

President's Letter

We must be getting close to spring because baseball spring training is happening in Arizona and the Mariners' season opener is on March 28 against the Boston Red Sox. It is always fun to watch the Mariners play and we wish them all the best for the 2024 season.

Last week's Comic Con 2024 was a huge success. The show utilized both Arch and Summit and sold out on Saturday with 31,000 people attending. Show management was very happy with the facilities and how we partnered with them to create this special event. There were lots of costumes, cosplay, celebrity panels and autograph signing throughout the weekend. I was here on Saturday, and both buildings were very busy, and food service was no exception. They set a record in sales this year of over \$726,000, the highest Comic Con food and beverage sales ever. I want to thank all departments for working together on this annual event. The seamless set-up and smooth operations are a testament to our ability to present our facilities and services to meet the customers' needs and attendees' expectations. Contracts for 2025 and 2026 for Comic Con and PAX West were signed while they were in town for the show. Great work, everyone!

We have been conducting art tours at both Summit and Arch for the last two months, and they are very popular. People can sign up online for the monthly tours. We have also been doing monthly tours of Summit for the public to showcase our new building and all that it has to offer. These tours are also very popular. I want to thank Mara Vostral and Loni Syltebo for guiding the tours and managing the tour program. Thank you both!

We have a very busy March and April, kicking off our spring event season with 35 events. Please continue to work together and help each other out during this time. Thank you for all your hard work.



Jeffrey A. Blosser
President & CEO



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Celebrating Employees

Featured Employee | Kyle Cleveland, Capital Accountant



Kyle Cleveland joined the Accounting & Finance team early in the summer of 2023. His work station is with the rest of the finance department on Admin Level 1 near the spiral staircase. You can see all of them quietly focused on their computer screens as they crunch numbers. Each has a specialty – Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Operations Accountant, Payroll Accountant, Compliance Accountant – Kyle is the Capital Accountant.

Kyle's responsibilities cover the accounting of all assets and capital projects throughout the campus. This means he reviews and confirms that Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules are followed on financial statements when we purchase new equipment or build a new building. His role also covers accounting for the leases of equipment and software.

While each team member focuses on their own work and goals, their specialties contribute to the larger picture. The joy comes from working together to solve complex accounting issues. For Kyle, the reward is the feeling of true accomplishment when everything balances. Their clean audit reports are badges of honor.

Kyle is a big sports fan. He's been a Seahawks season ticket holder for over 10 years, and eventually wants to purchase season tickets for the Kraken. He also likes to cook, ski, attend concerts, and try new restaurants with his fiancé.



Half-a-Dozen Questions | Mercedes Perez, Lead Admission Attendant

Q What's the one word you would choose to describe yourself?

A *Helpful.*

Q If you go could back in history, who would you like to meet?

A *John Lennon.*

Q What's the most exciting, or most memorable, place you've ever visited?

A *Buenos Aires.*

Q What song do you listen to most?

A *Here Comes the Sun! by the Beatles.*

Q What's your favorite vehicle?

A *My Cadillac SRX4.*

Q What is the best dish you cook?

