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NEW STUDENT GUIDE

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

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MESSAGE FROM THE

SENIOR VICE PROVOST

Welcome to Seattle University!

Our campuses are a welcoming place, full of dedicated and accessible staff, faculty and fellow students who will be alongside you on your journey through college. The Jesuit value of *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person, guides us to help every student feel they can bring their whole selves to the Redhawk community, their backgrounds and identities and feel seen, heard and valued. We care deeply about you and are committed to co-creating your distinctive SU experience in and beyond the classroom.

We also hope to help you discover your spark, what excites you, what brings you joy, while discerning your unique gifts and calling. I encourage you to embrace all SU and Seattle have to offer over your time here, including countless opportunities to explore your passions in real world contexts such as internships, service-learning, research, community engagement and leadership roles. Along the way, you'll experience the SU spirit of belonging, inclusivity and care, while broadening your perspectives and following your intellectual curiosity. We are here for you.

Go Redhawks!

Tamara Herdener
Senior Vice Provost for Academic and Student Affairs

MESSAGE FROM

ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

Welcome to the Redhawk community!

I am excited to be alongside you as you begin this next chapter in your life. The transition to college takes place over many months leading up to your first term, throughout your entire first year and beyond. As you acclimate to college life, you will experience ups and downs, successes and challenges, firsts and lasts and many moments in-between each of these experiences. While it may feel like a roller coaster at times, experiencing these dynamics is normal and we all move through our unique changes at our own pace. Allow yourself grace, patience and understanding as you move forward. Over time, you will become firmly rooted and find success, however you define that, at Seattle University.

Holistic education is a key foundation of a Jesuit, Catholic education. Whether it be changes in your academic pursuits, social and family life, identity exploration and/or personal wellness, staff and faculty at Seattle University are here to support you as you encounter new perspectives and find your sense of belonging in our community. I encourage you to ask that burning question, join that club, explore your spirituality, apply for that leadership role, stop by faculty office hours, attend an athletic event and embrace Redhawk pride.

Above all, prioritize self-care and let us know how we can support you throughout your time on our campuses. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Hawks Up!

Nick Cubita, EdD
Director of Orientation Programs

OUR JESUIT, CATHOLIC

IDENTITY

Jesuit education is about excellence with purpose, empowering you to realize your full potential through an inclusive and holistic educational experience. It prioritizes the pursuit of knowledge, critical thinking and intellectual curiosity as lifelong endeavors to better understand and engage with the world.

Seattle University's action-oriented approach emphasizes that what you do with the knowledge you gain is just as important as acquiring it. **The Jesuit way is to ask, "For whom?" For whom will you develop your talents, skills and knowledge? In what ways are you called to serve others?** While asking these big picture questions, Jesuit education focuses on developing every facet of who you are. This whole-person approach nourishes the mind, body and spirit. It also helps you become a well-rounded individual who is socially responsible, ethically grounded and globally aware.

We welcome you to explore your beliefs by attending interfaith programming across a variety of spiritual and philosophical traditions represented in the Redhawk community. We live out a "faith that does justice" in a variety of ways across campus and one of the primary places we do this is through University Ministry. You can volunteer for service activities, engage in discussion groups, attend awareness-raising events, go on domestic and international immersion trips, join others in simple and community living and advocate forjustice on campus and around the world.

MISSION

Seattle University is dedicated to educating the whole person, to professional formation and to empowering leaders for a just and humane world.

VISION

We will be one of the most innovative and progressive Jesuit, Catholic universities in the world, educating with excellence at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels.

VALUES

Care: We put the good of students first.

Academic Excellence: We value excellence in learning with great teachers who are active scholars.

Diversity: We celebrate educational excellence achieved through diversity.

Faith: We treasure our Jesuit, Catholic ethos and the enrichment from many faiths of our university community.

Justice: We foster a concern for justice and the competence to promote it.

Leadership: We seek to develop responsible leaders committed to the common good.

"Our Jesuit approach to educating our students goes beyond affording them technical expertise. It also offers them tools to apply critical perspectives and to engage their deepest values. It pushes against the limits of disciplinary boundaries, bringing philosophical reflection and discernment into dialogue with business, science and engineering, health care, the humanities and the arts. This is why we call Seattle University the place 'where innovation meets humanity.'"

—Shane P. Martin
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

WHAT IS

ORIENTATION?

As you navigate your journey to becoming a Redhawk, Orientation Programs will be here to support you each step of the way.

Orientation is a hybrid experience that includes online tasks through your Orientation Portal and in-person events on campus. The purpose of Orientation is to provide you with the tools needed for a successful transition to college life at Seattle University.

We focus our work around one essential question: “What essential information and skills help new students transition successfully to Seattle University?” To answer this question, we use the following goals to guide how we support you:

ORIENTATION GOALS

SENSE OF BELONGING

You will create a connection with SU and build relationships with peers, faculty and staff.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

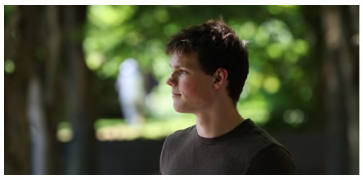
You will embrace intellectual passions and explore effective learning habits.

INCLUSION & IDENTITY

You will engage in reflection about your identities and how to build relationships across differences.

PERSONAL GROWTH

You will explore your values, sense of purpose and social responsibility.



SELF-RELIANCE

You will learn how to navigate camps, seek support resources and sustain holistic well-being.

IMPORTANT

DATES

All dates are for the 2026 calendar year.

