



# COMMUNITY Connections

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## New Building Celebrates Partnerships

Neighbors welcome to Oct. 17 opening of 12th Ave. space



Located at 12th and Marion, the new building houses SU Admissions, Alumni and a community meeting room.

Of the 30-plus buildings on the Seattle University main campus, the Chapel of St. Ignatius encapsulates the university's Jesuit-inspired spirituality and the planned Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons will showcase the school's academic quality and aspirations.

The university's latest addition, the new A&A Building, celebrates Seattle University's growing role as a member of the community. Named for the admissions and alumni offices it houses, it faces 12th Avenue and aims to be both a vital part of the city's street life and a welcome mat for new students, alumni and residents from surrounding neighborhoods.

"This is a relationships building," says Michael Kerns, associate vice president of facilities administration. The building's design, says Kerns, is in keeping with city and neighborhood efforts to "activate" 12th Avenue with a mix of retail uses like retail outlets and museum, gallery and meeting spaces.

"It's important overall from our mission of service to the community because we want facilities that engage the neighborhood and engage the street," Kerns says.

Floor-to-ceiling windows show a busy work and meeting space

both day and night, while landscaping and benches provide rest and lunch spots. A large conference room is available to neighborhood and community groups through Facilities Services.

Kate Stineback, a housing and community developer involved in neighborhood planning issues, said public meetings

### YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17  
for light refreshments and the formal  
opening of the A&A building.

will help keep 12th Avenue active into the evening and provide a more centralized space for local groups.

"I'm ecstatic about this," Stineback said.

Kerns has already offered the space for meetings of the Squire Park Neighborhood Association, the 12th Avenue Stewardship Committee, the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the city's Design Review Board.

► For room reservations in the A&A Building or other SU facilities, call 206-296-6999 or e-mail [rooms@seattleu.edu](mailto:rooms@seattleu.edu).