

New hire at Semiahmoo Resort

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With more than 30 years of experience in operations and human resources, Nicole Newton has taken the helm as general manager at Semiahmoo Resort, Golf and Spa.

Prior, Newton served as the vice president of human resources at Columbia Hospitality in Seattle, which manages and owns the resort. From 2000 to 2002, she was the director of catering, conference services and banquets at Semiahmoo Resort. As general manager, she'll oversee all daily operations.

"After 16 years, I am extremely excited to be back at Semiahmoo and to have the opportunity to work alongside a creative, hardworking team," Newton said. "Semiahmoo provides an exceptional experience that is quintessentially Pacific Northwest, and I look forward to leading such a strong team at this thriving waterfront destination."

Newton is a Washington native and received an associate's degree in general studies from Bellevue College. She later enrolled in Cornell University's online executive master's program. In addition to her time at Semiahmoo Resort and Columbia Hospitality, she also filled human resource roles for a number of hotels in the Northwest, including Hotel 1000, the Sorrento Hotel and Willows Lodge.

"Nicole's extensive range of experience is invaluable, and we're confident that her enthusiasm and proven track record will be a winning combination for Semiahmoo," said John Oppenheimer, CEO and founder of Columbia Hospitality. "She brings strong leadership and great energy, and she truly shares our commitment to providing remarkable guest experiences."

Newton lives in Blaine and enjoys hiking and motorcycling.