

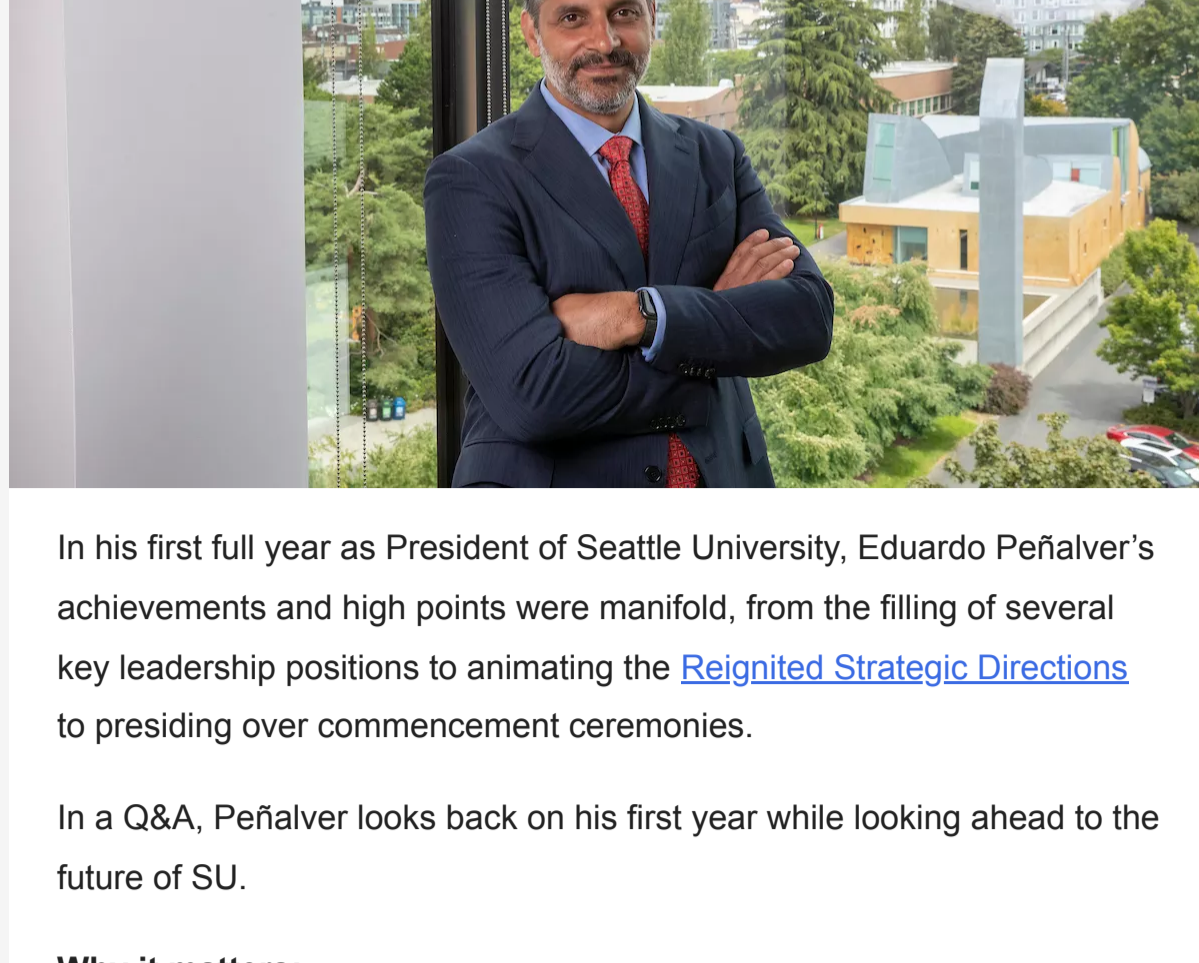
Inside Seattle U

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1 Big Thing: Forging New Paths, Building for the Future



In his first full year as President of Seattle University, Eduardo Peñalver's achievements and high points were manifold, from the filling of several key leadership positions to animating the [Reignited Strategic Directions](#) to presiding over commencement ceremonies.

