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"In these extraordinary times, I encourage us all to find ways to fully and creatively live into our current reality. Let's all consider what it is to which we are being invited—particularly how are we are called to support each other and those most in need." President Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J.

As we begin our new academic year in the midst of a global pandemic, racial inequality and environmental turmoil, the challenges we face as a university in continuing to meet the needs of our students while striving to provide an excellent Jesuit education have inspired campus leaders to create [innovative](#) approaches.

This year's fall quarter will look a little [different](#), but because of the resilience of our Seattle U community--students, faculty, staff and *you*--we are optimistic that we will continue to "*find ways to fully and creatively live into our current reality.*" **Your support of the university and our students has empowered us to emerge stronger, with a renewed passion and vision in developing future leaders for a just and humane world.** Now more than ever, we are grateful for your continued commitment and partnership.

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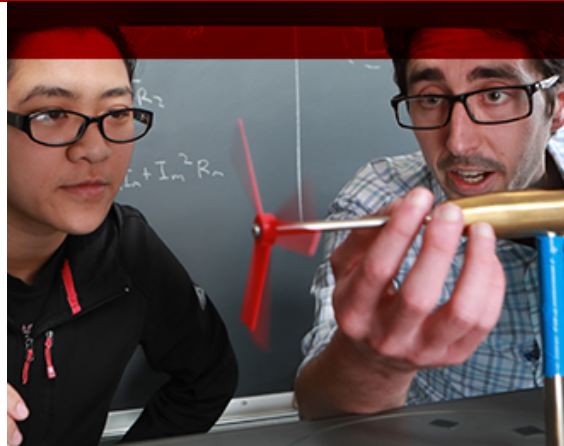
Amid these unprecedented circumstances, your continued generosity and belief in our mission has empowered our students, alumni and faculty to exemplify the good that still exists. **As you read through these stories, may you be inspired by the difference you make at Seattle U, and through Seattle U the world.**

- Supported by donors and the W. M. Keck Foundation, **Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)** staff and faculty are developing innovative ways to bring labs into students' homes by redesigning project kits and finding workarounds to traditional whiteboard problem-solving. **ECE Laboratory Manager, Gary Fernandes**, states “the electronic lab kits have been redesigned, in some cases from scratch, to best meet the needs of students and faculty—yet maintain the same level of hands-on lab learning,” while **ECE Assistant Professor, Shiny Abraham, PhD**, states “we are excited to have this opportunity to reimagine collaborative problem-solving in the online space.” Read the full story [here](#).
- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling** graduate student **Hangatu Umar Dawud** has been selected for a \$10,000 National Board for Certified Counselors fellowship. Her Seattle U education has expanded her understanding of the different practices that target improving access to mental health services, and after graduation she intends to work with diverse, underrepresented, underserved, marginalized, and disenfranchised members of her Oromo, Muslim community. Read Hangatu’s full story [here](#).
- Once again, our Redhawk student-athletes have received the **WAC Academic Excellence Award**, leading with a 3.43 GPA across all 20 varsity sports. **Director of Athletics Shaney Fink** states “This recognition reflects the university's commitment to academic excellence and the academic success of our student-athletes, particularly during the latter part of this past year as they performed through the challenges of a global pandemic and social unrest.” Read the full story [here](#).
- **School of Law** alumnus **Archie Roundtree, Jr. '18** has been selected for the **Elder Justice Program**, a two-year fellowship that aims to address the gap in civil legal services for victims of elder abuse and exploitation. "The

opportunity will allow me to fulfill my passion for social justice and to provide comprehensive legal services to senior homeowners who are victims of fraud and elder abuse.” Read Archie’s full story [here](#).

- **Elly Hien Trinh, '13**, is focused on making the world a better place for future generations through environmentally sustainable business practices. Unfortunately, she recently had to leave her job due to COVID-19. Luckily, resources offered through the Seattle U Alumni Association like **Career Conversations** and **Tools for Transition** have helped her maintain connections and stay driven. “We are lifting each other up and tapping into everyone’s resources.” Read Elly’s full story [here](#).

