

Inside Seattle U

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Nowhere Better to Imagine Somewhere Better

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Lawyer, layperson and Latino: Inauguration of new president makes history at Seattle University.

Eduardo M. Peñalver inaugurated as our 22nd president during special events September 23-24, 2021.

Don't miss: [Inauguration highlights video](#)

Excerpts from President Peñalver's inauguration remarks:

"To realize Seattle University's bold ambition that there be 'nowhere better' for students to grapple with society's great challenges, we have our work cut out for us. As we look to the future and consider what stands between our imperfect present and 'somewhere better,' three great challenges loom."

Three Great Challenges:

- The existential threat of global climate change and ecological sustainability, which imperils our very survival.
- The scourge of persistent racial injustice coupled with ever-widening economic inequality and other forms of social exclusion and subordination that threaten our sense of common purpose.
- Rapid technological transformation—the so-called "fourth industrial revolution."

"We will live up to our promise to be a student-centered university that welcomes people of all backgrounds and identities, that cares for our students as whole persons—attending not only to their intellectual well-being but also to their spiritual, physical and moral development."

Go deeper: Seattle University [Presidential Inauguration](#) and Eduardo M. Peñalver's [complete remarks](#).

Welcome to an Academic Year Unlike Any Other

First day of class for Seattle University students in the new Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation. Photo by Matt Lipsen, '19

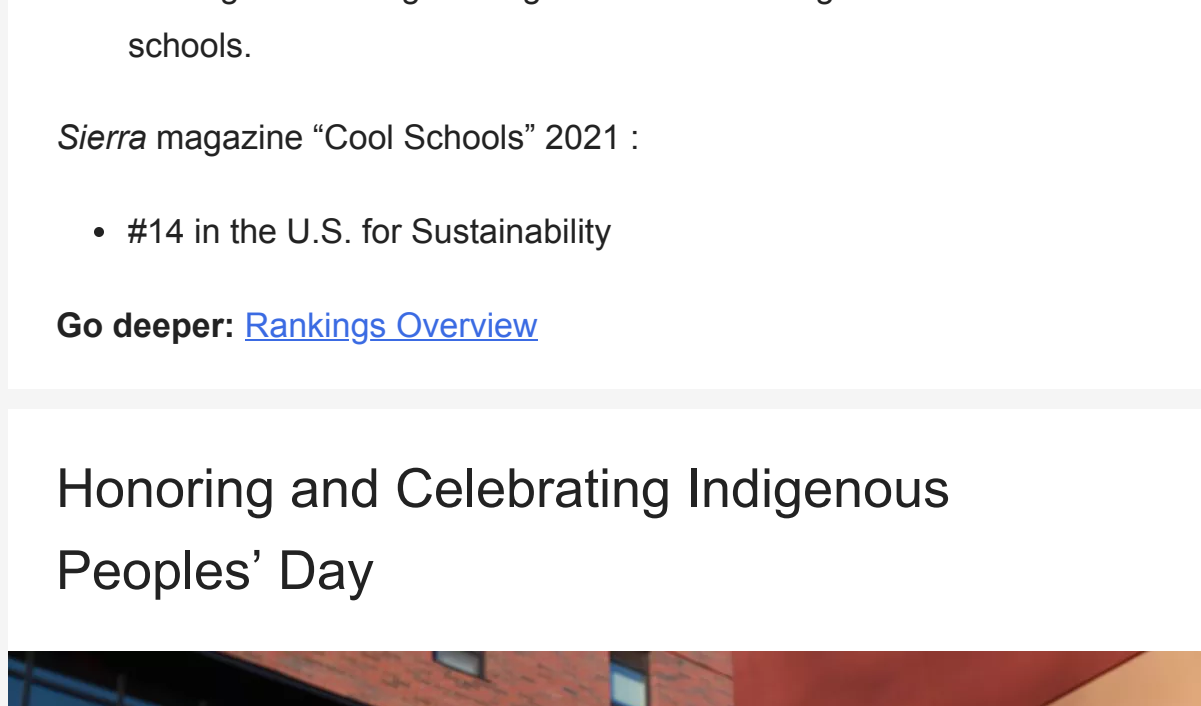
[President's Welcome-Fall 2021](#)

What they're saying: President Peñalver expressed excitement at joining the SU community and kicking off an academic year unlike any other, while emphasizing the university's commitment to providing an excellent education and prioritizing the health and safety of students, faculty and staff.

