

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
Seattle Colleges

FROM: **Ana Chamale**
President, United Student Association
South Seattle College

DATE: December 8, 2022

SUBJECT: United Student Association (USA) Report – INFORMATION ONLY

HIRING ISSUES & CONCERNS OFFICER

We received several applications for the vacant Issues & Concerns officer position and our USA hiring committee is now organizing interviews. We hope to have this new team member in place by winter quarter.

STALKING INCIDENT & SAFETY REPORT TO USA

On November 8, security officer Matt Jackson shared information with the USA team regarding the recent stalking incident on campus. We discussed how USA can help promote safety awareness to students. Counseling and security are involved in protecting students and assuring that they feel safe and comfortable. Our plan is to create a column in the newsletter and a flyer to ensure that students see and recognize security services available to them, in particular escorts from classroom to car/bus. USA is also working on creating waterproof stickers to put in isolated locations throughout the campus such as parking lots, bus stops, and walkways including the phone number to call security.

WASHINGTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION

On November 15, the organizing Manager of the Washington Student Association, Molly Walker, met with our USA team to discuss ways to collaborate. Their programs include opportunities to meet with elected offices and testify in the state legislature, serve on statewide commissions, including the Students of Color Coalition. The Washington Student Association works with over 15 college and university campuses, representing 150,000 members and have numerous student victories over the years, including working on WAFSA legislation and advocacy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

On November 12, Sustainability Officer Zoe Hawkins led a group of volunteers to assist with restoration cleanup in Roxhill Park. Students signed- up to help clean and restore the park while practicing student leadership and group teamwork. Students planted over 20 trees at various locations and have successfully reached their goal to help restore and make the park healthier and better for the community. She plans to organize more of these programs during winter and spring quarter with the Delridge Neighborhood Association.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE-THRU, NOVEMBER 19

On November 19, over 500 turkeys with boxes of dairy and produce were distributed for free to students and community members from the North Parking lot on campus. USA VP Ahmed Gumale volunteered with traffic support. This was the third annual holiday drive-thru sponsored by our campus Food Pantry and the West Seattle Food Bank, who provided the \$40k funding.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

USA Diversity officer Y'ana Goddard is planning a Student Meetup at the Duwamish Longhouse on November 29 in honor of Native American Heritage Month. We are collaborating with the faculty member who teaches Pacific NW History so students can get the most of their learning.