APRIL

April 1: Orientation Portal opens

MAY

May 1: Enrollment Deposit deadline

May 12: Roommate search is available via the Housing Portal

May 29: Roommate Portal launches

JUNE

June 1: Early Bird Immersion RSVPs live; virtual event schedule live; Housing Plan priority deadline

June 15: Deadline to RSVP for Redhawk Launch

June 17: Redhawk Roundup

JULY

July 6: Fall course schedules post in Orientation Portal

July 14: Roommate searching closes at 11:59 p.m. PST

July 13–14, July 17, July 20, July 23-24: Redhawk Launch

July 28: Room Assignments available on Housing Portal by 4 p.m. PST

AUGUST

August 4: Move-in appointments available on Housing Portal by 12 p.m. PST

August 10: Student Club virtual socials begin

August 14: Deadline to meet with Academic Advisor

SEPTEMBER

SOUTH LAKE UNION CAMPUS (CORNISH)

September 3: New Student Move-In Day

September 3-11: Fall Welcome

September 8: First day of fall semester

FIRST HILL CAMPUS

September 13-17: Early Bird Immersions

September 15: International Student Orientation

September 18: Redhawk Launch Session 5

September 19: New Student Move-In Day

September 19–26: Fall Welcome

September 23: First Day of Fall Quarter

OCTOBER

October 1: Mass of the Holy Spirit

LIVING ON

CAMPUS

Housing and Residence Life is excited to support your transition to living on campus at Seattle University! Our residential experience is rooted in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition of holistic education and care for the whole person. We foster a vibrant community where you can connect with peers, engage with faculty and staff and find community in your new home.

For more information about the residential housing requirement, housing application process, roommate search and more, check out the Housing Guide.

THE REDHAWK RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

We believe learning and academic inquiry happen both inside and outside the classroom. Living on campus is more than just having a place to stay—it's about becoming part of a vibrant, supportive and dynamic community where you can truly thrive. The Redhawk Residential Experience is a guided program that focuses on three primary goals throughout the year to assist students in their learning and development:

Cultivating Connection

Fostering Self-Discovery and Personal Growth

Empowering Inclusive and Diverse Communities

The Redhawk Residential Experience is open to all Redhawks living on and off campus, as residence life is for all university students and not just those who live in the residential halls.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

From late-night conversations, to campus traditions and support just steps away, on-campus living offers connection, convenience and a vibrant student experience. Our Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) are intentional thematic learning communities where students are invited to grow, develop and explore common interests around a central theme with peers, faculty and staff. Beginning Fall 2026, we will launch five Residential Learning Communities:

Catalyst	Pathways of Purpose	Cura Terra	Balance and Being	Atlas
Innovation and Entrepreneurship	*Faith, Meaning and Purpose*	*Climate and Sustainability*	*Health Well-Being and Holistic Wellness*	*Global Engagement*
Bellarmine Hall	Bellarmine Hall	Campion Hall	Campion Hall	Xavier Hall

REDHAWK DINING AND MEAL PLANS

On-campus dining fosters opportunities to develop relationships and meet new people. Each campus has a unique meal plan that provides quality, variety, flexibility and value. Items are priced à la carte so students can choose exactly what they want.

FIRST HILL CAMPUS

The Residential Meal Plan is the minimum required plan for first- and second-year students. Items are priced à la carte. Visit Redhawk Dining for hours, menus and locations.

SOUTH LAKE UNION CAMPUS (CORNISH)

Students living in Cornish Commons are required to select a meal plan for dining at Nellie's Cafe & Espresso Bar, located in the Main Campus Center building. Items are priced à la carte. Visit the Nellie's website for hours and menus.

MOVE-IN AND HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

After you confirm enrollment and gain access to your Orientation Portal, you'll start receiving email communications that guide you through the housing application process and roommate search. In late July, you'll receive your housing and roommate assignment. In August, we'll send you move-in instructions. For guidance about move-in, please review our Housing Guide. You may also visit the FAQ page to see more details about move-in.

THE

MOSAIC CENTER

The MOSAIC Center creates Meaningful Opportunities for Student Access, Inclusion and Community at Seattle University. We play a critical role in supporting intercultural learning and development of students. We encourage students to increase their awareness of self and others and their role in co-creating a more inclusive campus culture by cultivating an environment that promotes curiosity and learning.

We support the thriving of our students by:

Enhancing a sense of belonging and creating opportunities for connection

Providing social justice education and tools for advocacy

Providing mentorship and leadership development

Providing tangible resources and support

WHO WE SERVE

The MOSAIC Center serves ALL students! We offer specialized programs and services for:

- BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) students
- LGBTQ+ students
- Undocumented students
- Transfer students
- Commuter students
- Graduate students
- Adult Learners

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

The MOSAIC Center

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Pigott Pavilion 180
mosaic@seattleu.edu
206-296-6070

Curious to know more? Visit The MOSAIC Center's website to learn about our programs, events and support resources.

THE LINKS

The Links by The MOSAIC Center are four student spaces located throughout campus that support the day-to-day needs of our diverse student populations. The Links program creates caring and inclusive communities that are steeped in our Jesuit values. Our MOSAIC Community Ambassadors offer a variety of educational and social programs to encourage integrated learning and increase students' sense of belonging. Each Link space is equipped with tables, chairs, couches and a kitchenette or beverage station. All spaces have additional unique features including study rooms, TVs, fireplaces and more.

COMMUTER & TRANSFER LINK	GRADUATE & ADULT LEARNER LINK	INTERCULTURAL LINK	PRIDE LINK
Student Center 310	**Sinegal 120**	**Student Center 110**	**Student Center 390**
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Monday - Thursday 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COMMUNITY SPACES

CENTER FOR FIRST-GEN SUCCESS

Being a first-generation student is a powerful and meaningful part of your story and it reflects resilience, determination and the courage to pursue new opportunities for yourself and your community. Our center exists to ensure you feel seen, supported and connected. Visit us in Student Center 322 or email firstgen@seattleu.edu to get connected!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INSTITUTE

The Indigenous Peoples Institute (IPI) creates educational avenues and offers guidance for Native American and Indigenous students by forging community on campus. We partner with tribal communities, educational institutions and community organizations to benefit you and the university community as a whole. Visit us at Xavier Hall or contact IPI@seattleu.edu to connect!

VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENT CENTER

The Veteran and Military Student Center is a resource for all enrolled veterans and military personnel, offering dedicated guidance and a supportive space designed to honor your experiences and support your goals. We're here to help ease the transition from service member (or dependent) to successful college student. Visit us at the 1103 Building or email VMSC@seattleu.edu to learn more.

ADVISING

Academic Advising at Seattle University is more than just an appointment to discuss classes. Advising is a partnership between students and their advisor and focuses on collaboration, strategic planning and identifying individual goals.

