Rainier Scholars
Annual Luncheon

TOGETHER WE...

DREAM

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Rainier Scholars is working to directly address the opportunity gap in our community. Their long-term approach to providing educational access and opportunity for low-income students of color will have lasting inter-generational impact.

At Amazon, we believe all children and young adults, regardless of background, should have the resources to build their best future. Rainier Scholars is doing just that and we’re proud to support their mission providing children, young adults and their families with the support needed for college and successful careers of the future.

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Thank you for joining us today to honor and recognize our students and their continued growth as lifetime learners and leaders. It is inspiring to see our families, our school partners and so many business and community leaders rallying in support of such deserving students.

**TOGETHER WE ENSURE ACCESS** to a high quality education, changing the life trajectory of hundreds of scholars and their families – creating a ripple of impact felt by this community and future generations. Our students work hard and make great sacrifices on their 12-year journey to college graduation. Together we are deeply committed to helping them achieve success.

**TOGETHER WE NOURISH THE DREAMS** of our scholars as they discover their purpose and voice. We help students, at all ages and stages, find the leader within themselves. We create opportunities that expand our scholars’ vision of what is possible and marvel as they launch into professional careers.

Individually, we each choose where to invest our resources. But we are strongest, in moments like these, when we come together:

**TOGETHER WE RISE.**

Laura Orser
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2019 high school graduates, circa 2012
TOGETHER WE...
Welcome
Charleisha Cox | Raisbeck Aviation High School, Class of 2019

Message of Gratitude
Khalid Omer | Lakeside School, Class of 2019

Together We Dream
Video Presentation: Act 1 | Voices of the Rainier Scholars community

Lunch

Becoming, Together
Sarah Smith | Executive Director, Rainier Scholars

Reflections of a Community
Charleisha Cox
Khalid Omer

Together We Persevere
Video Presentation: Act 2

Together We Inspire
William Watson | The Bush School, Class of 2019
Menbereselassie Kebede | Tufts University, Class of 2017
Legal Analyst, Investment Management

Together We Rise
Video Presentation: Act 3

Together We Give
Reggie Brown | Chair, Board of Trustees, Rainier Scholars

Celebration of College Acceptances
Charleisha Cox
Khalid Omer
Class of 2019 Representatives
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Khansa Ali | Rainier Beach High School
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Angela Ayala | Lakeside School
Isayas Bikila | University Prep
Charleisha Cox | Raisbeck Aviation High School
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Khalid Omer | Lakeside School
J’Dyn Plater | Lakeside School
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Hanan Sherka | University Prep
Miguel Silva-Soria | Seattle Preparatory School
Angela Tran | Lakeside School
Erick Pablo Trujillo | University Prep
William Watson | The Bush School

COLLEGE GRADUATES
Filmon Abraham | Gonzaga University
Kalia Hendricks | Seattle University
Destiny Lockhart | Scripps College
Aman Michael | University of Washington
Jeff Munoz-Zeledon | University of Washington—Bothell
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Mike George
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Patricia Handjaja
Susan Hester & Lee Stephenson

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Wendy Hernandez
Cohort 15, The Northwest School
Isabella Le
Cohort 15, Sylvester Middle School
Harlen Mitchell
Cohort 15, Sylvester Middle School
Tony Nguyen
Cohort 15, Westside School
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Cohort 15, Washington Middle School
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2019 college graduates, circa 2008
A 12-YEAR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE GRADUATION AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

14-MONTH ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

An intensive 14-month academic experience designed to prepare students for placement in public and private school college preparatory settings. In a supportive cohort environment, scholars study advanced core subjects, learn skills for academic success, build resiliency and embrace cultural identity as they become high-achieving students of color.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT

Scholars navigate new educational surroundings while developing a sense of belonging and purpose. With the guidance of counselors, students explore new learning experiences, cultivate college readiness skills and draw on the strength of their cohort for continued success.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT

Personalized college planning, leadership skill building and career internships challenge scholars to envision their future. Each experience brings them one step closer to college and future leadership roles in our community.

COLLEGE SUPPORT

A framework of support for scholars to ensure college success and career readiness. Through internships, retreats, counseling and career development opportunities, students build professional skills and networks essential for college graduates to become a new generation of leaders.

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