

With the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the University of Washington School of Medicine/Gonzaga University Health Partnership Building just days away (September 7), we want to take a long and appreciative pause to recognize McKinstry CEO and UD 2020 Impact Awardee, [Dean Allen](#). Dean has been and continues to be a major catalyst in casting the vision for and carrying out the development of world-class projects in the University District. His foresight, thoughtful leadership, and highly-collaborative approach have resulted in utterly transformative buildings for our region: the [McKinstry Energy Innovation/SIERR Building](#), the [Catalyst Building](#), the [Scott Morris Center for Energy Innovation](#), and now the [UW/GU Building](#). Few if any builders/developers in the Pacific Northwest and beyond are pushing the envelope of sustainability and energy efficiency like Dean. Sadly, due to COVID, we were unable to celebrate Dean and his Impact Award in person in 2020. As such, we encourage all of you who plan to attend on September 7th to join us in thanking Dean for his ongoing and outstanding contributions to the University District.

Juliet Sinisterra, CEO



Dean Allen

Regional Life Sciences Partners Get ARPA Grant for Market Study

Speaking of great people and sensational news, a coalition of regional community partners recently received \$50,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) dollars from the County to fund a comprehensive Spokane life sciences market study. The pandemic and changing US migration trends have brought into sharp focus the need for a highly

accurate regional inventory of the key components that attract capital, talent, and skilled industry partners.

Although neither a first- nor arguably second-tier life sciences cluster—Spokane is a significant and growing tertiary market with many of the assets needed to become a nationally-recognized life sciences hub. This study will help the region understand how it compares to other national markets and will identify gaps and opportunities so we can continue to maximize our collective efforts.

The above study will build on and complement the work of Spokane's [Evergreen Bioscience Innovation Cluster](#) initiative. Evergreen aims to make Washington State and the Intermountain Northwest a magnet for bioscience.

Evergreen recently received an ICAP seed grant from the Department of Commerce to help establish the membership-based organization. Katrina Rogers, Evergreen's CEO, states, "The purpose of the Cluster is to foster collaboration and networking between entrepreneurs, VC/capital, corporations, government, and academia. Our early focus will be on providing a common calendar, creating a private member space and directory, and other community services and products."

Rogers sees business development as critical to Evergreen's success and her team will target contract service providers needed in our area, help them relocate here, and connect them with regional companies. Also, by learning more about the missing links in our life sciences supply chain thanks to the market study, Evergreen hopes to help Spokane companies (such as Selkirk Pharma) that use contract services preserve their capital, meet milestones, and add capacity.



The recently opened \$30 million Selkirk Pharma facility, West Plains, Spokane County

Noteworthy Community Events



2022 Hello for Good Fall Symposium

September 1

A coalition of private businesses committed to positive change has invited a panel of experts to lead a dialogue on homelessness, mental health, addiction, incarceration, and more.



UW School of Medicine – GU Health Partnership Building Ribbon-Cutting Celebration

September 7

A special event to celebrate the official opening of our region's newest hub for health and medical education, research and innovation, and home to the UW-GU Health Partnership. The event starts at 12:30 PM at 840 E Spokane Falls Blvd.



Next Generation Medicine: The Fentanyl Crisis: How to Keep Loved Ones Safe

September 13

UW School of Medicine presents Dr. Caleb Banta-Green (Acting Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Sciences at the UW School of Medicine, and an Affiliate Professor at the UW School of Public Health) who will discuss the answers to these questions and more.



Logan Block Party

September 16

This inclusive annual tradition brings together the residents and businesses of the Logan neighborhood for an afternoon of celebration and connection. Past block parties have boasted face painting, sidewalk games, lawn games, local organizations, prize drawings, and live music. From 4 PM to 7 PM at [Mission Park](#).

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