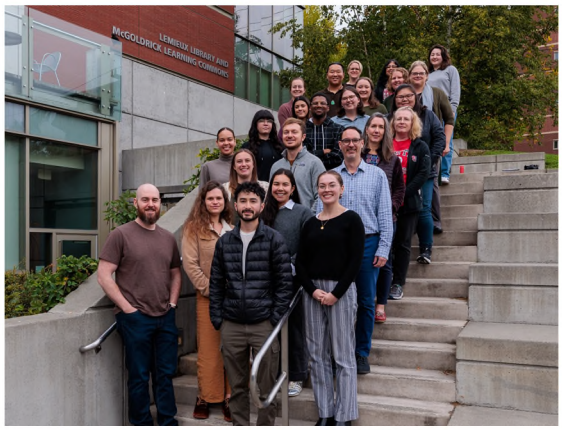
WHO IS MY ACADEMIC ADVISOR?

Your advisor is a staff member who works directly with your academic program to guide you toward successfully completing your degree. We encourage you to check in with your advisor at least once every term to ensure you are on track toward graduation.

WHAT ARE ADVISING APPOINTMENTS FOR?

Your advisor can help you with:

- Understanding degree requirements
- Connecting you with campus resources
- Selecting courses
- Setting goals
- Choosing a major or minor
- Navigating university policy and more



FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ADVISING AND REGISTRATION

We want to make registration for your first term as seamless as possible. See below for a step-by-step overview of your academic advising process. You can start these steps by logging into your Orientation Portal and visiting your New Student Checklist. Find more details on our New Student Advising and Registration website.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS @ FIRST HILL

1: Complete course preference form

2: Complete required placement exams

3: Review your course schedule

4: Meet with your Academic Advisor at Redhawk Launch

5: Submit your final, official transcripts

6: Schedule an advising appointment (optional)

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS @ SOUTH LAKE UNION (CORNISH)

1: Schedule a virtual advising appointment

2: Meet with your Academic Advisor to register for fall courses

3: Attend Redhawk Launch

4: Submit your final, official transcripts

5: Complete rehearsals and placements at Fall Welcome (if required)

CAREER ENGAGEMENT

OFFICE

Define your career with purpose through networking, career exploration, internships, experiential learning, job searches, professional formation and resources like career fairs, coaching, interview prep, resume help and affinity-based support. We work to advance equity, diversity and inclusion as a core strategic priority in comprehensive career education.

CAREER READINESS

The Career Engagement Office will help you explore career competencies such as critical thinking, creativity and innovation, teamwork and collaboration, self-awareness, social justice engagement and communication. You can also connect with a career coach to explore your professional formation and propel your career. Together, we can help you:

- Explore career paths
- Find internships
- Conduct a successful job search
- Apply to graduate school
- Prepare for your next professional role

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential learning is a dynamic engaged learning process where you “learn by doing” and reflect on your experiences. Opportunities at SU include:

- Internships
- Education Abroad
- Community-Engaged Learning
- Fieldwork
- Undergraduate and graduate research
- Clinical education
- Student employment
- Practicum

IDENTITY AND AFFINITY-BASED CAREER RESOURCES

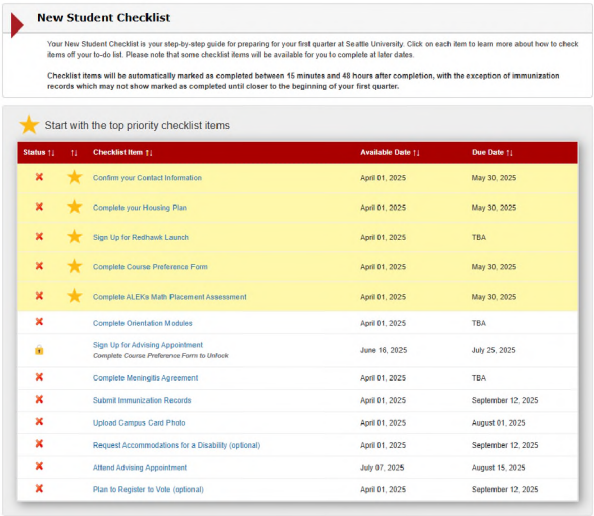
Exploring an element of your identity as it relates to your unique career development journey is important. We offer tailored support for students exploring the intersection of career and identity. We can explore resources to help you build community-based and affinity groups while connecting with others based on interests, needs or networking opportunities.

Visit us in the Pigott Pavilion or Cornish Commons or email careerengagement@seattleu.edu.

NEW STUDENT

CHECKLIST

The New Student Checklist is a list of tasks you need to complete before starting classes. The information below is the same as you will see on your New Student Checklist in your Orientation Portal, however, you need to complete these tasks in your Orientation Portal. Review the list below to learn more about what you need to complete before you arrive on campus.



New Student Checklist

Your New Student Checklist is your step-by-step guide for preparing for your first quarter at Seattle University. Click on each item to learn more about how to check items off your to-do list. Please note that some checklist items will be available for you to complete at later dates.

Checklist items will be automatically marked as completed between 15 minutes and 48 hours after completion, with the exception of immunization records which may not show marked as completed until closer to the beginning of your first quarter.

Start with the top priority checklist items

Status	Checklist Item	Available Date	Due Date
✗	Confirm your Contact Information	April 01, 2025	May 30, 2025
✗	Complete your Housing Plan	April 01, 2025	May 30, 2025
✗	Sign Up for Redhawk Launch	April 01, 2025	TBA
✗	Complete Course Preference Form	April 01, 2025	May 30, 2025
✗	Complete ALEKs Math Placement Assessment	April 01, 2025	May 30, 2025
✗	Complete Orientation Modules	April 01, 2025	TBA
🔒	Sign Up for Advising Appointment *Complete Course Preference Form to Unlock*	June 16, 2025	July 25, 2025
✗	Complete Meningitis Agreement	April 01, 2025	TBA
✗	Submit Immunization Records	April 01, 2025	September 12, 2025
✗	Upload Campus Card Photo	April 01, 2025	August 01, 2025
✗	Request Accommodations for a Disability (optional)	April 01, 2025	September 12, 2025
✗	Attend Advising Appointment	July 07, 2025	August 15, 2025
✗	Plan to Register to Vote (optional)	April 01, 2025	September 12, 2025

Complete Your Housing Plan

Completing your Housing Plan in the Housing Portal informs us whether you plan to live on-campus or commute to campus. For more information, review the Housing Guide, visit the Housing and Residence Life webpage or contact the Housing team at housing@seattleu.edu.