In a Q&A, Peñalver looks back on his first year while looking ahead to the future of SU.

Why it matters:

- One of his highlights of the year was welcoming back, in-person, students and the campus community: "...There were some setbacks, to be sure, but the year became more normal as it progressed, culminating in our first in-person commencement in three years."
- More on presiding over commencement: "Commencement pumped me up. Shaking 1,000 hands might seem exhausting, but I felt more energized at the end of the day than I did in the morning."

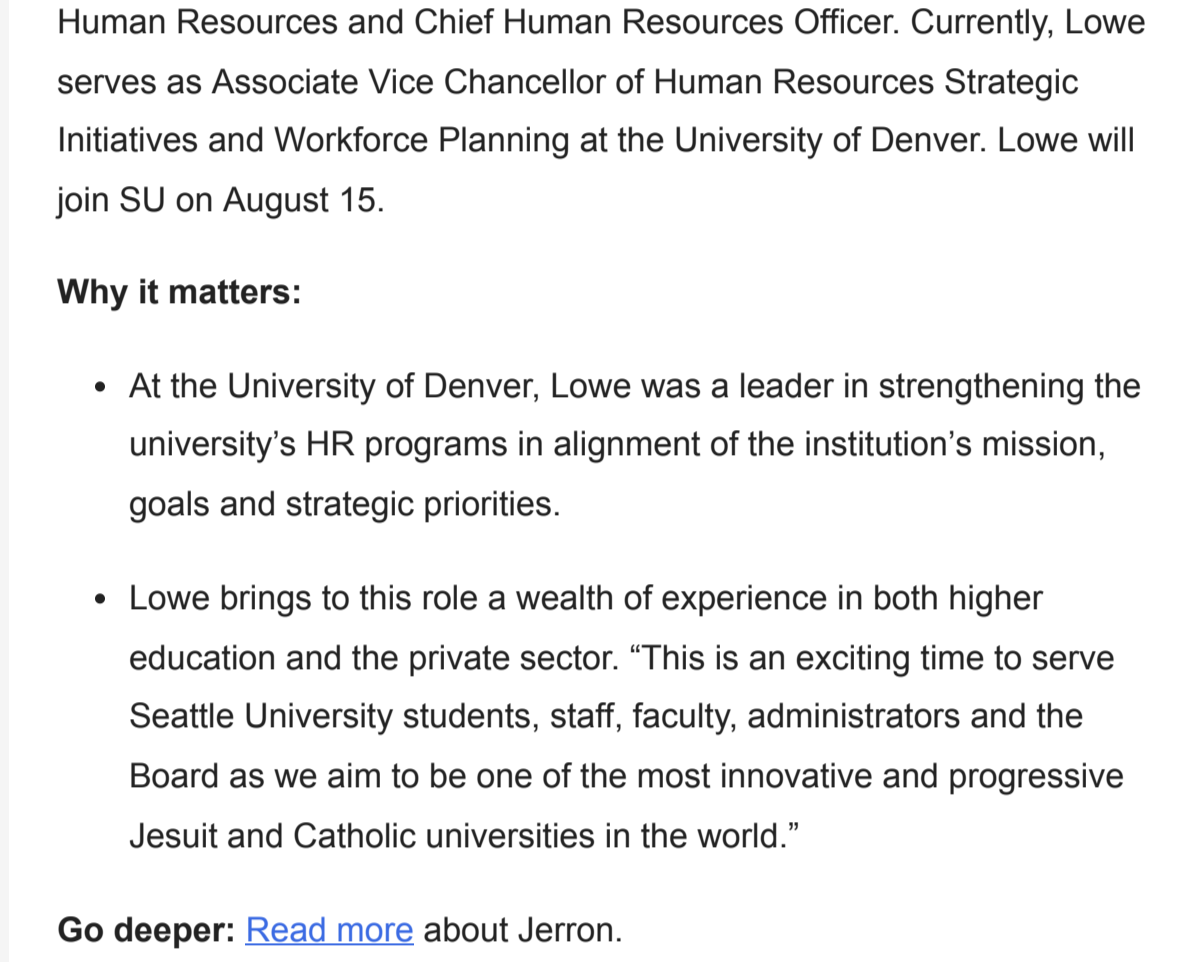
Go deeper: [Read on](#) to learn about his favorite recent read, the last show he binged and a prediction for the Seattle Mariners.

