



Greetings!

Welcome back returning parents and welcome to new parents! This communication, *Kaleidoscope*, will provide information about the planned activities of the SOAR Ambassador program, program developments that occur throughout the academic year and relevant campus events that impact students. As always, we welcome your [thoughts, feedback and questions](#). [Click here to Unsubscribe](#).

Parents of First Year Ambassadors

We hope your son/daughter is enjoying the last weeks leading up to the next phase of their academic journey. We're very excited to start the semester after a bustling summer. Fall classes begin August 22nd. Campus life will be at its busiest with [Welcome Week](#) activities organized by Student Affairs. Please consider inquiring with your son/daughter about his/her plans to attend events. More than ever, an organization system, such as a planner, will be beneficial as students begin the balance act of navigating their newfound freedom, assignments, required meetings and, yes, the fun things, too!

Parents of Returning Ambassadors

Congratulations! Your son/daughter successfully completed the requirements of the previous year. We invite you read the 2018-2019 SOAR Ambassador Program [handbook](#) to become familiar with the changes. New this year is the student organization for participants. We believe that using this format for the monthly meetings will provide opportunities to gain skills that will translate to marketable assets when pursuing ventures after graduation.

SOAR Ambassadors have earned a reputation for being personable, dependable and knowledgeable of campus resources. When student volunteers are needed, campus administrators often contact us. We encourage Ambassadors to seize these networking opportunities.

All Parents

Stay abreast with things that occur during the financial aid cycles with our [Chat Tuesdays!](#)

Connect with us on social media!!  

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

FWS provides part-time employment for students who are eligible for need-based aid. It is awarded to students on a first come/first served basis until the funds are exhausted. Earnings are not applied to your bill; instead, students receive a paycheck on the 15th of each month for the hours worked the previous month.

- Available positions will be posted in Handshake (formerly Seawork). The [Career Center](#) is a great resource for students, providing career counseling and career fairs, in addition to job postings. Jobs are posted in Handshake frequently; check the site often.
- The flexibility of an on-campus FWS position enables students to establish a work schedule around their class schedule.
- FWS funds are limited. If a student didn't receive FWS or did receive it and is not hired for a FWS position, students should consider a Work Assist job, which employs students with non-FWS funding.

CLASS OF 2018

This year, seniors received cords to wear as part of their graduation ensemble. The gold represents the achievement of a GPA of 3.5 or higher; teal represents the dynamic Seahawk spirit! Four of the nine May graduates are picture below.



From left to right: Meribeth Lamberth, Yujiemi Chisolm, Truman Spittel and Mariah Sutton

IMPORTANT FALL DATES:

August

22: First day of classes for the fall semester

22: Part-time Job and Student Services Fair

September

1: Last day to change meal plans for fall 2018. [Read more>>>](#)

10: Last day to waive student health insurance for the fall semester. [Read more>>>](#)

14-16: Family & Alumni Weekend. [Read more>>>](#)

October 1: 2019-2020 FAFSA opens