Submit Meningitis Agreement

Washington state law requires that information on meningococcal disease must be provided to every student prior to class registration.

Submit Final High School Transcripts Showing Graduation Date

We need your official high school transcript on file as confirmation that you have completed your high school degree. Submit your transcript by following the instructions in your Admissions Portal.

Upload Your Campus Card Photo

All Redhawks are provided a Campus Card photo ID that gives you access to printing, your meal plan and buildings including the library, gym and residential communities. You will receive your Campus Card in September.

Orientation Modules

Visit Canvas to complete your Orientation Modules, which are full of information about SU's Jesuit character, advising and registration, managing finances, maintaining wellness, student employment, exploring identity and more.

Complete 'Voices for Change' Modules

"Voices for Change" promotes a healthier and safer campus environment for everyone. Modules include videos to watch, text to read and knowledge checks.

Complete ALEKS Math Placement Assessment

Most first-year students are required to complete Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces (ALEKS) before their class schedule can be made. ALEKS is an online assessment that determines your current math skill levels and provides your Academic Advisor a score to “place” you into an initial math course.

Complete Course Preference Form

This form collects your academic interests for your Academic Advisor to build your fall schedule. You’ll also share any college course credits you’re bringing to SU, whether you’re a morning person or if you have commitments that may impact your schedule.

Schedule an Appointment with Your Academic Advisor

During your appointment, you will review your course schedule with your Academic Advisor, discuss your academic and career goals and explore insights on how to make the most of your time at Seattle University.

Submit Immunization Records

Prior to arrival on campus or attending classes, undergraduate students are required to provide proof of immunity to measles. Find more details about immunizations here and submit your information via our Online Student Health Immunization Form.

Request Accommodations for a Disability (if applicable)

Students who are requesting academic, housing and meal plan accommodations for the first time at Seattle University are required to complete the New Student Application and meet with a staff member before receiving services.

Confirm Your Contact Information

Please review your contact information and update as needed.

Plan to Register to Vote (optional)

For many new students, this fall may be your first election in which you are eligible to vote. We encourage you to register to vote before you start classes, as absentee ballot timelines and voter registration deadlines vary across states.

RSVP for Redhawk Launch (required)

Redhawk Launch is a required, in-person experience for new students to join us on campus to learn about essential campus resources and find your flock of new friends. Students are encouraged to have their parents, family and supporters sign up to attend as well. This event is designed to help you be prepared to start classes in the fall.

REDHAWK LAUNCH

WHAT IS REDHAWK LAUNCH?

Redhawk Launch is an in-person experience **required** for first-year students and up to two guests (e.g., parent, family member or supporter) to visit Seattle University in July. You'll learn about essential campus resources, connect with faculty and staff and find your flock of new friends. This event is designed to help set you up for a successful transition to college. Guest orientation sessions are designed to equip your closest supporters with the knowledge and context they need to support students throughout their transition to college.

WHEN IS REDHAWK LAUNCH?

We host five sessions on the following dates:

Monday, July 13–Tuesday, 14 (two-day program, overnight housing provided for students)

Friday, July 17

Monday, July 20

Thursday, July 23–Friday, July 24 (two-day program, overnight housing provided for students)

Friday, September 18
Redhawk Launch Session 5 is reserved for international students and students traveling from locations outside of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada and Montana.

We strongly encourage students to bring at least one guest (e.g., a parent, family member or supporter) to Redhawk Launch. Guest orientation sessions are designed to equip your closest supporters with the knowledge and context they need to support students throughout their transition to college.

GUEST SESSIONS

Students and guests attend most sessions separately. Guest sessions are designed to equip a student's closest supporters with the knowledge and context they need to support students throughout their transition to college. You can see an example of the guest schedule by scrolling down this page to "Sample Redhawk Launch Guest Schedule." Guests cannotjoin their student to attend student sessions.

GUEST FEES

There is a $100 fee for each guest who attends Redhawk Launch, which covers meals and program supplies. Overnight housing is not provided for guests.

Guest fees can be paid with a debit or credit card. The guest fee must be paid at the time of signing up. Payments cannot be accepted over the phone or in-person.

The deadline for students and guests to RSVP is Monday, June 15, 2026.

Only students can log into their Orientation Portal to access and complete the RSVP form for Redhawk Launch.

We strongly encourage students and any guests to complete their RSVP form together so you may coordinate dates and travel plans.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellations can be made at any time, however, may not include a refund. If you need to cancel your RSVP, please email orientation@seattleu.edu.

If you must cancel a guest's RSVP, a refund (minus transaction fee; approximately 2.3% plus $0.30 per transaction) will be provided up to 10 calendar days before the start date of the event.

Refunds will not be provided after 10 calendar days before the start date of the event.

Refunds are not provided for no-shows.

WHICH REDHAWK LAUNCH SESSION SHOULD I CHOOSE?

We offer one-day and two-day programs. Both options offer the same content, so you won't miss out on essential information. Read program descriptions below to help you choose the program that's best for you.

TWO-DAY PROGRAM (JULY 13-14 OR JULY 23-24)

Day 1: Check in with your overnight luggage in the early afternoon. After the welcome, students and guests separate for sessions. Orientation leaders guide you through workshops before reconnecting with guests for dinner. Guests depart after dinner and students remain on campus for evening social activities.

Day 2: Check out of your room, have breakfast and meet with your Academic Advisor while guests attend morning sessions. You'll reunite for lunch, a sample class with faculty and closing sessions before gathering your luggage and departing campus. Cornish students and guests visit the South Lake Union campus, with transportation provided.