2. The Presidency in Pictures



It's been a year of firsts for President Peñalver. Relive the highlights in this [photo gallery](#), from inauguration to commencement, meeting alumni to engaging civic leaders, interacting with students to cheering on men's basketball at Climate Pledge Arena.

3: SU's Leadership Hires Continue with Naming of New Head of HR



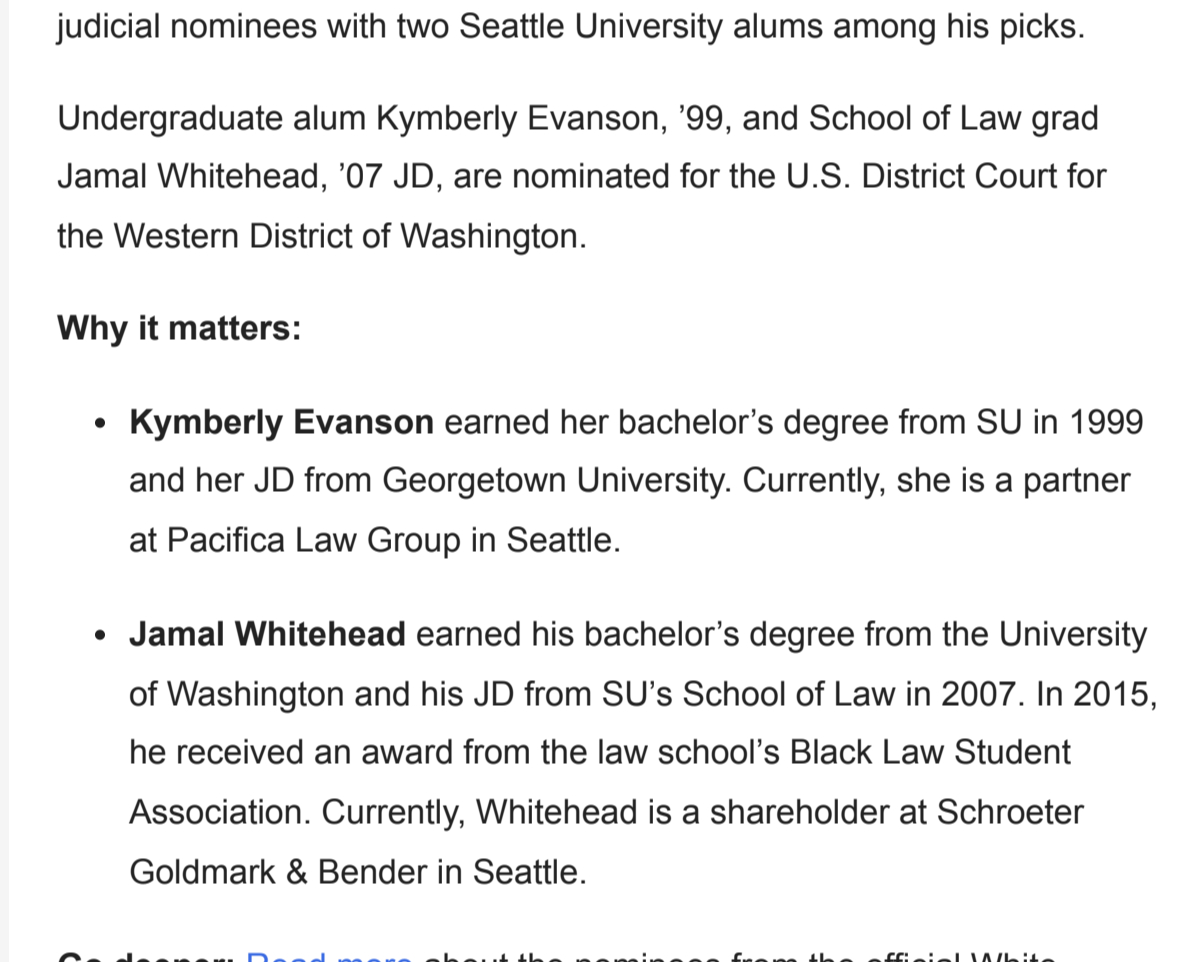
Jerron Lowe, JD, has been named Seattle University's Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer. Currently, Lowe serves as Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Strategic Initiatives and Workforce Planning at the University of Denver. Lowe will join SU on August 15.