In Photos: [The New Heart of Seattle University](#): Jim and Janet Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation Opens.

Join Us: [Family Weekend](#), October 22-24.

Rankings Roundup: Wall Street Journal Ranks SU Among Top 16% Nationally



Big picture: Seattle University Earns High Marks for Academics, Teaching and Sustainability.

Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Ranking 2022:

- Top 16% of universities nationally
- #22 of colleges and universities in the West region.

U.S. News & World Report 2021 "Best Colleges":

- Three programs in the Albers School of Business and Economics were among the highest ranked in the nation: Business Analytics (#17), Finance (#22) and Accounting (#38)
- Undergraduate engineering ranked #29 among non-doctorate schools.

Sierra magazine "Cool Schools" 2021 :

- #14 in the U.S. for Sustainability

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Honoring and Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day

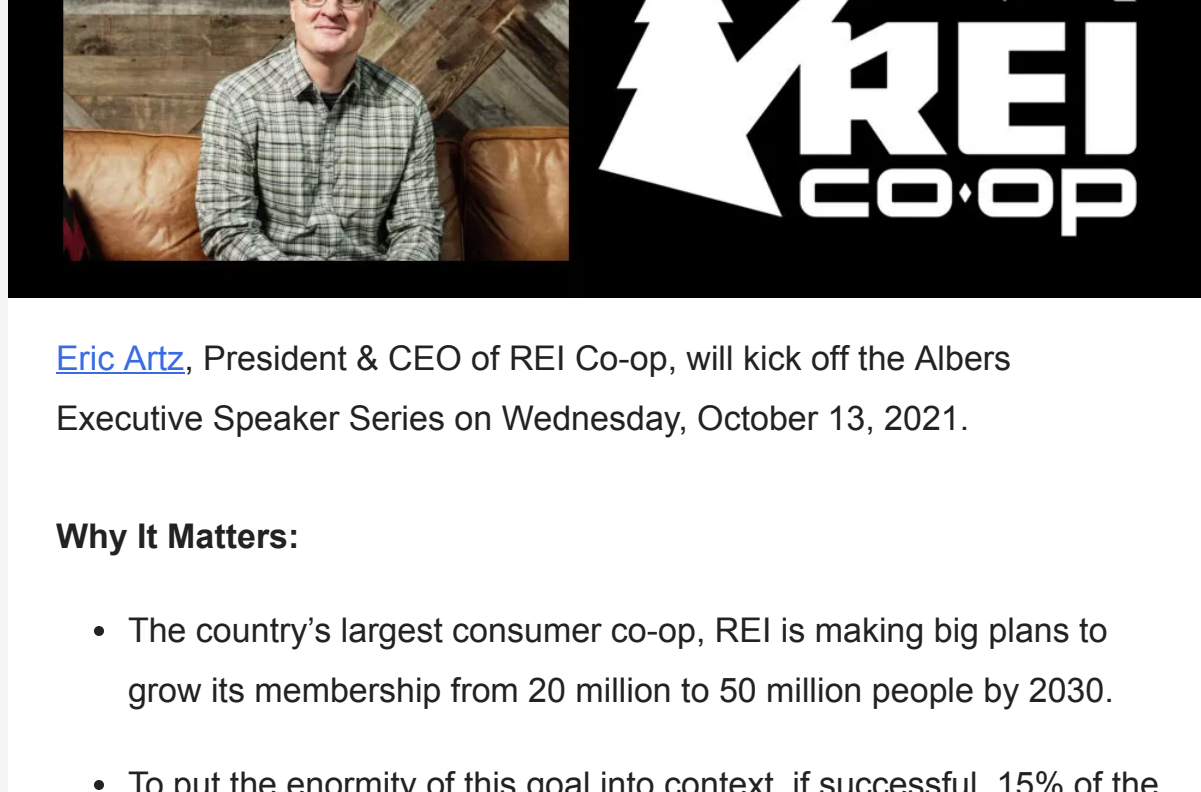


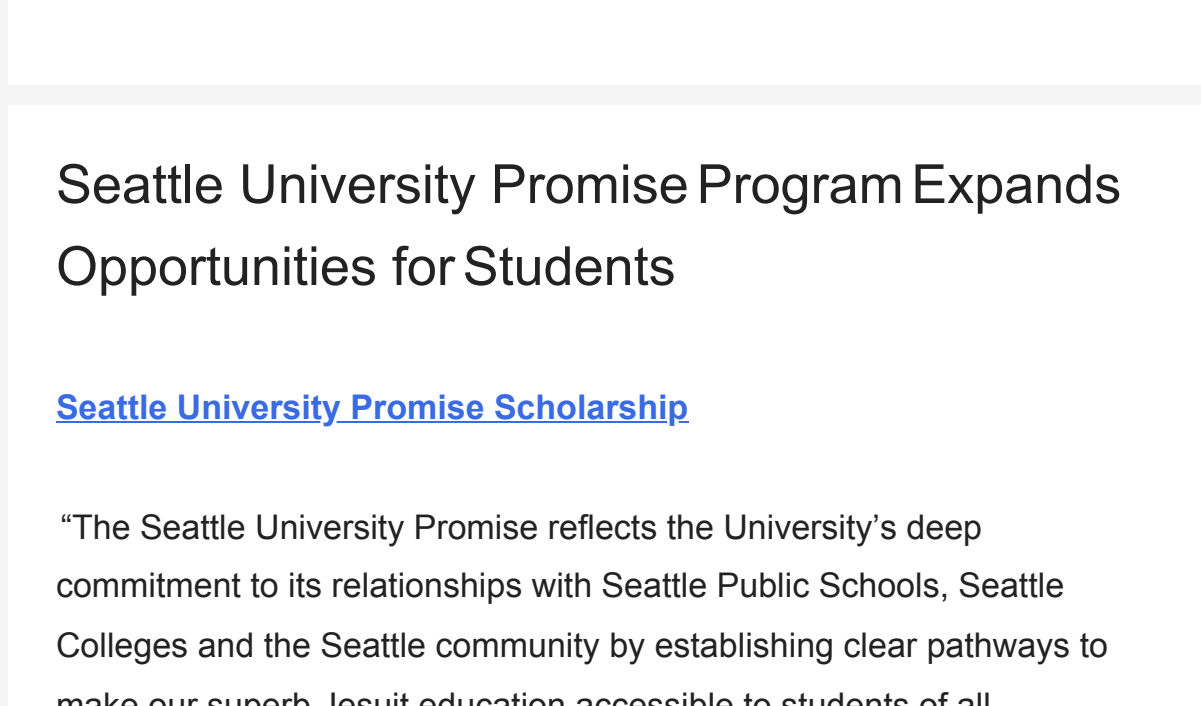
Photo by Yosef Kalinko

This year's commemoration carries particular poignance and calls for deeper reflection. As a Jesuit and Catholic university, we are on a journey to understand and reconcile the participation of our own broader community in past injustices.

Learn More:

- Held this week, The Social Justice Monday [lecture](#), "Landback: A Campaign for the Return of Indigenous Lands," sponsored by Seattle University's Native American Law Students Association and Center for Indian Law and Policy. And, Maka Black Elk from the Red Cloud Indian School Zoom talk, "[Is Healing Possible? Confronting Catholic Indian boarding school history.](#)"
- **Mark Your Calendar:** The [Indigenous Peoples Institute](#) will host "[Honoring Indigenous Voices: Interweaving the Work of Storytelling and its Relationship to Inner Growth.](#)" Monday, October 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Eric Artz, President & CEO of REI Kicks Off Albers Executive Speaker Series



[Eric Artz](#), President & CEO of REI Co-op, will kick off the Albers Executive Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Why It Matters:

- The country's largest consumer co-op, REI is making big plans to grow its membership from 20 million to 50 million people by 2030.
- To put the enormity of this goal into context, if successful, 15% of the U.S. population will be a member of REI.
- As the national outdoor retailer fosters an engaged active community, it's also reshaping itself into a cultural and political force.

Big Picture: Since 2002, the Albers School of Business and Economics has organized the Executive [Speaker Series](#), live panels featuring top business leaders from the Puget Sound area.