ONE-DAY PROGRAM (JULY 17 OR JULY 20)

Check in at the First Hill campus in the morning and attend a welcome session together, then separate for student and guest sessions. You'll reunite for lunch, a sample class with faculty and closing sessions. The day concludes in the late afternoon. South Lake Union (Cornish) is not visited, but Cornish resources are included throughout.

Please be advised that sessions are limited to 200 students and fill quickly. All spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR REDHAWK LAUNCH?

Students: Log into your Orientation Portal and click on the "Orientation Events" tab. There is no fee for SU students to attend Redhawk Launch. The cost of this program is included in the Orientation Fee that is part of your first-term bill.

Guests: After students sign up to attend Redhawk Launch, they can add up to two guests to their RSVP.

For more details about cancellations and refunds, arrival and check-in, overnight stay information, the difference between one-day and two-day sessions and sample schedules, please visit our Redhawk Launch website. You can also email orientation@seattleu.edu.

IMMERSIONS

WHAT ARE EARLY BIRD IMMERSIONS?

Early Bird Immersions are optional early arrival programs that offer new students the opportunity to come to campus a few days before Fall Welcome and connect with other new students who share their passions and interests. Each experience focuses on a different theme, such as outdoor adventure, community service, identity exploration and academic success.

WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR AN EARLY BIRD IMMERSION?

Participating in an early arrival program is an opportunity to make new friends with similar interests, move into your residence hall early (if living on-campus) and get settled into life at Seattle University a few days before the start of Fall Welcome.

IS THERE A COST FOR EARLY BIRD IMMERSIONS?

Some programs have a fee and others have no cost. Program fees cover the cost of meals and program supplies and activities. Some programs offer scholarship requests for financial assistance. Some programs with fees also have a half or full scholarship request for financial support.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR AN EARLY BIRD IMMERSION?

In early June you will be able to sign up for an Early Bird Immersion in your Orientation Portal.

HOW WILL MY MOVE-IN BE DIFFERENT?

Students living in on-campus residence halls will be approved to move in early for their immersion program. Your move-in date and time will depend on which immersion you sign up for. Early move-in dates and times will be noted on the sign-up form for each immersion. After your attendance is confirmed, detailed move-in instructions will be emailed to your Seattle University email in August. Students attending an immersion program will not need to request an early arrival date in the Housing Portal. There is no additional cost for early move-in.

2026 IMMERSIONS

All Early Bird Immersions take place **Wednesday, September 16–Thursday, September 17**, with an Early Arrival Move-In date of Tuesday, September 15, unless otherwise noted.

BUILDING COMMUNITY!

Host: College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Join nursing advisors, faculty and current students at the Clinical Performance Lab to learn more about the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students will be able to watch a nursing simulation, learn a nursing assessment skill, meet with current students and learn more about their upcoming program of study.

CENTRAL SEATTLE WALKING TOUR

Host: Sundborg Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and University Ministry
Part-pilgrimage, part-immersion, part-retreat. Gather with fellow new Redhawks and campus leaders on a walking tour of our local neighborhoods and community partners in Seattle University's backyard. Learn about local social justice issues, explore opportunities to make a positive impact on your new community, deepen your understanding of community engagement and reflect on a commitment to justice in the Jesuit tradition.

CONNECTIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PLUS (CLP+)

Host: The MOSAIC Center
Dates: Monday, September 14–Tuesday, September 15 (early Move-In available September 11–13)
CLP+ is an immersive experience designed to support new students of color to develop a community on campus, learn about opportunities for engagement and resources that can support their success and develop leadership skills as they transition into college. You'll examine personal values while exploring concepts around social justice and finding strategies to navigate these systems. CLP+ begins as a pre-fall immersion program and continues throughout the fall quarter with regular touchpoints with staff and peer mentors.

FIRST@SU

Host: Center for First-Gen Success
First@SU is a two day experience where you'll bond with fellow first-gen Redhawks and get the lowdown on how to thrive at Seattle University. You'll connect with faculty mentors, explore your identity and strengths and get an inside scoop on academic expectations, campus resources, college success tips and what to expect when classes kick off. Join the Center for First-Gen Success for a chance to start strong, feel seen and step into your first year with clarity and momentum.

LEAP: LAUNCHING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC PURSUITS IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Host: College of Science and Engineering
LEAP into the school year with a community of fellow scientists and engineers. Cultivate connections with science and engineering students and faculty, participate in social and investigative activities on campus, experience the local neighborhoods and learn approaches for succeeding academically. All this while also developing social networks and pursuing future exploration in our disciplines across campus.

SEATTLE ART, HISTORY AND CULTURE STROLL

Host: College of Arts and Sciences

This immersive welcome experience invites students to explore the people, places and stories that shape the neighborhoods surrounding Seattle University through the interdisciplinary lenses of the social sciences and liberal arts. Through guided walks and curated stops, participants will encounter a mix of art, food, music and history, from spaces like the Hedreen Gallery and the Chapel of St. Ignatius, to off-campus visits that highlight Seattle's layered cultural identities. Whether reflecting on local landmarks or sampling neighborhood favorites, students will begin building a shared sense of connection and belonging as they prepare to launch their academic journey.

A TASTE OF BUSINESS: THE STORY OF ALBERS ENTREPRENEURS IN THE RESTAURANT SCENE

Host: Albers School of Business and Economics

The Albers School of Business and Economics has a rich tradition of business leaders and innovators in the Seattle area, including the city's delicious restaurant scene. This immersion program is designed to introduce new students to this tradition. Begin building your network by connecting with your fellow new classmates in an engaging (and delicious!) day designed to introduce you to restaurants in the Seattle area that are owned and/or founded by Albers alumni. You will also get to meet your Albers New Student Mentors, faculty and staff.

ROOTS & ROUTES

Host: UREC (University Recreation) and University Ministry

Dates: Sunday, September 13–Thursday, September 17 (Early Move-In available September 11–12)

Find and build your SU community over five days and four nights on the shore of Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park. Spend your days hiking, biking and canoeing and your evenings engaging in fun activities. All programming is beginner-friendly and previous outdoor experience is not required. In the evenings, we will reflect on the start of your college experience and discuss different possibilities for connecting with your new SU community. Transport, food, lodging and activities are all included in the cost of the program.