Why it matters:

- At the University of Denver, Lowe was a leader in strengthening the university's HR programs in alignment of the institution's mission, goals and strategic priorities.
- Lowe brings to this role a wealth of experience in both higher education and the private sector. "This is an exciting time to serve Seattle University students, staff, faculty, administrators and the Board as we aim to be one of the most innovative and progressive Jesuit and Catholic universities in the world."

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about Jerron.

4. Alums Nominated to Federal Bench



On July 13, President Joe Biden released his latest round of federal judicial nominees with two Seattle University alums among his picks.

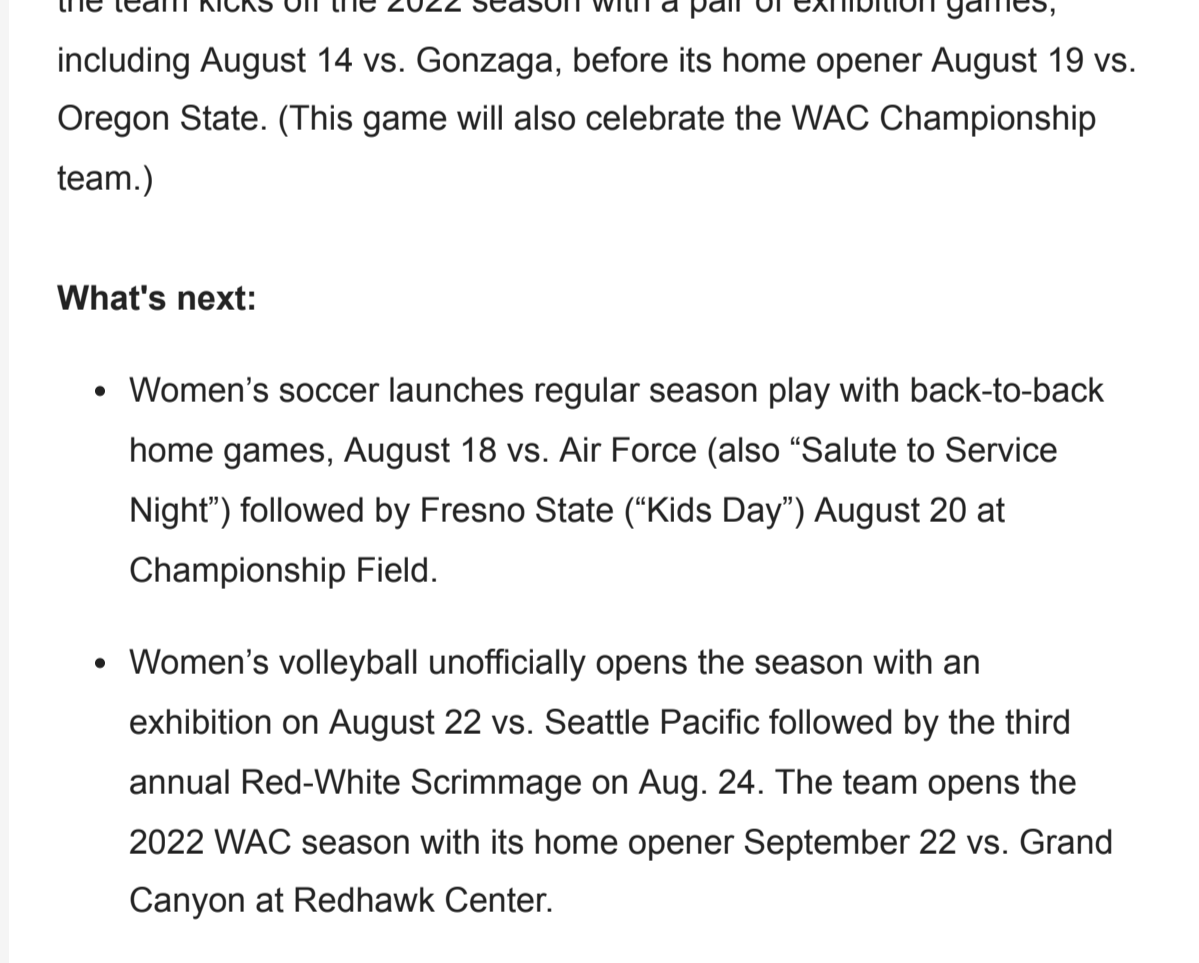
Undergraduate alum Kymberly Evanson, '99, and School of Law grad Jamal Whitehead, '07 JD, are nominated for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Why it matters:

