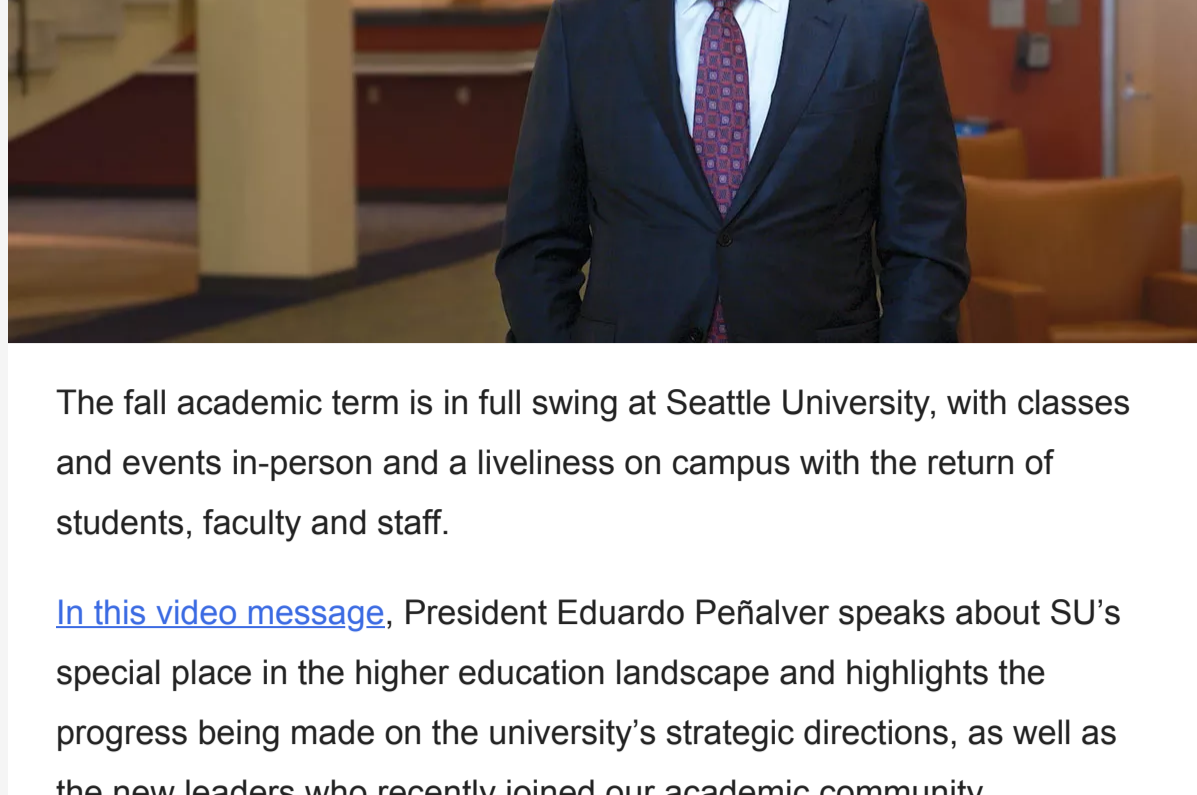


Inside Seattle U

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Top news from Seattle University, a staple of Seattle's economic, social and cultural fabric—offering students unparalleled access to leading businesses, nonprofits and professional networks.

1 Big Thing: President's Fall Welcome



The fall academic term is in full swing at Seattle University, with classes and events in-person and a liveliness on campus with the return of students, faculty and staff.

[In this video message](#), President Eduardo Peñalver speaks about SU's special place in the higher education landscape and highlights the progress being made on the university's strategic directions, as well as the new leaders who recently joined our academic community.

Go deeper: [Watch the video](#) and check out a [photo gallery](#) of fall events and happenings, from Move-In Day to Redfest and more.

2. Home Team Advantage



Laina Chavez, '10, owner of Soul Body, with Santiago Gallo Villamizar, '18, associate General Manager of OL Reign, at Lumen Field.

The [Albers School of Business and Economics Master of Business Administration in Sport and Entertainment Management](#) (MBA SEM)

provides students unique opportunities to learn directly from teams and players representing the best of professional sports.