UREC HIKING TRIPS

Host: UREC (University Recreation)

Join fellow new Redhawks and campus leaders from UREC on a classic Seattle one-day hike at Little Si. We will meet on campus, then drive out to a small rocky bluff that is a moderately graded 3.7 mile trail with a gain of 1,300 feet. Although relatively steep inclines bookend this hike, this primarily north-to-south route is perfect for beginners. Join fellow new Redhawks and campus leaders from UREC on a one-day hike at this 4.3-mile out-and-back trail. Get a workout and experience rock work completed by the Department of Natural Resources and Washington Trails Association volunteer crews on this hike. Your reward is a rocky overlook from which you can marvel at Mount Kent, McClellan Butte and Mount Washington, the behemoths forming the south rim of the west entrance to Snoqualmie Pass.

FALL WELCOME

Fall Welcome is Saturday, September 19 through Saturday, September 26. This series of events includes Seattle University traditions, Orientation groups, social events, activities and community meals.

Fall Welcome events are for all new first-year students (residential and commuter) and new transfer students living in on-campus housing.

New Student Convocation and school and college convenings are required for all new students.

Parents, families and supporters are invited to join us for the Resource Fair, Family Hospitality Area and Fall Welcome Kickoff before departing campus around 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 19. Similar programming will be hosted for students who move-in early to participate in Early Bird Immersions.

FALL WELCOME EVENTS

Academic Convenings

Athletic Games

Battle of the Hawks

Commuter Community Event

Fall Welcome Kickoff

First Day of Class Photos

Fresh Start Drag Show

Inclusion Workshop

Involvement Fair

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Nellie's Hall of Fame

New Student Convocation

New Student Move-In

Night at UREC

Orientation Groups

Redhawk Ring-In

Residential Community Event

Scavenger Hunt

Seattle City Excursions

Student Center Takeover

SU Class Photo

Welcome Mass

PARENTS,

FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS

A TIME OF EXCITEMENT AND POSSIBI

We recognize that your student's transition to college can be just as big of a transition for you! Moving on to college represents a significant step toward adulthood, whether your student lives at home or on campus. This transition into adulthood is a huge development step for your student, for you as a parent and for the rest of your family. We offer Orientation sessions and events specifically focused on exploring resources to help you support your student as they begin to navigate the realities of college life.

HOW DO WE SUPPORT YOU?

Orientation Programs will copy you on most email messages sent to your student prior to the start of classes. You will also receive a monthly newsletter that highlights important information and resources to support your transition experience. Additionally, we have family-specific sessions and events for you throughout Summer Orientation and Fall Welcome, which you can find on our Families and Supporters website.

BEYOND ORIENTATION

Much like your student, Seattle University is here to support you beyond Orientation and through Commencement. Once Orientation ends, we'll stay connected in the following ways:

Family Connections Newsletter

- We'll send you a monthly newsletter that shares upcoming dates, university announcements and relevant topics of discussion to bring up with your student.

Online Resources

- We've compiled a list of books that offer helpful insight into parenting a college student
- Review our guide of monthly issues we know students often experience at certain times of the year
- Our Frequently Asked Questions website for families lists our most common questions

FAMILY WEEKEND & HOMECOMING

When: Early November 2026

Join us for a weekend of fun at Family Weekend during Homecoming. Whether your student is a first-year or a senior, we have events for you to enjoy with other families and students. We cannot wait for you to be a part of the celebration of our Redhawk spirit!

ADMISSIONS & ORIENTATION APP

The Admissions & Orientation App is the home of the complete Redhawk Launch and Fall Welcome schedules. By using our app, you will have access to all event times, locations and descriptions, as well as transition support resources readily available in one place whenever you need them! On the app, which is free to download and use, families and supporters can view the schedule and resources. We will inform you of any last-minute reminders or schedule changes with app notifications.

HOW DO I DOWNLOAD THE ORIENTATION APP?

Search for “Seattle University Orientation” in your app store to download.

For detailed steps, use our Steps to Download Our Guide App to Your Mobile Phone.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Student employment is a high-impact, experiential learning opportunity that is integral to your college experience. You’ll gain professional skills and earn money while exploring your career goals and interests. Jobs are designed to help you build skills that translate to a variety of career paths and apply classroom learning to real-world responsibilities.

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

On-campus jobs are more than a paycheck. Participating in student employment means your role as a student comes first. Jobs are flexible around your schedule, convenient to where you live and study. More benefits to having an on-campus job include:

- Financing educational expenses
- Gaining essential job skills for the world of work
- Exploring career interests and strengths
- Growing your knowledge, skills and abilities within SU’s Career and Leadership Competencies
- Connecting with a network of staff, faculty and peers in the workplace

WHO’S ELIGIBLE?

All students enrolled in a program of study at least half-time (six credits for undergraduate) are eligible to work on campus. You do not need to be work-study eligible to work on campus.

HOW CAN I FIND JOBS AND APPLY?

On-campus jobs will be posted on Workday. Incoming students will get access and more information about applying to jobs in July.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

An education at Seattle University is an investment in your future success. Our team is here to understand your individual financial situation and find ways to meet your needs. Contact us at financialservices@seattleu.edu for guidance on making informed decisions every step of the way.

STUDENT BILLING AND PAYMENTS

We're ready to assist you and your family/supporters in understanding and paying your bill. Connect with us to discuss charges and updates posted to your account, any financial aid distributions, setting up payment plans and completing payments.

TUITION AND FEES

Financing a top-tier education may appear overwhelming, yet our goal is to ensure your educational investment is within reach. Tuition, fees or expenses can differ based on program and degree. We're happy to break down the cost of attendance to help you plan for your future goals.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Whether you're exploring grants, loans or scholarships, we're here to guide you through the application process, understanding eligibility criteria and deadlines and leveraging your merit, need and other circumstances to qualify for specific scholarships.

LIBRARIES

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The Lemieux Library supports students' academic and personal journeys through a wide range of resources, services, expertise, space and technology. Enjoy 24/7 services, access to vast digital and print resources and modern lab spaces to support your coursework and creative projects.

