

# E-FOCUS

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Happy Friday before Thanksgiving Break HEA,

Folks, we are a quarter of the way through the school year. That means conferences, grades, report cards, and a very well-earned four-day break!

This week started with a lovely Duwamish River tour with Maritime High School. Our 9th grade tour guides regaled us with stories that they had curated from their research as we made the 90-minute round trip voyage from the West Seattle bridge south to Salmon Cove Park. We learned about industrial pollution, commerce, displacement of native peoples, and the impact that 150 white settlers had in scuttling the proposed reservation along the shores of the river. Our tour guides admitted that they had never been on the river nor even thought about the waterway prior to attending Maritime High School, but now they see the significance of it and the need to continue the restoration. Thank you to Maritime educators Michael Stein-Ross and Jessie Traughber for the opportunity to participate. That evening, at the Seattle Kraken game, the One Roof Foundation announced a \$32,000 gift to Maritime High School in honor of the water taxi crew who heroically intervened and saved the Seattle waterfront from a break away cargo barge.



This week, I attended Culture of Belonging Celebrations at Highline High School and Valley View Early Learning Center. Thank you for your work in Living the Promise.

I wish you a rejuvenating holiday break with your families and loved ones. I am thankful for each and every one of you. Happy Thanksgiving HEA.

Gobble gobble,

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## **NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations remain open for [WEA RA](#) and [NEA RA](#). Nominations will close 12/4 at the rep council meeting. [Email jbinns@washingtonea.org](mailto:jbinns@washingtonea.org) with nominations for one or both assemblies.

## **LOGO DECORATION:**

Still looking for “winter” themed logo entries. Access the file below and reply to this letter and include your photo or digital rendition. The executive board will be selecting a winner on Monday.



[CLICK HERE FOR HEA LOGO FILE](#)

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**CONTRACT CORNER:**

Turn to Appendix D Section D.1 – Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule. There are funds available to support the events you want to hold! Want to run a board game club and have some funds to buy games and provide a stipend? It's in there. Work with your SLT because this is why you elected them! This is use it or lose it money that we have bargained. If we don't access these funds, it's difficult to get funding increases in these areas, so be creative and positively press your SLT!

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**FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**HEA Executive Board meeting** 11/20/23 @ Puget Sound Skills Center 4:30PM-6PM

**HEA Representative Council meeting** 12/04/23 zoom 4:30PM-6PM | [Email HEA Secretary for zoom link.](#)

**Rainier UniServ Council presents: Pre-Retirement Seminar** 12/1-12/2 | 12/1 5pm-8pm,  
12/2 8:30am-2pm  
\$15 registration fee. [Register here!](#)

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