



Stumptown Orange
THE SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB
OF GREATER PORTLAND, OREGON

CLOSING THE DEAL

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SU's Office of Admissions came to Portland on April 6 in pursuit of the Class of 2019. For the first time in recent memory, a campus recruiter came out to talk to potential students who had been admitted to SU, but had not yet decided whether to attend.

Admissions' Lisa Raney kicked off a three-city Western swing in the Rose City where she spoke with nine high school seniors and their parents.

The **Stumptown Orange** assisted Lisa with five alumni in attendance and a sixth, **Leslie Palmer ('92)**, providing the venue: her bistro Thirst, along the riverfront downtown.



Lisa (above left) began her presentation with a campus video, then took questions from the kids and parents. From snow plows and party concerns to campus clubs and Advance Placement credits, the questions ran the gamut. Lisa also turned to the alums in attendance and SU parent **Paige Dickinson** (left) for their insights and experiences.

By fortuitous coincidence, the five alumni represented five different Schools within the University: Law, Education, Engineering, Public Communications and Arts & Sciences, so there was plenty of expertise represented. Thanks to club co-presidents **Michael Cook ('82)** and **Mary Dickinson-Jensen ('13)** as well as **Ahn Nguyen-Johnson ('95)**, **Ken Kane ('75)** and **Christie Martin ('99)** for coming. That's Christie standing in the photo above, during informal chat time after the program.

How many of the students at the gathering actually select SU remains to be seen – and we *will* see come this summer's Student Send-off event. But one will for sure: Michael's daughter, Halle, who has already decided to follow in her Dad's campus footsteps. Come to think of it, that makes Michael not only our club co-president, but the Stumptown Orange's first SU alumnus/parent!