A *Grilled Rib-Eye Steak.*



Event Calendar

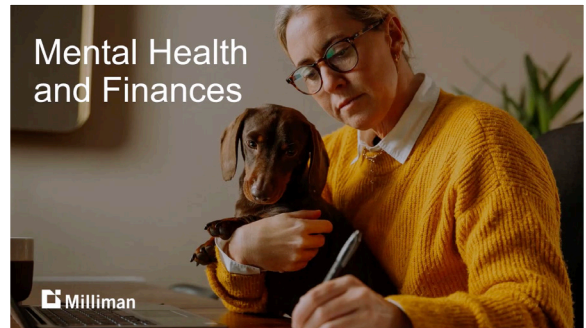
EVENT	VENUE	ATTENDANCE	DATES
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education	Summit	6,890	3/5-3/13
Seattle Golf Show	Arch	4,000	3/7-3/10
The Bush School - Celebrate Bush Fundraiser	Summit	440	3/7-3/8
Lakeside School Seattle Area Alumni Reception	Summit	200	8-Mar
Aerospace & Defense Supplier Summit Seattle 2024	Arch	2,000	3/9-3/15
Teamsters Local 117 Shop Steward Training & Appreciation Day	Arch	300	3/9
Visit Seattle Internal Meeting	Arch	20	3/13
AAS 2024 Annual Conference - Association for Asian Studies	Arch	3,050	3/13-3/17
AWS DevCon Seattle 2024 - Amazon Web Services	Summit	3,000	3/15-3/22
UNCF A Mind is a Gala - United Negro College Fund-Seattle Chapter	Summit	750	3/15-3/16
USITT 2024 Annual Conference & Stage Expo - United States Institute for Theatre Technology	Arch	5,000	3/17-3/24
SAAS in the City Fundraiser - Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences	Summit	700	3/22-3/24
Seattle Arts and Lectures 2024 Gala	Summit	350	3/22
Sakura-Con General Meeting	Arch	50	3/24
WMFHA EdCon 2024 - Washington Multi-Family Housing Association	Arch	1,200	3/25-3/26
Sakura-Con '24	Arch & Summit	30,000	3/26-4/1
Beyond the Build Habitat for Humanity Annual Benefit Luncheon	Summit	1,200	3/26-3/27
The Seattle Public Library - Staff In-service Day	Arch	700	3/27
ASPHO 2024 Annual Conference - American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology	Arch	1,000	4/1-4/6
Northwest Event Show 2024	Summit	4,000	4/1-4/4
Jurassic Quest	Arch	4,000	4/4-4/8
NLIT Summit - National Laboratories Information Technology	Arch	500	4/7-4/11
Eid-ul-Fitr Prayer Service	Arch	2,000	4/10

News

Milliman, a benefits consulting company utilized by SCC administrative employees, recently hosted a Mental Health and Finances webinar. All SCC and service partner employees are welcome to view the webinar in which audience members can learn how taking charge of finances can help you rest easier, sleep better, and put you on a path to a more secure financial future. This webinar discusses top financial stressors and ways to stress less while managing your money, all the way through retirement.

The video, just under 22 minutes, can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/milliman/financialwellnesswebinarmental-health>



Show Contractor Review

Show Contactor Meeting Reinforces Safety and Operational Standards

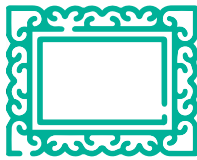
On February 6, approximately 50 guests representing 16 external show management companies, such as Fern, GES, and Freeman, assembled to learn about safety and operational standards at SCC. The meeting was led by Event Services' Krista Daniel and Jennifer Fahey. If anyone would like to review the information covered in the meeting, much of it is in the Show Contractor Guidelines available on our <https://seattleconventioncenter.com/Event-Planning-Guide> and on the y-drive: Y:\Client-Facing Documents\A Client Info Documents.

SCC Represented at Industry Event

Aaron Davis and James Cadengug represented the Center at the 2024 Meeting Professionals International Cascadia Conference in Oregon this week. As part of our sponsorship of the event, Aaron had the opportunity to step on stage to promote SCC's Regional/Local and OneStop services.



Art Corner



The creation of a self-portrait is an affirmation of an artist's identity.

Artist barry johnson (the artist uses lowercase only) has two self-portrait paintings displayed in Summit. Mara, SCC Art Program Specialist, knew the paintings before meeting the artist, and recognized him immediately when he stopped by unannounced at Arch last week, requesting to see his installed work.