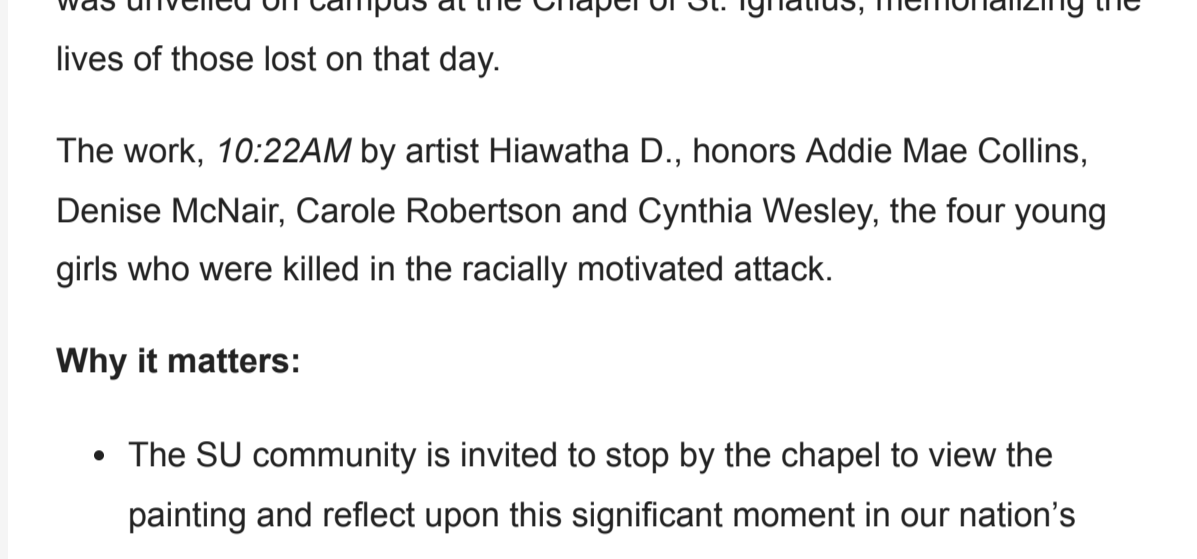
Take for instance former Seattle Seahawks player Jordan Babineaux, who teaches in the two-year program that develops business acumen and leadership skills.

Why it matters:

- The MBA SEM includes a one-of-a-kind [fellowship](#) and is intentional about guiding students, faculty and partners to work and educate inclusively, with social justice at its core.
- Currently, students are working with Seattle sports and entertainment teams and organizations including the Seahawks, Mariners, Kraken, Storm, Sounders FC, Oak View Group and Climate Pledge Arena.

Go deeper: [Read on](#) to learn more about the MBA SEM program.

3. Art Commemorates Anniversary of Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church



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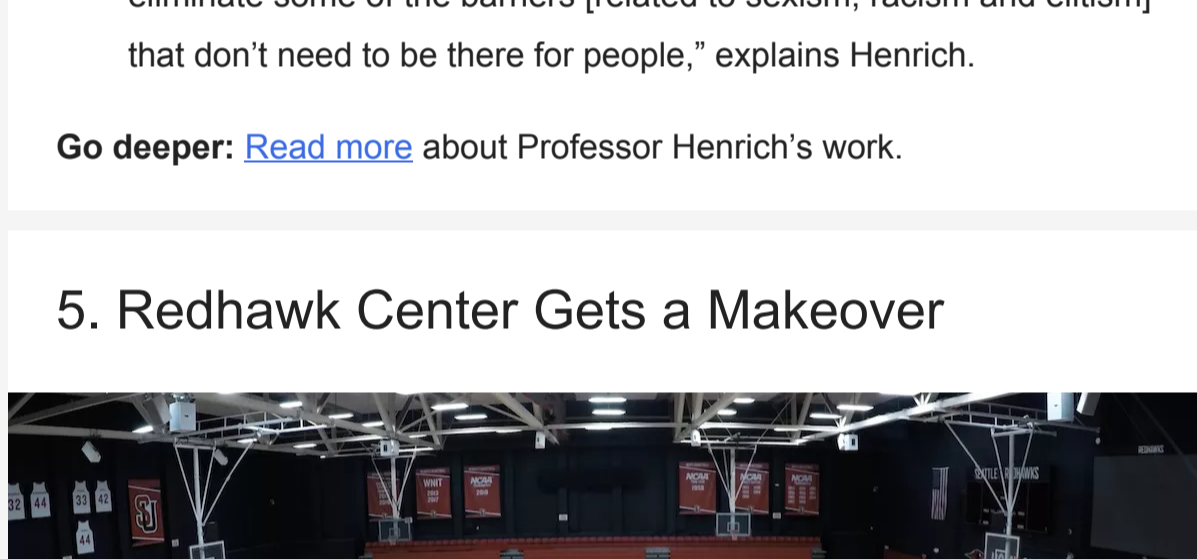
On Sept. 15, Seattle University remembered, mourned and reflected on the horrific bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., that took place 59 years ago. On this anniversary, a new art piece was unveiled on campus at the Chapel of St. Ignatius, memorializing the lives of those lost on that day.

