



SAEOP NEWSLETTER DEC 2023



Our friend, co-worker and fellow SAEOP Sister, Denise Holmes, passed away, October 26, 2023.

Denise was an active member of the SAEOP community and a proud Registrar. For many years she not only created foundational working systems for her school environment, but also supported Registrars across the SPS District by being a knowledgeable colleague, always willing to pick up the phone or answer an email to share her wisdom.

Denise will be missed by her school community, SAEOP colleagues and friends!

Creating a welcoming environment for students, families and staff was important to Denise.

Friend and colleague, Sarah Marshall, shared this photo of Denise's team spirit at Meany. They referred to their team as Thelma and Louise.



Service and Repast for Denise's Life Celebration was held on November 18 @ Mount Baker Baptist Church. SAEOPs gifted two plants in honor of Denise's two children. The service was attended by many SPS staff, community friends, former SPS students and loved ones. The stories told were heartfelt and uplifted the compassionate superhero of Denise.

*If you would like to donate to the condolence gift from SAEOP community, please send to:
Cashapp: \$ourjoy*

Meet the Newsletter Committee!

This is our first SAEOP Newsletter; My name is Cynthia Rainwater; I am the Office Manager at Orca K8 and SAEOP Newsletter Chair. I have a love for writing, and I am hoping to put that passion in print quarterly with a newsletter. If you are interested in joining us in creating the quarterly newsletter, please contact me @ cynrainwater@yahoo.com.

It was my desire to get something out in print before the upcoming holidays, so this first writing is brief, on purpose, mostly garnering awareness to the fact that we are up and typing.

Let me know what you'd like to see in print. Send me some funny "happenings" in your world. I would love to have highlights, shout-outs and celebrations relating to our SAEOP family. Remember, the Newsletter will be quarterly. I love the idea of acknowledgments and congratulations; be aware, we'll try our best to put it in the Newsletter, but it may be belated by the time of print.



The word on the street is that we're looking for a Hospitality Chairperson. And SEA is looking for a SAEOP to join the Bylaws committee. Positions are for active members only. If you're interested, please reach out to Patrice Robinson, Patrice.Robinson@washingtonea.org

SAEOP IN NEED

If you can donate Leave Hours to help a fellow SAEOP member, **Johanne Arreola-Anduha**, has asked us for help. Name sound familiar? Johanne is one of our SPS Payroll SAEOPs! If you can donate sick leave, **please use the link below.**

<https://www.seattleschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Leave-Sharing-Transfer-Form-ADA.pdf>

Following is a message from Johanne (she asked that we share this note and her email address: jmr7557@hotmail.com)

Dear SPS Union Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to you today with a personal request, as I find myself facing a challenging situation. As you may know, our health benefits are crucial for the well-being of our families, and I am in danger of losing mine.

As a result of being on leave to care for my son's severe mental health struggles and the sudden passing of my husband on October 29th, I am in a position where I have exhausted all of my available paid leave. This has put my health benefits at risk, and I am urgently seeking your support. I would like to request your assistance through the donation of leave, which will allow me to maintain my health coverage and ensure peace of mind for my family. I understand that donating leave is a generous act and can be a significant commitment for some of you. However, I want to emphasize that every day counts, and even a small

contribution can make a substantial difference in my ability to secure the medical care I need. If you are in a position to help, please reach out to our Leave Department to discuss the process of donating leave. Your support means the world to me, and it is a testament to the strength and unity of our union. Please know that I am deeply grateful for any assistance you can provide, whether through leave donation or simply sharing this message with fellow union members. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of our colleagues and their families. Thank you for considering my request, and for being a part of our union, where we support and stand by each other in times of need.

In solidarity, Johanne Arreola-Anduha

Join SEA, WE-PAC and sign up for a SAEOP Committee!

Joining the Union is easy with the online membership form:

[Join WEA | Washington Education Association \(washingtonea.org\)](http://washingtonea.org)

Sign up for a SAEOP committee here! [SAEOP Team \(Committee\) SIGN UP FORM](#)

Join WEA-PAC or increase your donation here: [How to Join WEA-PAC \(washingtonea.org\)](http://washingtonea.org)

SAEOP General Membership Meetings: Meeting invitations get sent to personal emails. Please keep an eye out!