Seattle University Extends Global Reach & Impact with Central America Initiative

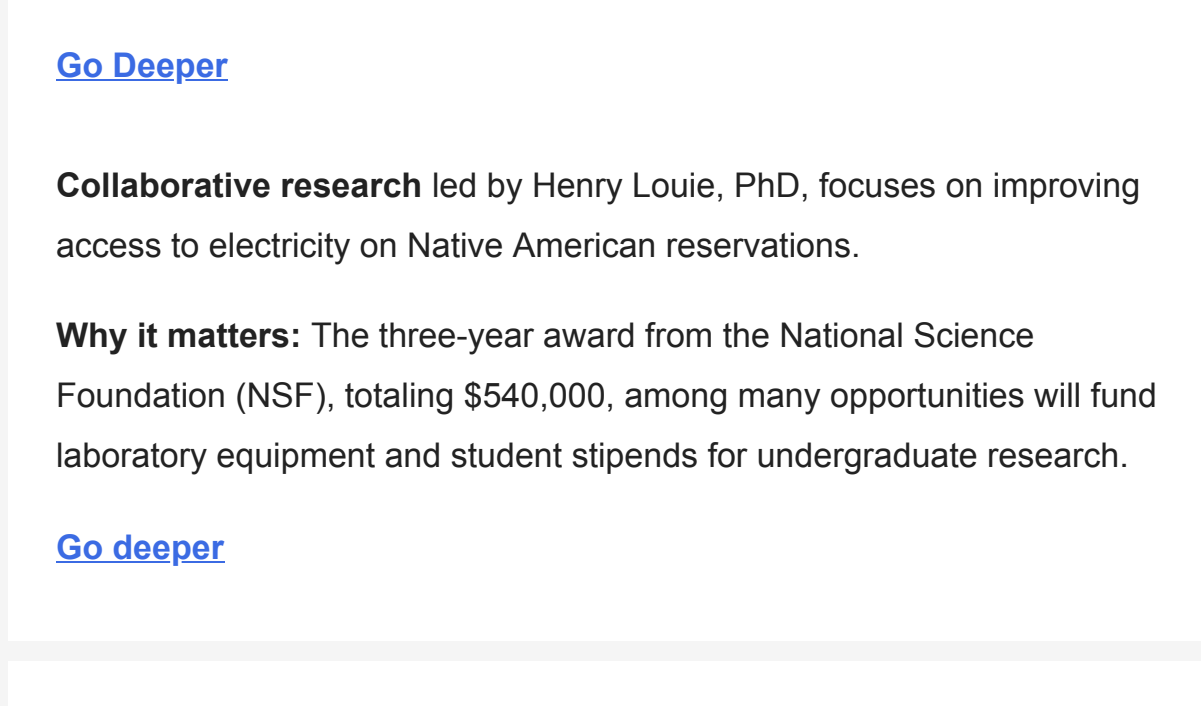


Image credit: Courtesy of Sustainable Livelihoods
Associate Professor Serena Cosgrove, PhD, '85, is the faculty coordinator of the Central America Initiative; José Mejía, a beneficiary of Sustainable Livelihoods, runs a business raising chickens to support their community's soccer team.

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Serena Cosgrove, PhD, '85, the Central America Initiative's partner schools engage in outreach, programming and research.