The work, *10:22AM* by artist Hiawatha D., honors Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, the four young girls who were killed in the racially motivated attack.

Why it matters:

- The SU community is invited to stop by the chapel to view the painting and reflect upon this significant moment in our nation's history and our call toward healing, reconciliation, equity and justice.

4. Faculty Spotlight: Allison Henrich



Math Professor Allison Henrich, PhD, recently received a 2022 Euler Book Prize for her collaborative work editing *Living Proof: Stories of Resilience Along the Mathematical Journey*. Alongside three other mathematicians, Henrich edited the stories of 41 authors who contributed to the book.

As Henrich sees it, the prize as an indication of the book's impact. She compares it to writing a math research paper, where it's uncertain if the work is affecting readers.

Why it matters:

- Each personal account in *Living Proof* is "intended to provide support and inspiration for mathematics students experiencing struggle and despair," as described by the Mathematical Association of America.
- "The book ended up serving two purposes: helping people not feel alone for having totally normal and reasonable struggles and also kind of a call ... for the math community to change its practices to eliminate some of the barriers [related to sexism, racism and elitism] that don't need to be there for people," explains Henrich.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about Professor Henrich's work.

5. Redhawk Center Gets a Makeover



A look at the freshly painted home court for men's and women's basketball.

Seattle University's basketball season is just weeks away and spectators to home games will see a new look on the court—and we're not talking about the players!

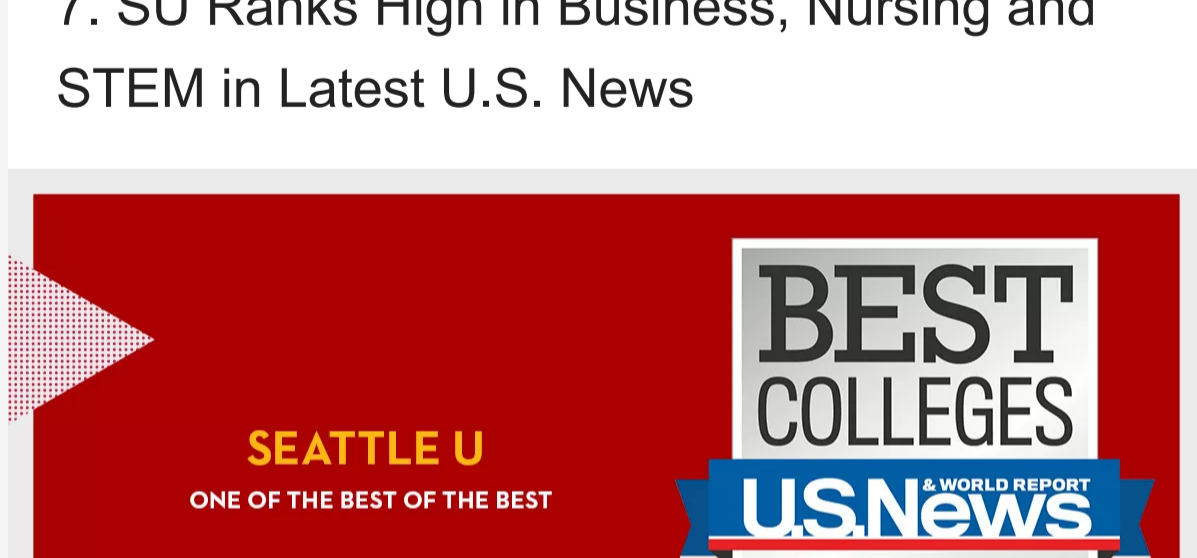
Recently, the Redhawk Center court underwent a major upgrade with fresh paint and a dynamic, dimensional design featuring the Redhawk logo and Seattle skyline.

Why it matters:

- Men's basketball will play the majority of home games at the Redhawk Center—with four matches at Climate Pledge Arena—beginning with the home opener November 9. The women's team home opener (an exhibition game), also at Redhawk Center, is November 5.

Go deeper: Watch a [time lapse video](#) of the court transformation and learn more about the 2022-23 season, including how to [buy tickets](#), for [men's](#) and [women's](#) basketball.

6. It's a Record-Setting Year for the Costco Scholars Program



Costco Scholars (l-r) Christina Beavers, '24, Sharol Fernandez-Hernandez, '22, and Aianna Xu, '25, at Seattle's Pike Place Market.

