

Hello Rudy,

Congratulations and welcome to Seattle University!

My name is Michelle Kim and I have the joy of serving as your Director of The MOSAIC Center. On behalf of the team at the MOSAIC Center, I want to extend my warmest welcome to you. Our staff and students are here to create meaningful opportunities for student access, inclusion, and community. We believe that all students can thrive at Seattle University, and we are here to journey alongside students from historically minoritized backgrounds and underrepresented life experiences to make this a reality.

One critical factor to your success, and I'm sure something that is on many of your minds, is how and where you will find your new community! We all want to make friends, create meaningful connections, and find a sense of belonging in a new environment. And let me tell you, making friends, building trust, and creating community takes real work!

To support your search for community and connection, we have several virtual and in-person orientation sessions planned in the coming weeks. We'd love to see you at one, or all, of these programs. Our staff and students will come prepared with fun ice breakers and activities, information about the center, and more ways to get connected in the Fall.

UPCOMING ORIENTATION EVENTS

Event	Date
It's BIPOC O'Clock! People of Color Community Time	July 31 at 3:30pm
LGBTQ+ Community at Seattle University	August 6 at 3:30pm
Costco Scholar Virtual Orientation	August 8 at 3:30pm

CONNECTIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (CLP+)

Additionally, I'd like to plug the <u>Connections Leadership Program (CLP+)</u> Early Bird Immersion program for our incoming students of color and first-generation college students. This is a signature leadership cohort program hosted by The MOSAIC Center (it's been around for 25 years!) that brings together a small group of new students for two days of activities and workshops aimed at community building and identity development.

Welcome again! I'm excited to meet you!

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