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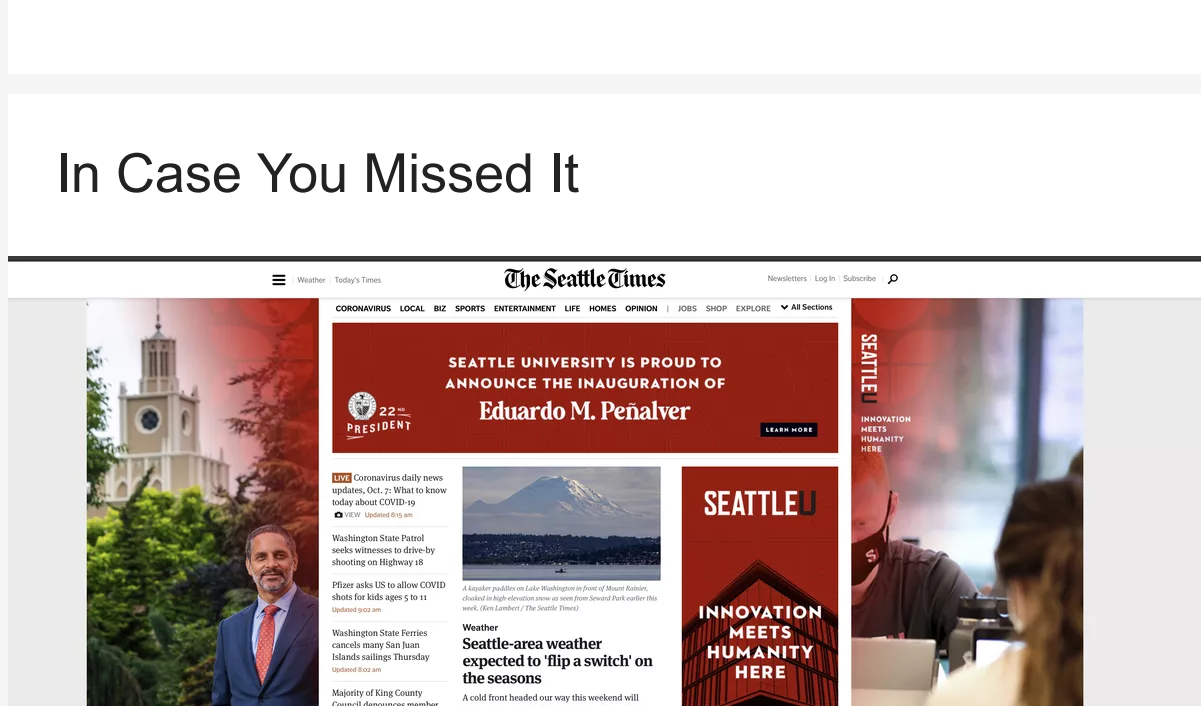
Seattle University Promise Program Expands Opportunities for Students

[Seattle University Promise Scholarship](#)

"The Seattle University Promise reflects the University's deep commitment to its relationships with Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Colleges and the Seattle community by establishing clear pathways to make our superb Jesuit education accessible to students of all backgrounds," said Eduardo Peñalver, President of Seattle University.

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Grants Bolsters BIPOC Businesses and Off-Grid Solar Electricity



JP Morgan Chase Foundation grant will support The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center (IEC) at Albers—in collaboration with the Center for Community Engagement and SU's Procurement Office to expand diversity of suppliers.

"With support from JP Morgan Chase Foundation, the DIVIRS (Diversity for Inclusive Recovery Supplier) program will both direct wealth to local diverse businesses and engage our local diverse businesses, and engage our local BIPOC and especially Black communities and businesses," says Amelia Marckworth, interim director of the IEC.

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Collaborative research led by Henry Louie, PhD, focuses on improving access to electricity on Native American reservations.

Why it matters: The three-year award from the National Science Foundation (NSF), totaling \$540,000, among many opportunities will fund laboratory equipment and student stipends for undergraduate research.

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\$3.3 Million Raised This Year at Costco Scholarship Breakfast

Why it matters: The [Costco Scholarship Fund](#) Breakfast 22nd annual fundraising event, held virtually on September 22, brought in almost \$3.3 million from generous donors for scholarships benefitting underrepresented students of color at Seattle University and the University of Washington.

Big picture: Since its inception, the Costco Scholarship Fund has raised more than \$60 million for deserving students.

Back in the Heart of Seattle: Men's Hoops Schedule Features Eight Games at [Climate Pledge Arena](#).

Slam Dunk: "Our players and staff could not be more excited be in the brand new Climate Pledge Arena and call it our home court," says Head Coach [Jim Hayford](#). "The arena is awesome and words do not do it justice. I can't wait for our fans to be able to come back out, experience all that the arena has to offer and watch the guys play."

Go SeattleU: Don't miss [men's](#) and [women's](#) soccer home action as they look to finish strong before the WAC tourney. Women's golf is set to host the [Pat Lesser Harbottle, '56 Invitational](#). Lesser Harbottle is in the SU Athletics Hall of Fame.

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