

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – 9

CULTUREFEST 2018 – INTERNATIONAL EXPO: Travel the world in a day! Culturefest is a two-day event that celebrates the diversity and talent that international students bring to our campus and our region. 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. both days. The Huskey Union Building (HUB), 4001 E. Stevens Way NE.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR & CELEBRATION: Celebrate Lunar New Year with a full day of activities for the whole family! A lion



Zodiac with a stuffed animal petting zoo, win prizes and much more! Wing Lake Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, 719 S. King St.

CELEBRATE NEIGHBOR DAY WITH RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: Seattle Department of Neighborhoods invites all Seattle residents to celebrate Neighbor Day by indulging in random acts of kindness throughout the Seattle area.

FREE HOMEBUYER EDUCATION: Windermere Real Estate and Guild Mortgage Company have partnered with the Washington Housing & Finance Commission to help homebuyers understand both the down payment assistance loan programs and tax credits available to them. The seminars are free and we welcome your attendance. Please join us! 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Guild Mortgage Company, 150 120th NE, Bellevue..

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

LUNAR NEW YEAR IN CHINATOWN: Ring in the New Year of the Dog at this massive Lunar New Year celebration that showcases the diversity, richness of the Asia community. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Chinatown International District.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

LEARN ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND: The Neighborhood Matching Fund, a program of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods is hosting a workshop for those interested in applying to the fund. This is for Neighborhoods and community groups that are interested. 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m., Mont Lake Community Center, 1618 Calhoun St.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SOUND OFF 2018 –SEMIFINALS ROUND 2:

MoPop’s premier 21 and under battle of the bands supports the local music scene by giving artists of all backgrounds the opportunity to showcase original music. The winning band from each semifinal will progress to the Finals on Saturday March 3. Admission is \$9 members, \$10 students with ID, \$14 general admission. 8 p.m. Museum of Pop Culture, 325 5th Ave. N.



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Special Naturalization Ceremony

Robel 10, and his family stand for the pledge of allegiance during a special Naturalization Ceremony Feb.1, at the Northwest African American Museum. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services celebrated the start of African American History Month by welcoming Seattle’s newest citizens including Robel’s father and about two dozen other people from many different countries. The new citizens were welcomed by NAAM Executive Director LaNesha DeBardelaben, several members of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Keynote Speaker Mr. Ezra Teshome, originally from Ethiopia and now a U.S. citizen and NAAM Events Manager Marie Kidhe, herself the daughter of Ugandan immigrants, congratulated the new citizens.

Seattle News Briefs

Ban on Use of Criminal Records to Deny Housing Starts on Feb. 19

The new Fair Chance Housing ordinance takes effect this February 19. The city ordinance bans the use of criminal records to consider applications for rental housing. It was passed by the Seattle City Council last year, after nearly a decade of advocacy and development by community groups, the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and the Mayor’s Office.

If you would like to learn more about the rights and requirements that the new law creates, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/civil-rights/fair-housing/fair-chance-housing-legislation>.

If you are a landlord or a prospective tenant, you might also want to attend one of the eight training sessions sponsored by OCR and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. They cover information about fair housing, deposit and move-in fees, and other regulatory ordinances related to renting in Seattle.

To register, visit www.seattle.gov/civilrights/about/news-and-events/event-calendar.

Applications Now Open for 2018 Voter Education Fund

Applications for the 2018 Voter Education Fund are now open. King County Elections and Seattle Foundation are awarding \$460,000 in grants to increase voter engagement in underserved communities.

Organizations encouraged to apply include, but are not limited to, those serving communities of color, limited-English speaking communities, people with disabilities, low-income youth, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and people who have been convicted of a felony.

This year the Voter Education Fund is placing a special emphasis on helping to ensure that citizens experiencing homelessness are able to vote and are aware that a traditional residential address is not required to register to vote in Washington State.

The fund will also emphasize voter outreach efforts to people who have been convicted of a felony. Many times, citizens convicted of a felony are unaware that

their voting rights are automatically restored once they’re no longer under Department of Corrections supervision.

Community-based organizations can apply for up to \$20,000 to develop an ongoing campaign to engage voters or potential voters, or up to \$10,000 to provide a series of targeted events.

The application period for the 2018 Voter Education Fund is open from February 6 to March 5, 2018. Organizations interested in applying can download an application or apply online.

Information sessions will be held:

- Thursday, February 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Technology Access Foundation’s Bethaday Community Learning Space, 605 SW 108th St, Seattle, 98146 ;.
- Friday, February 23, from 10:30 a.m.-12pm at the Kent Centennial Building, First Floor Conference Room, 400 W. Gowe St, Kent, 98032 .
- Monday, February 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. at The 2100 Building, Community Room B, 2100 24th Ave S, Seattle, 98144

Donors Urged to Help the Red Cross Maintain Blood Supply

Winter storms and the flu don’t just mean a lot of people are missing work and school – it also means they can’t keep their American Red Cross blood and platelet donation appointments. The Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to roll up a sleeve to help maintain the blood supply for patients in need.

In 2018, severe winter weather forced about 600 blood drives to cancel, resulting in more than 17,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations. And, widespread flu across the U.S. has resulted in lower turnout at blood drives.

Blood and platelet donations are needed in the coming days to help replenish the blood supply and ensure patients continue to receive lifesaving treatments. Donors can help even more patients when they invite a loved one, friend or co-worker to give with them.

Make an appointment to donate this winter by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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FEBRUARY 22: “Pioneers in STEM”

Euphemia Lofton Haynes, first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics in 1943