In the work entitled *So What*, located in the Level 2 Olive lobby, johnson immerses us as the viewer in his studio. This was the first piece he created for his "Pretty Boy Barry" series. He wanted to depict his studio process, where he is surrounded by his past and present paintings, sculptures, books, and tools that have guided him. The two sculptures on the back wall are deflated basketballs. The small portraits on the desk are from his "between the sheets" series. The pile of books includes *Unprotected* by Billy Porter, *Will* by Will Smith, *From Staircase to the Stage* by Raekwon, and *Mastry* by Kerry James Marshall.

johnson's other work, *I got the sun in my eyes*, is located in the Level 3 Boren Concourse.



barry johnson next to *So What* posing with his shoes, the same ones depicted in the self portrait painting.



Thanks!

Monthly Prize Winners

To: Abigale Harrison

Thank you Abby for all your hard work. I appreciate it. Thank you!

From: **Edith Espinoza** 🏆

To: Cassandra Hohn

Going out of your way to secure my misplaced mobile phone. Appreciate your concern and effort. Huge Thanks!!

From: **Liza Ampoan** 🏆

To: Mary Clare Kersten

Thank you for alerting me to a priority call while in a meeting. I was able to assist my team with an active assault on an officer.

From: **Frank Valez** 🏆

Art Tours



Mara, SCC Art Program Specialist, leads an art tour in Arch.

SCC now offers building and art tours to the general public!

Tours of the Summit building, which are offered monthly, explore the event spaces of the building.

Art tours alternate between Arch and Summit each month. Mara, the Art Program Specialist at SCC, leads participants through the building and shares information on the art, artists, and selection or donation processes that brought different art pieces to SCC.

Tour group sizes are capped at 15 people to ensure a quality, one hour experience.

Those interested can learn more on our website at <https://seattleconventioncenter.com/tours>, or search for Seattle Convention Center tours on Eventbrite.

Thanks! Monthly Prize Winners

To: Tony Sheehan

Thank you for working until the early morning hours on Saturday on the New Years weekend to make sure Security had our cameras back properly so we can better protect our building.

From: **Larry Baker** 

To: Mercedes Perez

Your commitment to overtime work illuminates our path to success. Your persistence in putting in extra hours reflects a level of dedication that goes beyond the ordinary. I sincerely appreciate it.

From: **Norm Wong** 

To: Edith Espinoza

Constantly leading the blind, including me.

From: **Abigale Harrison** 

To: Bek Hassanov & His Team

Awesome work on the mess from the busted sprinkler in front of the Arch main entrance. The job you guys and girls do we will always be grateful for.

From: **Brian Sevaaetasi** 

Client Compliments



Krystal Jimenez is wonderful to work with. Her responsiveness ensures that we feel valued and our needs are addressed promptly. She is knowledgeable regarding SCC policies and services. We feel confident in considering her guidance and recommendations. Additionally, she is easygoing and approachable making working with Krystal a pleasure and ultimately contributing to our success.

Pam Jensen | producer/owner
Seattle Wedding Show



Roberto Rico responsiveness to emails and promptness in answering calls were invaluable. His dedication to accommodating our needs and addressing our questions has not gone unnoticed. Working with Roberto has been a pleasure, and we sincerely hope to continue this partnership in the future. His professionalism, efficiency, and positive attitude have left a lasting impression on our team.

Pam Jensen | producer/owner
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Isabella was an absolutely FABULOUS event manager and was always very responsive and extremely helpful, pre-event, during the event, and post-event... All in all it was a fabulous event that could only have been such a success with the assistance of the wonderful staff at SCC. The pre-event, day of, and post-event process all went well and we are looking forward to hosting our 2024 gala at the Summit Building in September.

Alissa Lederer | Stewardship and Events Manager
El Centro de la Raza



Thanks!

Monthly Prize Winners

To: Joshua Jimenez
Letting me know about a person who was in the building after close.

From: **James Hayes**

To: Katie Castle
Clearing out the Admin refrigerators! Thank you for keeping us in good sanitation!

From: **Debra Hermansen**

To: Paul Field
Thank you for your assistance in carrying archived records boxes to the HR Archived space.

From: **Gigi St. John-Nickel**