

# Message From the President

## Dear Student,

Welcome! I am pleased you chose to be part of our Antioch University Seattle community.

Antioch is known for its innovative approaches to student-centered, personalized learning as well as its opportunities for independent study, self-designed degree planning and interdisciplinary study. Community involvement and social justice also play a key role in the Antioch academic experience.

Antioch Seattle graduates often describe their education as transformational and life changing. With the solid support of expert faculty and caring staff, graduates leave Antioch feeling empowered with critical thinking skills and the ability to create and manage change in the world.

As you read through this catalog, you'll better understand the many ways Antioch offers a dynamic and experiential education that is both rewarding and challenging. You'll have opportunities to integrate classroom learning with your work and life experiences.

Horace Mann -- Antioch's first president, noted abolitionist, and founder of the American public school system -- led our institutions in setting numerous precedents. Antioch was the first American college to educate women on a par with men and to hire female faculty at the same level as their male counterparts. Antioch also was among the earliest schools to admit African American students.

An ongoing commitment to inclusiveness and welcoming people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints continues to be among the core values at Antioch Seattle, which speaks volumes about why I became Antioch University Seattle's fourth president. Antioch's philosophy of giving back to the community is also very much a part of my Navajo values.

Throughout my life I have been guided by the wisdom of my great, great grandfather, Chief Manuelito. When he signed the Navajo Treaty of 1868, he had the keen insight to see the value of education and said, "Education is the ladder to success. Tell my grandchildren to climb that ladder." I share with you his message and my best wishes.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet, Ph.D.  
President  
Antioch University Seattle