

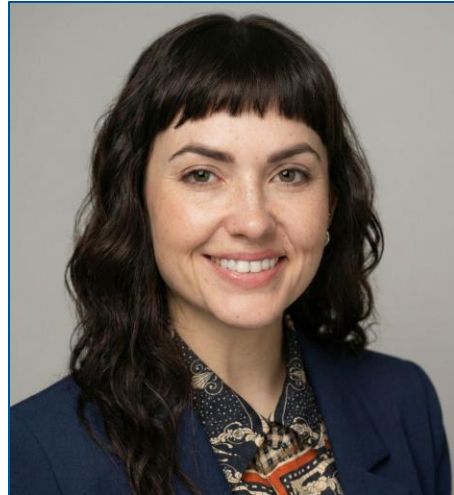
Volunteering

 Commencement 2026

Commencement Volunteer Experience



Volunteer Leads



Brie Ripley Sparks



Brianne Sanchez

Event Structure

Two ceremonies: 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Approximate total graduates: 900 (roughly 450 per ceremony)

Program length: 75 minutes

Graduate stage crossing: 60 minutes (includes a 15 min. Cushion)

- **2 procession lanes**
- **2 name readers (2 backups)**
- **10 graduates/minute**

Total ceremony time: 2 hours 15 minutes

Promise & Project Baldwin Reception: 3:30-5 p.m.

After Party: 9-11 p.m.

Event Schedule

7:30 a.m. Load in at Alaska Airlines Arena

8:30 Breakfast

8:45 Volunteer Rally

9:30 Deploy to Stations

11:00 Sound Check of Stage Party & Volunteer Lunch

11:30 Doors Open

1 p.m. CEREMONY #1 STARTS

2:15 Graduate Stage Crossing

3:15 Ceremony Concludes

3:30 Volunteer Light Dinner & Rally

3:30-5 Promise & Project Baldwin Student + Family Reception

4:15 Deploy to Stations

4:30 Doors Open

6 p.m. CEREMONY #2 STARTS

7:15 Graduate Stage Crossing

8:15 Ceremony Concludes

8:30 Pack up and then head to the Volunteer After Party!

Volunteer Shifts

Shift 1	Shift 2	All Day
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	12:00 - 8:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 8:30pm

Volunteer Groups

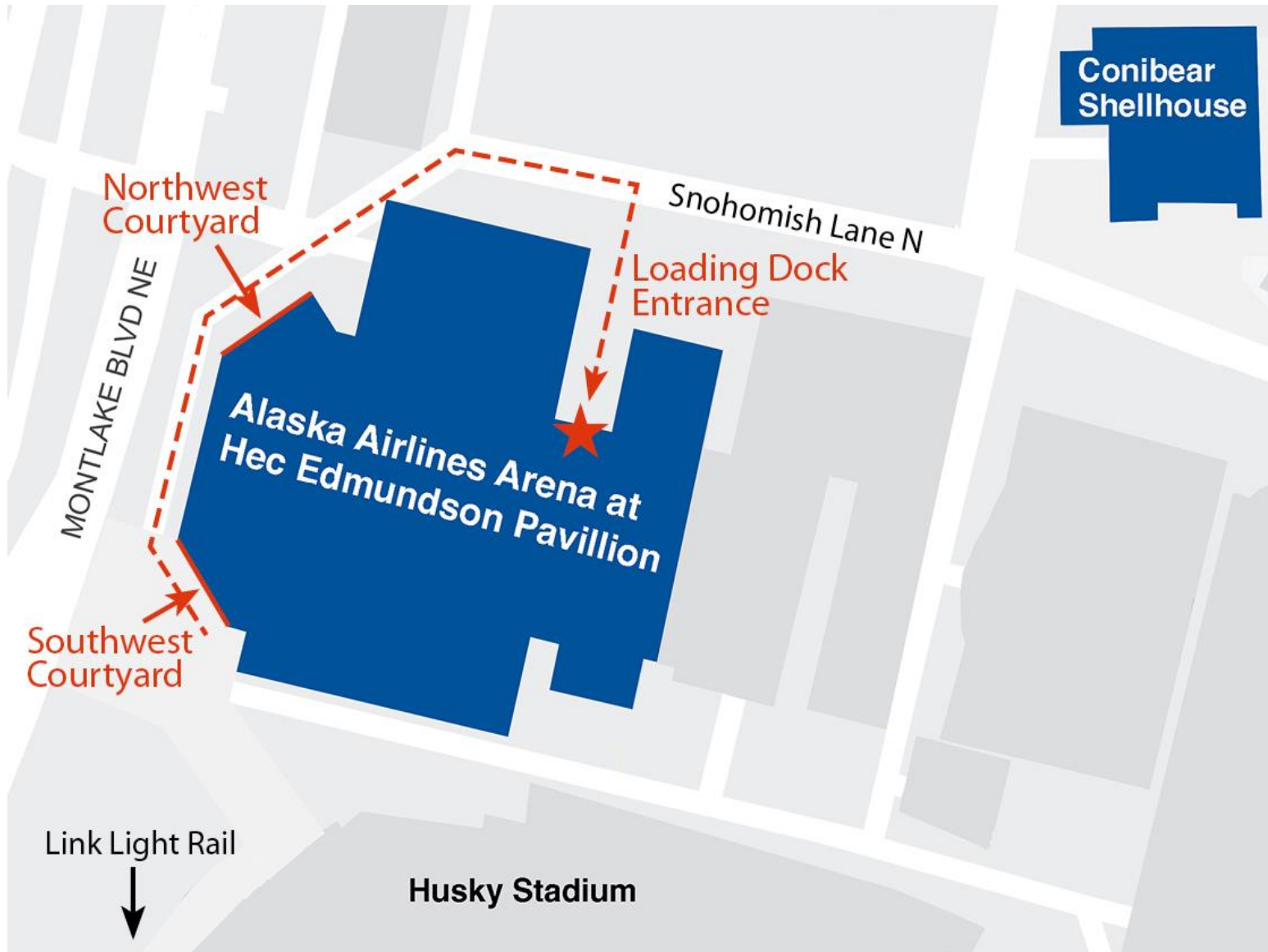
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Experience**

**Program
Support**

**Special
Assignments**

Volunteer Check-In



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- Volunteers must check-in at the **loading dock entrance** ★
- You **do not have to bring a clear bag** or go through the metal detector since you are checking in at the special volunteer entrance
- There is no locked storage but there will be a staffed Volunteer Lounge in the "Founder's Club" where you can leave your things – **do not bring valuables**

Founders Club = Volunteer Lounge

- After going through the Volunteer Entrance, you will **head directly to the Founders Club** to sign-in and collect your neck wallet
- **Brianne Sanchez** will be your point of contact on June 18
 - Sign-in with her as soon as you arrive and collect your neck wallet
 - When you leave, please make sure you sign-out with her

Last minute questions day of event? Call 206-934-5207 or Teams message

Volunteer Training Day-Of

- **All volunteer captains will provide an overview of what is expected in your specific role** after you arrive and check-in
- **Please do not leave your position without checking in with Brianne Sanchez** in the Founders Club
- **There will be lulls** but your presence is important for your entire shift

Volunteer Attire

Please wear **all-black clothing** and **comfortable shoes**.

Volunteers should **aim for a business casual appearance**, as you'll be representing Seattle Colleges and interacting with graduates, families, faculty, and guests throughout the day.



**Thank you for all you do to support our
graduates on a day they will never forget**

Questions about Volunteering?
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