

## **Acknowledging the Native Peoples of the Pacific Northwest**

Through collaboration, the Indigenous Peoples Institute and Campus Ministry created language that can be incorporated into all campus events to acknowledge the history, lands, and waters of the Coast Salish people.

The following statement is offered as a way for our community to recognize this land and our history; to honor the people past and present who belong to this place; to create common and consistent language for our events and ceremonies; and to have language that was crafted with care and wisdom.

**As we begin our gathering, I (we) respectfully acknowledge that our event today is taking place on occupied Coast Salish land and that Seattle University is on the homelands of the Duwamish people.**

**I (We) pay respect to Coast Salish Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people.**

**To acknowledge this land is to recognize its longer history and our place in that history; it is to recognize these lands and waters and their significance for the peoples who lived and continue to live in this region, whose practices and spiritualities were and are tied to the land and the water, and whose lives continue to enrich and develop in relationship to the land, waters and other inhabitants today.**