The 23rd Annual Costco Scholars Breakfast was one for the record books.

This year's event, back in person at Meydenbauer Center on September 21, raised \$5.5 million—the most ever—for scholarships that benefit Seattle University and University of Washington students. Costco Scholars alumni Colina Bruce, '07, '15, and Sharol Fernandez-Hernandez, '22, were the guest speakers.

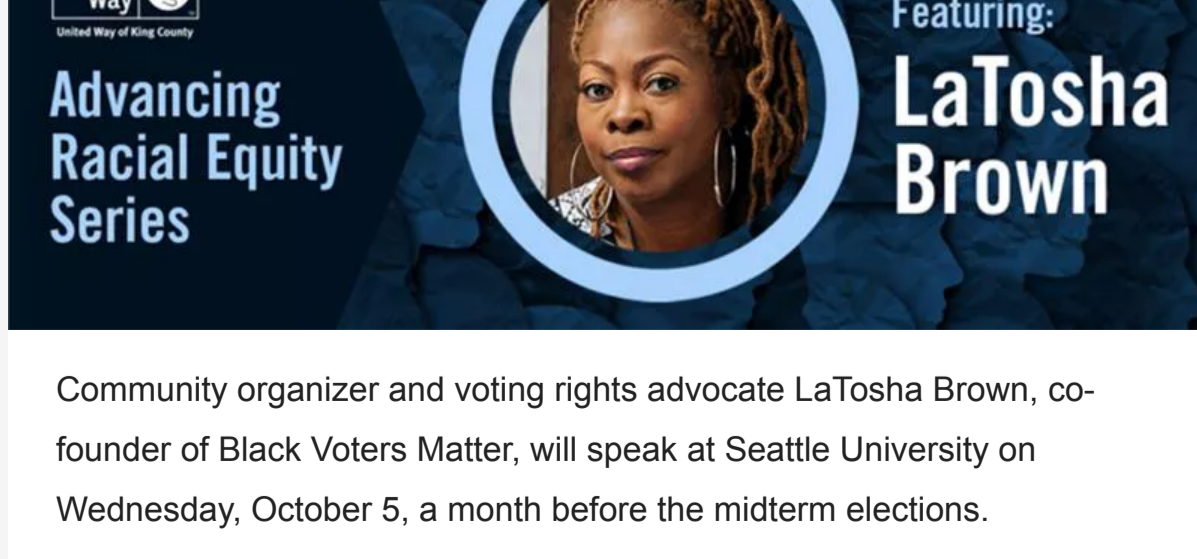
"This scholarship not only touched my life, but also the life of my family and more," says Fernandez-Hernandez. "It built a path for those who have watched my journey, my siblings and members of my community who are also beginning their journeys toward brighter futures despite their own circumstances."

Why it matters:

- Since its inception in 2000, the [Costco Scholars](#) program has raised \$76 million, split between SU and the UW, to create scholarships for underrepresented students.
- More than 2,220 students—1,200 at SU alone—have received Costco scholarships, making possible the transformative gift of higher ed.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about this year's event and [watch a video](#) with Colina Bruce, who discusses her experiences as an SU graduate, Costco Scholar and business owner.

7. SU Ranks High in Business, Nursing and STEM in Latest U.S. News



[Seattle University is well represented](#) in the 2022-2023 undergraduate rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report* in its "Best Colleges" guide. SU is #3 among best national universities in Washington state.

Why it matters:

- Three SU colleges rank highly and above many of its peers nationally, specifically in areas of business, nursing, computer science and engineering.
- The [Albers School of Business and Economics](#) ranks as the 4th best undergraduate business college in Washington and in the top three in the state in analytics (#1), finance (#2) and accounting (#3).
- The [College of Nursing](#) ranks as the 4th best nursing college in the state.
- The university's fastest growing college, the [College of Science and Engineering](#), ranks 2nd in Washington among engineering departments not offering doctorates. And computer science ranks #3 in the state.

Go deeper: [Read more](#) about the *U.S. News* rankings and the methodology behind them.

8. Save the Date: Voting Advocate LaTosha Brown Coming to SU Oct. 5

Community organizer and voting rights advocate LaTosha Brown, co-founder of Black Voters Matter, will speak at Seattle University on Wednesday, October 5, a month before the midterm elections.

The event, co-sponsored by United Way of King County and SU's [Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement](#) and the [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#), is [free](#) for students, faculty and staff through October 3 (use promo code [seattleu](#) at checkout).

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