with old friends and Bob's speech in which he shared the reason he was still connected to RS - all of us. I gained a strong sense of camaraderie from the RS community and hope our ties as scholars continue to strengthen as the years pass."

Remember College Care Packages?



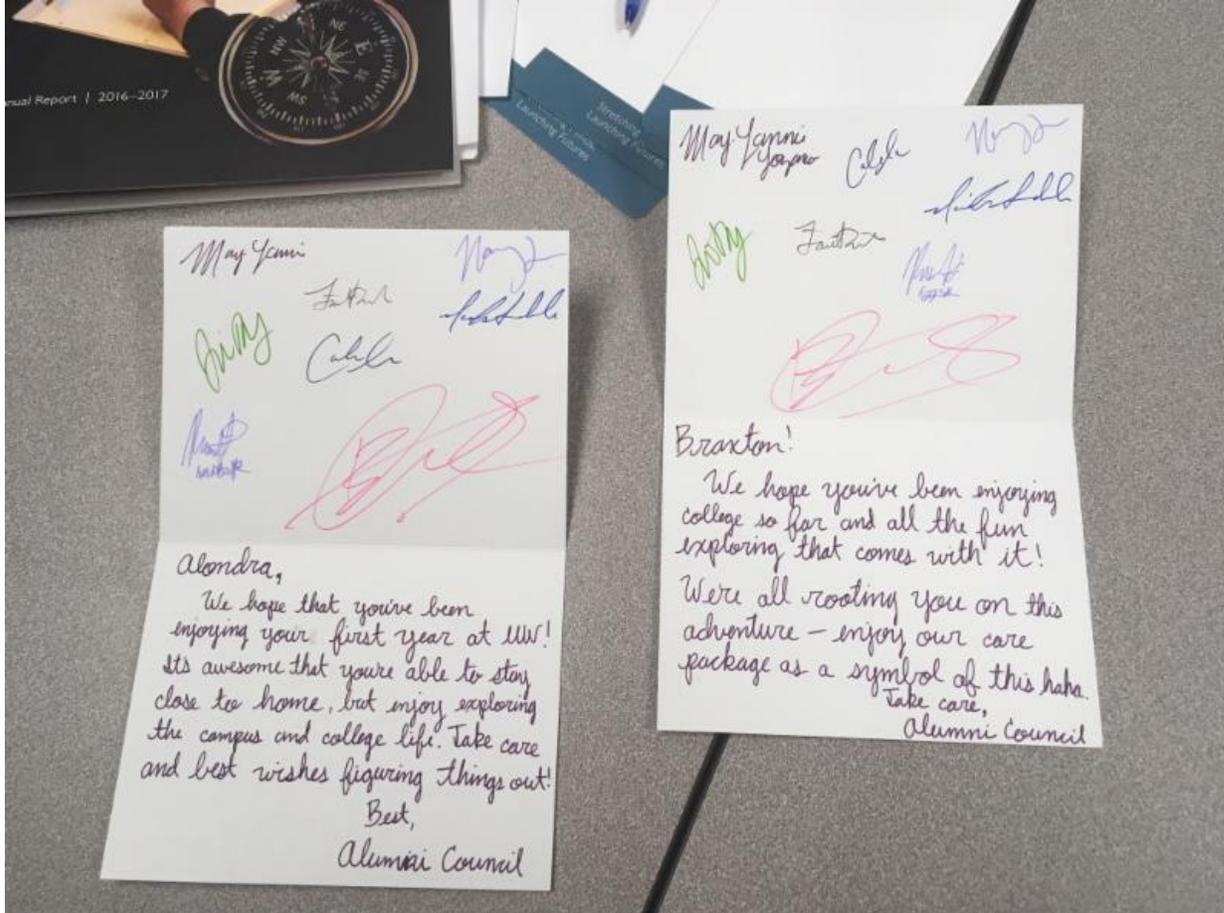
"Spring was just around the corner my freshman year when I was hit hard with a case of the sniffles at the end of flu season. As I am curled up in dorm room, drowsy from Nyquil, I receive a notification that there is a package waiting for me. I jump out of bed immediately, though I have no recollection of ordering anything online recently. I run downstairs to reception and am handed my first Rainier Scholars college care package.

As a package-receiving enthusiast, I tear open the dense box and a gleaming hoard of goodies lay before me. I dive into a pair of Pop-Tarts that I wash down between bites with gulps of Emergen-C. Digging deeper, I am delighted that I would never have to leave my room again as I find packages of instant mac and cheese, oatmeal, microwaveable popcorn and trail-mix. I neatly stack the notebooks, writing utensils and sticky notes with a smile on my face wondering how I will blow next quarter's school supplies funds. I reach the bottom to find a handwritten card wishing me luck next quarter but then I see something that brings tears to my eyes and forces my grin ear-to-ear, the ultimate gift... an Amazon gift card.

As I smash the send button of on my gracious thank you email, all of sudden, my nose felt less congested, my head hurt a little less, and the sun outside shone brighter than ever."

In February, alumni, corporate partners, and donors helped assemble and mail 154 care packages to college scholars! A huge thank you to everyone who was involved. I am sure all the recipients will be as happy and grateful as I was."

-Alan Lin, University of Washington '16



GIVING BACK

Alum Biz Gebre Joins the Rainier Scholars Board



Many of you know Biz, the scholar. As a member of Cohort III, he attended Bishop Blanchet High School, graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Finance, and has diligently served on the Rainier Scholars Alumni Council ever since becoming an alum in 2015.

Professionally, Biz is a consultant at Bluewolf, an IBM Company which is the Salesforce Consulting arm of IBM's Global Business Services Group. He helps organizations implement

and transform their business through Salesforce, and related cloud technologies.

And just recently, Biz became the first alum to serve on the Rainier Scholars Board of Trustees.

When considering him as a candidate, the Board was impressed by his insistence that he be expected to add value in the same way other trustees do - by leveraging his professional network and expertise to benefit Rainier Scholars. On top of that, Biz brings to the Board his unique perspective as a Rainier Scholars alum and fully intends to represent:

"I'm honored to be the first of many alums who will serve on the Board for Rainier Scholars. I look forward to providing a scholar's perspective on the decisions the board makes for the program, and I will do my best to ensure that I am not the only scholar who gets to serve on the board but the first of many. Please [email](#) me if you have anything you would like me to convey to the Board and I will make sure they get it."

GUIDING YOUR CAREER

Rainier Scholars Alumni on 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 openings and other professional opportunities. Join now and invite other scholars in your network to do the same!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APR 9: Alumni Council Meeting, 2100 Building, 7:00-8:30 pm

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

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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. If you're local, consider coming to a monthly meeting! All are welcome.

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