



Patti Payne: Eva Schloss had 'courage and fortitude' on display at UW



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Eva Schloss, author, Holocaust survivor and stepsister of Anne Frank, is flanked by Michelle Barnet, president and CEO of Pineapple Hospitality, left, and Liz Richmond, director of community relations at Richmond Public Relations, at a VIP reception at the University of Washington.

A long line of people snaked around the University of Washington's Husky Union Building on Nov. 5, waiting patiently in the dark to get in to hear 93-year-old [Eva Schloss](#) tell her story. The Holocaust survivor and stepsister of [Anne Frank](#), Schloss first sat quietly, signing her book "Eva's Story" at the VIP reception.

Pineapple Hospitality, led by President and CEO [Michelle Barnet](#), presented the event along with Chabad at the University of Washington, a homey haven for thousands of Jewish students at UW.

Under heavy security in the face of concerns over increasing anti-Semitic crimes nationally and locally, Schloss then moved to the theater, where she was interviewed by UW President [Ana Mari Cauce](#) in front of hundreds of people. The soft-spoken survivor shared untold horrors in careful, measured detail, taking up where Frank's diary left off.

"Eva gave a piece of herself to tell her incredible story of courage and fortitude, and Seattle showed up to listen with compassion and a desire to learn from our collective past," Barnet said. "So proud to have been a part of this extraordinary evening."