- **Kymberly Evanson** earned her bachelor's degree from SU in 1999 and her JD from Georgetown University. Currently, she is a partner at Pacifica Law Group in Seattle.
- **Jamal Whitehead** earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and his JD from SU's School of Law in 2007. In 2015, he received an award from the law school's Black Law Student Association. Currently, Whitehead is a shareholder at Schroeter Goldmark & Bender in Seattle.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about the nominees from the official White House release.

5. It's (Almost) Game Time for Redhawks Soccer & Volleyball



Men's soccer celebrating after capturing the 2021 WAC Championship title.

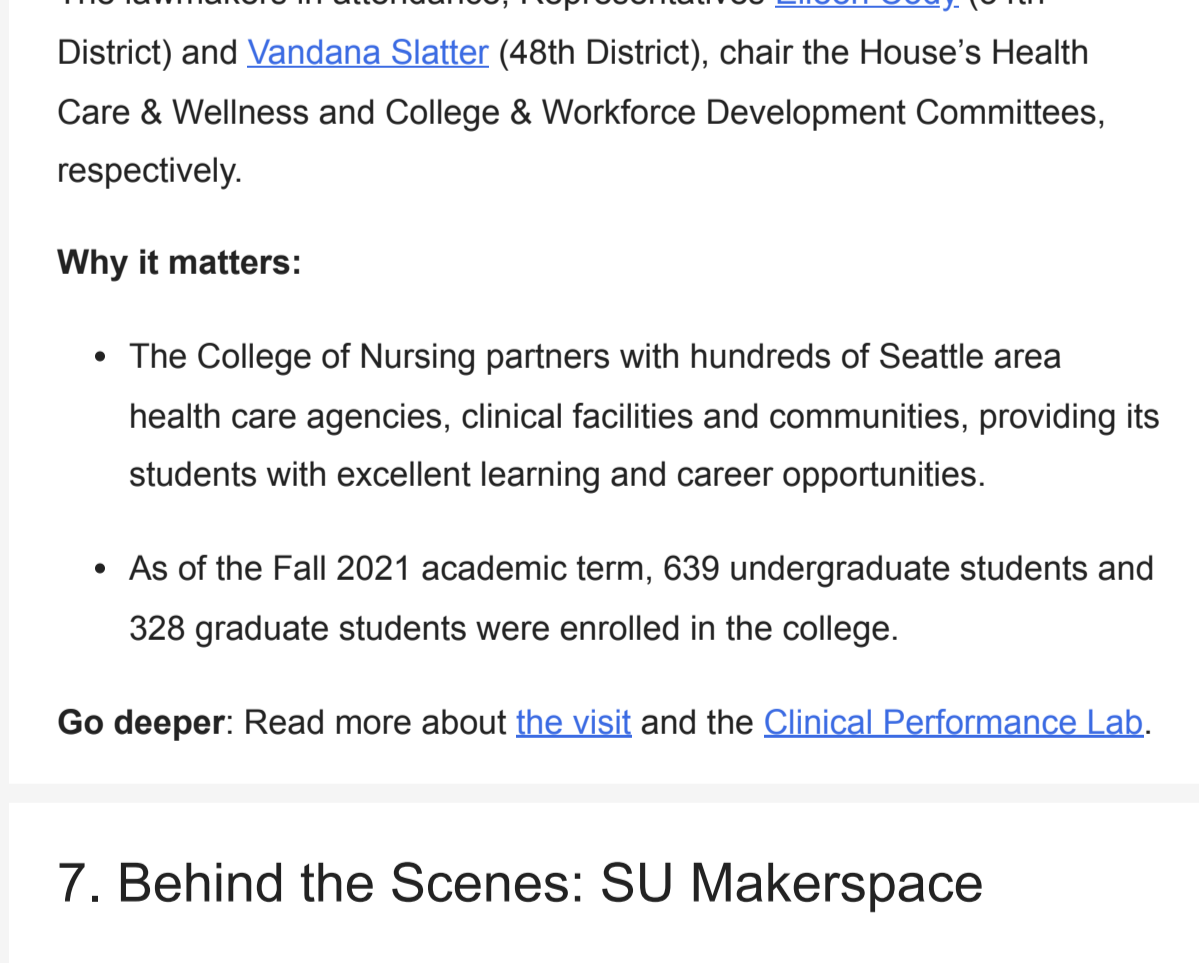
Men's soccer will look to defend its 2021 WAC Championship title when the team kicks off the 2022 season with a pair of exhibition games, including August 14 vs. Gonzaga, before its home opener August 19 vs. Oregon State. (This game will also celebrate the WAC Championship team.)