The McGoldrick Learning Commons supports learning through the co-location, coordination and enhancement of student-centered academic services that complement the classroom experience. These physical and virtual spaces reinforce collaborative, exploratory and peer-led learning.

Our Learning Commons Partners include:

- Billodue Makerspace (located in the Sinegal Center)
- Learning Assistance Program
- Math Lab
- Media Production Center
- Research Services
- Writing Center

CORNISH LIBRARY

The Cornish Library boasts specialized collections tailored to the visual and performing arts. With more than 34,000 books, 60 periodicals and thousands of music scores, videos and sound recordings, the library offers unique services and resources for each academic program. Visit us on the 2nd Floor of the Main Campus Center (MCC) at the South Lake Union campus.

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REDHAWK

As someone new to our campus, you will be learning a lot about Seattle University. Read on for a list of phrases and acronyms used across the Redhawk community!

ARCC: Assistant Residential Community Coordinator, a part-time, live-in professional staff member in the residence halls who assists the Residential Community Coordinators.

The Bistro: Short for the "Hawks Nest Bistro," an eatery on the Student Center third floor.

The Bottom Line: Food center in the Pigott Atrium.

The Byte: Café in the library.

C Street: Cherry St. Market, the First Hill Campus dining hall located in the Student Center.

Cap Hill: Capitol Hill—the neighborhood surrounding and north of campus.

CAPS: Counseling & Psychological Services.

CCE: The Sundborg Center for Community Engagement, main entry point for students, faculty and staff who want to engage in the local community.

Chapel: Chapel of St. Ignatius.

ConnectSU: An online platform where you can learn about clubs/organizations to join and events happening at SU.

The Core/UCOR: A multidiscipline curriculum for all students, in addition to their major.

CSI: Center for Student Involvement, supports student activities, government, clubs and organizations.

DA: Desk assistant at one of the residence hall desks.

DPS: Department of Public Safety, available for support on campus 24/7.

FH: First Hill, often referring to our campus

Handshake: Online career development platform that includes on/off campus job searches, resume support, career counseling, interview help and more.

HAWC: Health and Wellness Crew: Wellness peer educators.

Homecoming: A campus-wide celebration packed with a series of events and programs for all Redhawks to enjoy.

Hub Desk: The information desk on the first floor of the Student Center.

ISSC: International Student and Scholar Center, located in Pigott Pavilion.

KXSU: Seattle University's student-run radio station.

Links: “Home away from home” spaces that provide welcoming environments to support the day-to-day needs of our various student populations. Explore study spaces, kitchenettes, access to campus resources, computers and printers.

MCC: Main Campus Center, the primary building for classrooms, dining, resources and services at South Lake Union (Cornish).

mySeattleU: Student online access to academic records, registration, financial aid, bills and student employment.

Nellie’s: Nellie’s Cafe & Espresso Bar, the South Lake Union dining hall located in the MCC.

NSR: New Student Retreat, off-campus retreat tradition to reflect on hopes for your journey at SU.

Office Hours: An opportunity to talk with your professors to discuss questions you may have about your class or other related topics (usually announced in class and in your syllabus).

OL: Orientation Leader, a peer leader who helps new students transition to university life.

ORCA Card: Transportation card used across systems in the Seattle area.

Quad: Short for “quadrangle,” located in the heart of campus and home to our fountain.

Quadstock: Annual spring music festival sponsored by SEAC.

RA: Resident Assistant, student staff member on residence hall floors who helps build community.

Redhawk Center: The campus athletic and recreation complex.

Redhawk Service Center: Co-located resources of the Registrar’s Office and Student Financial Services in Vi Hilbert Hall.

RCC: Residential Community Coordinator. Full-time, live-in professional staff member in the residence hall.

Rudy the Redhawk: Seattle University mascot.

SEAC: Student Events and Activities Council. A student programming body on campus. Plans large scale signature programs and off-campus excursions.

Search: A retreat by University Ministry focused on self-discovery in the context of community.

SGSU: Student Government of Seattle University.

SLU: South Lake Union, often referring to our Cornish campus.

Upper/Lower Mall: The main North/South walking thoroughfares through campus.

UREC: University Recreation: Intramural Sports, sport clubs, workout space/group fitness classes, aquatics facility/lessons and outdoor activities.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

CHECKING YOUR EMAIL

Seattle University provides a single Office 365 email account (yourusername@seattleu.edu) to every student. This is the primary email account we will use to contact you for Orientation updates and reminders. Official university communications, campus news and other important alerts are delivered to your email account. We encourage you to check your Seattle University email multiple times a day so you do not miss any important messages.

CANVAS

Canvas is the university's learning management system (LMS). This system brings improved collaboration and learning for students and faculty. Visit seattleu.instructure.com and log in with your SU account credentials.

COMPASS (CORNISH STUDENTS ONLY)

Compass is a student home page where Cornish College of the Arts students can manage several essential functions, including viewing course information, registering for classes, paying their bills, reviewing housing assignments and viewing grades. Bookmark this site in your browser, as you'll likely login regularly.

MYSEATTLEU (ALL SU STUDENTS)

MySeattleU is a centralized platform where you can access your Student Account Center, manage financial aid, navigate student planning for course registration, submit time sheets for on-campus jobs, view final grades and more. Bookmark this site, as you'll likely login regularly.

ORIENTATION PORTAL

Your Orientation Portal is a central hub for navigating your transition to college. It is the home of your New Student Checklist and your go-to spot to sign up for virtual and in-person events. We'll send you emails with updates and reminders to let you know when new tasks become available and when event sign-ups go live. Click here to access your Orientation Portal and bookmark this link in your browser for easy access!

REDHAWK ADMISSIONS PORTAL

Undergraduates receive access to their Redhawk Admissions Portal upon applying to SU. It is your go-to place to access important updates, information and resources related to your application and next steps. Use the Redhawk Admissions Portal to view your admissions decision, view your financial aid award, confirm your enrollment and learn about next steps before you enroll.

REDHAWK HUB

The Redhawk Hub intranet serves students, faculty and staff. This Hub is a centralized location to find university updates, upcoming events and quick links to resources across campus.