Insight



With fall quarter underway, Seattle U is in a primarily virtual learning format with some in-person and hybrid classes for subjects requiring hands-on work. For those who need to be on campus, our [Moving Forward Together](#) plan prioritizes the health and safety of all members of our campus community while delivering a highly engaging and impactful educational experience.

Earlier this month, students [moved into campus dorms under new restrictions](#), and we will continue to proceed with a special emphasis on caring for one another. **In his annual President’s Welcome ushering in the new academic year for faculty and staff, President Sundborg, S.J., gave inspiring remarks, stating “we have a way of education that is made for this context, Jesuit education was made for this moment.”** Two examples of this include the launch of Faculty Spotlight and LIFT SU.

The sense of uncertainty students are experiencing due to the pandemic inspired creation of the [Faculty Spotlight](#), which is a new digital space for current and prospective students to get to know faculty and illustrate the consistent quality of a Seattle U education. Additionally, the ongoing work of Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Natasha Martin, JD, and the university’s continuing commitment to advancing inclusive excellence and aligning antiracism to its strategic directions, have evolved into [LIFT SU: Inclusive Excellence Action Plan for Racial Equity and Antiracism 2020-2021](#). The plan states, “As a Jesuit Catholic university, we commit to racial justice not only in our stated

values and mission, but also commit to anti-racist education as institutional practice. We proclaim that Black Lives Matter and seek to more closely align anti-racism to strategic direction and purpose.”

Be sure to join us for the President’s Forum next week to keep up with the latest updates. Registration link and more information below.

Virtual Campus Events



September 24, Fall President’s Community Forum. Being in community with each other is at the heart of the Jesuit educational experience. We invite you to join President Fr. Stephen Sundborg, S.J., alongside a panel of SU leadership and students for a virtual Community Forum to learn more about the re-opening of campus, our Jesuit approach to hybrid learning and the future of the university. Register [here](#).

As President’s Club members, we’re excited to give you exclusive advanced notice that Fr. Sundborg will also be announcing a very special initiative for the year, “Our Moment for Mission: The President’s Challenge.” Tune in to learn more.

October 7, Nature Underfoot: A Conversation with Dr. John Hainze and Dr. Heidi Liere. Dr. Hainze will join Ecologist and Seattle U Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Dr. Heidi Liere, to discuss Dr. Hainze’s new book that considers the fascinating and bizarre history of how so-called pests have coevolved with humanity and the benefits of greater respect and moral consideration towards these organisms. Join us to explore human relationships with insects and other tiny creatures that share our urban environments. Register [here](#).

October 8 & 27, November 10, December 8, Redhawk Squawk: Exercise for Life. Earlier this month, the Kinesiology Department debuted a new podcast series exploring all things sports, health and exercise. Future sessions include topics such as “Breast Health and Biomechanics: What makes a good sports bra?” and “Just in Time to ‘Fall Back’: Circadian Rhythm and Good Sleep Habits.” RSVP to future sessions and access past recordings [here](#).

October 29, President's Club Reception. President Stephen V. Sundborg, S.J., invites you to an exclusive Virtual President's Club reception. Join us from the comfort of your own home as we celebrate your generosity and hear Fr. Sundborg's vision for the coming year and beyond. Register [here](#).

November, Three Sisters by Anton Chekhov. This virtual Seattle U theatre production tells the story of three sisters trapped in a small town amid a national revolution. Using a brand-new adaptation by the director Ki Gottberg, with added music and song by composer Casey James, we set this play in a post-pandemic contemporary world, while staying with the spirit of Chekov, to tell the story anew. Registration opening soon, more information available [here](#).

November 13 to 14, Homecoming Weekend. Join us to virtually celebrate our Seattle U pride! Events include a Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Reunion for the Classes of 2010-20, a 50+ Reunion for the Classes of 1970 and before, a livestream of the Homecoming basketball game, and a virtual community gathering with alumni, donors, students, faculty and staff. Download fun activities, learn more and register [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: This year's 5th annual **Seattle U Gives** will be **February 25, 2021**. This online giving day celebrates the uncommon generosity and impact of our Seattle U community. For 24 hours, alumni, students, parents, friends, staff and faculty all come together to invest in what matters most to them at Seattle University.

Stay tuned for more information, including an invitation to participate in our first-ever President's Club Seattle U Gives Challenge.

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