What's next:

- Women's soccer launches regular season play with back-to-back home games, August 18 vs. Air Force (also "Salute to Service Night") followed by Fresno State ("Kids Day") August 20 at Championship Field.
- Women's volleyball unofficially opens the season with an exhibition on August 22 vs. Seattle Pacific followed by the third annual Red-White Scrimmage on Aug. 24. The team opens the 2022 WAC season with its home opener September 22 vs. Grand Canyon at Redhawk Center.

Go deeper: Read on to learn more about the upcoming season schedule and to purchase tickets for [men's soccer](#), [women's soccer](#) and [volleyball](#). (Tickets are also available via [Ticketmaster](#).)

6. Legislators, Health Care Partners Explore Clinical Performance Lab



Earlier this month, Seattle University College of Nursing Dean Kristen Swanson, PhD, RN, FAAN, hosted state lawmakers, President Eduardo Peñalver, Provost Shane P. Martin and health care partners for a tour of the Clinical Performance Lab at Swedish Cherry Hill (CPL).

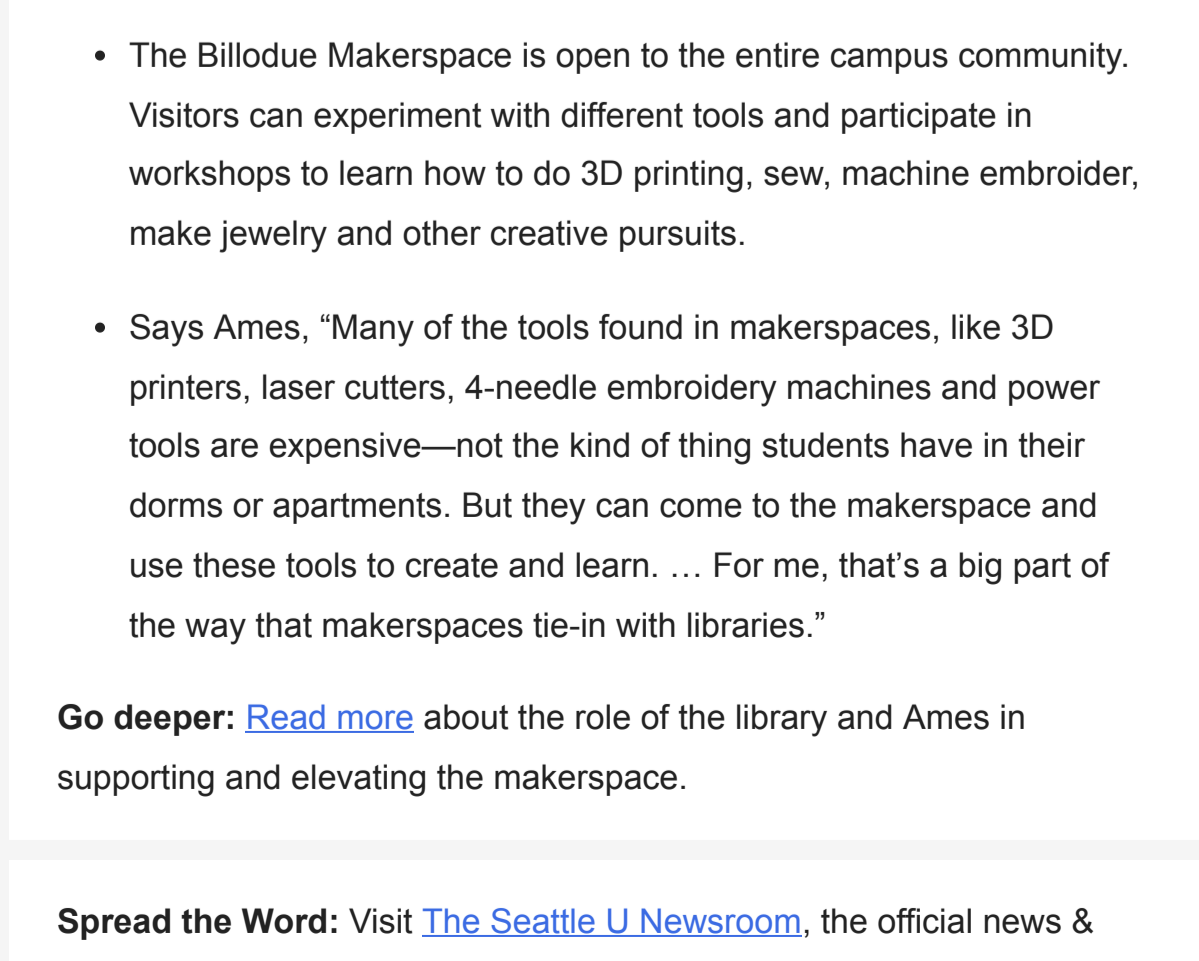
The lawmakers in attendance, Representatives [Eileen Cody](#) (34th District) and [Vandana Slatter](#) (48th District), chair the House's Health Care & Wellness and College & Workforce Development Committees, respectively.

Why it matters:

- The College of Nursing partners with hundreds of Seattle area health care agencies, clinical facilities and communities, providing its students with excellent learning and career opportunities.
- As of the Fall 2021 academic term, 639 undergraduate students and 328 graduate students were enrolled in the college.

Go deeper: Read more about [the visit](#) and the [Clinical Performance Lab](#).

7. Behind the Scenes: SU Makerspace



Managing a physical makerspace is uniquely challenging, in part because it is a different type of organization than an academic library and a different type of learning space to operate.

Seattle University's latest such space—the Billoude Makerspace housed in the Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation—is managed by the Lemieux Library. This expands the library's intellectual reach to the collaborative making of things.

The person tasked with the day-to-day management of the makerspace is Nick Ames.

Why it matters:

- The Billoude Makerspace is open to the entire campus community. Visitors can experiment with different tools and participate in workshops to learn how to do 3D printing, sew, machine embroider, make jewelry and other creative pursuits.
- Says Ames, "Many of the tools found in makerspaces, like 3D printers, laser cutters, 4-needle embroidery machines and power tools are expensive—not the kind of thing students have in their dorms or apartments. But they can come to the makerspace and use these tools to create and learn. ... For me, that's a big part of the way that makerspaces tie-in with libraries."

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about the role of the library and Ames in supporting and elevating the makerspace.

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