FIRST HILL CAMPUS MAP

CAMPUS BUILDINGS & AREAS

1103 East Madison Building	1103
1313 East Columbia Building	CLMB
Administration Building	ADMN
Advancement & Alumni Building	ADAL
Arrupe Jesuit Residence	ARRP
Bannan Center	BANN
Bellarmine Hall	BELL
Campion Hall	CAMP
Casey Building and Casey Commons	CASY
Championship Field	CHAF
Chapel of St. Ignatius	CHAP
Chardin Hall	CHDN
Douglas Apartments	DOUG
Fine Arts Building	FINR
Garrand Building	GARR
Harding Building	HRDG
Hunthausen Hall	HUNT
Kolvenbach House 1217	KV17
Kolvenbach House 1220	KV20
Laundry Building	LDRY
Lee Center for the Arts	CNFA
Lemieux Library & McGoldrick Learning Commons	LEML
Logan Court 819 A,B,C	L19
Logan Court 821 B,C	L21
Loyola Hall College of Education	LOYA
Madison Building Campus Store	MADI
Murphy Apartments	ATMA
O'Brien Center	OBRN
Pigott Building	PIGT
Pigott Pavilion for Leadership	PAVL
Redhawk Center Athletics & Fitness Center	HAWK
Seattle University Park Logan Field	SUPK
Sinegal Center for Science & Innovation	SINE
Student Center	STCN
Sullivan Hall School of Law	SLLH
Vi Hilbert Hall Admissions	HILB
Xavier Hall	XAVR
Yobi Apartments	YOBI

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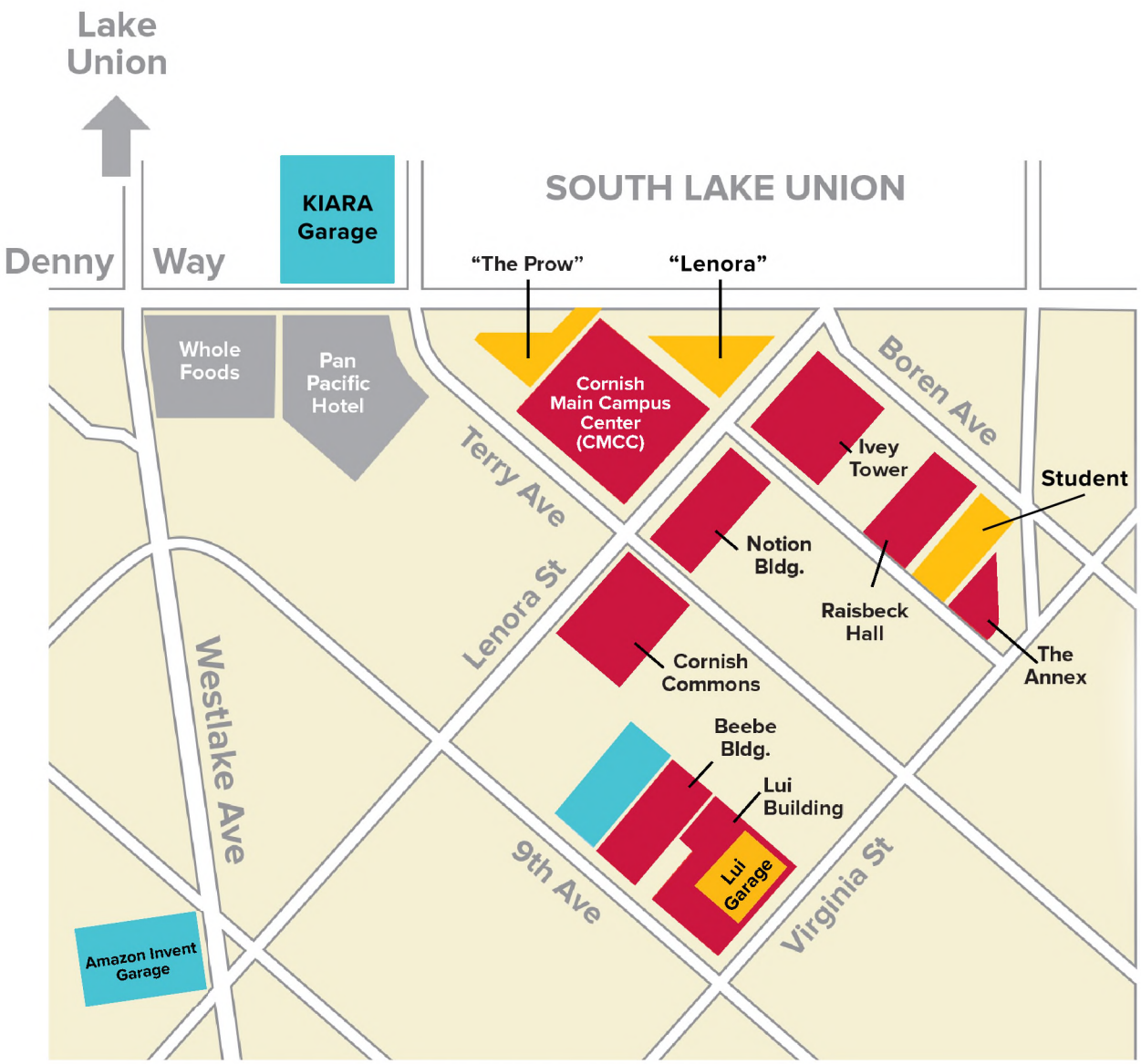
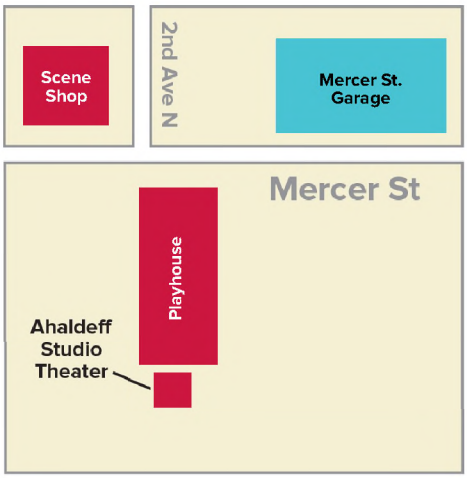
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