ELEVATE YOUR DREAMS
UW Bothell Helps High School Students Dream Big For College

Going to college never seemed like a possibility for Ellen Adria Bartlett. “Grade school was a very challenging time for me and junior high was not any better. When I graduated from high school, it was much more than anyone had ever expected of me.”

After high school, Bartlett spent a few years in the work force before realizing that she missed learning. Bartlett wasn’t sure what to do; college still seemed out of reach.

“I thought that applying to college meant you had to have money and already be successful. And after doing research about the process, I couldn’t believe that government grants helped students pay for education. I felt like there had to be a catch somewhere.”

Despite her reservations, Bartlett decided to take the plunge and immerse herself into university culture. This year, at age 32, the Edmonds resident is graduating from UW Bothell with her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a concentration in Community Psychology, proving to herself that a college degree was, indeed attainable.

Due to her experiences and ultimately her success, Bartlett decided to give back and became part of the UW Bothell’s Dream Project, a special initiative that helps local high school students find paths to college despite barriers such as low income or lack of family experience with higher education.

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Greetings alumni and friends,

In the last edition of Insight, I described the campus’ amazing growth and shared many exciting changes in program development and leadership. My pride continues to grow even though we have endured a rocky few months.

This academic year proved especially challenging for the institution. As you learned through media reports, higher education incurred reductions in its state operating funds as a result of difficult state budget decisions. In total, our institution saw a reduction of 21% in its state funds. This figure will be offset by state-approved increases to student tuition, but does represent a significant loss for UW Bothell.

This loss is, however, overshadowed by a sense of community spirit never before seen on our campus. While we have always been a tight-knit group, these budget discussions have provided a great opportunity for faculty and staff to bind together to plan for our future. Together we have pledged to ensure UW Bothell’s success. We will make unit adjustments along the way, but our goals are firmly set: to maintain the student experience while growing our programs to ensure that we continue to meet the business/community needs of our region.

In fact, we are still planning our science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) offerings, with some to begin in 2010. Planning for our physical space continues as well. This fall we will open our new access ramp, connecting the campus to SR522. Even better, during the legislative session, we received $5 million in design funds for our third building, which is slated to house our STEM offerings. The planning of this building represents a major accomplishment for our institution, highlighting the state’s investment in our future as a regional leader in higher education.

All in all, it has been a busy few months with a summer of planning ahead. I thank you for your continued support of our institution and hope you will connect often with the university.

Kind regards,

Kenyon S. Chan
Chancellor

Applications for the incoming Fall 2009 freshman class are at an all-time high. Almost 1,200 applications have been received for the available 325 spots, a stunning 4:1 ratio that rivals the best colleges and universities around.

As UW Bothell begins this fourth freshman class, it does so with a robust underclassman program led by the Center for University Studies and Programs (CUSP). The program features The Discovery Core, a structured curriculum that introduces entering students to UW Bothell’s signature interdisciplinary mode of teaching and learning, research and service-learning.

If you have a student who may be interested in becoming a UW Bothell Husky, please direct them to our talented Enrollment Management team at 425-352-5000. We’d love another addition to the Dawg Pack!
Campus Updates

Director Updates:
Sandeep Krishnamurthy has been named Director of the Business Program, replacing outgoing director Steve Holland who has served in the role, with distinction, since 2002. Krishnamurthy recently served as Associate Director of Graduate Programs for the Business Program and was instrumental in the implementation of the new Leadership MBA (LMBA) program which will make its debut in Bellevue in Fall 2009.

R. Brooks Gekler joined UW Bothell in Fall 2009 as Director of its Business Development Center. As Director, Gekler leads the Center, which was launched in 2006 to serve small businesses in the North King/South Snohomish region.

Brad Portin has been selected as the incoming Director of the Education Program, succeeding Interim Director Linda Watts who graciously served in the role for the 2008-09 academic year. Portin comes to UW Bothell from UW Seattle where he was on the faculty of the UW College of Education. He is on the educational board for the journal, Educational Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability and has held visiting professorships in Norway, England and the United Arab Emirates.

Faculty Honors:
IAS faculty and CUSP Director Gray Kochhar-Lindgren has received a 2009-10 Fulbright General Education Fellowship to support the creation of a cross-disciplinary curriculum in a consortium of Hong Kong universities, which are in 2012 transitioning from 3 to 4-year degrees. Hosted by the University of Hong Kong and its Philosophy Department, Kochhar-Lindgren will teach one course per semester and organize workshops, coordinated by the Hong Kong-America Center, on the first year experience and integrated learning initiatives in General Education.

Business faculty Tim Hargrave has been selected as the Advisory Council Faculty Fellow in Business. This three-year term fellowship was funded by donations from members of the Business Program Advisory Council. Hargrave was selected for his scholarly promise, ability to represent the business program and ability to communicate scholarship to students.

Marguerite Roza of the UW Bothell’s Center on Reinventing Public Education received one of the “Change Agent of the Year” awards at the NewSchools Venture Fund Summit on Education Entrepreneurship for her contributions to education. Joanne Weiss, partner and COO at NewSchools, and newly appointed leader of the U.S. Department of Education’s Race to the Top Fund, praised Roza as “the best person in the country on education finance” and said “it is her thoughtful analysis and financial acumen that provided much of the data to support the economic stabilization part of the stimulus package for education – a mere $54 billion in funds.”

Executive-in-Residence:
Jim Donald joined UW Bothell earlier this year as Executive-in-Residence for the Business Program. With his wealth of experience as the former CEO of Starbucks and Chairman, President and CEO of Pathmark, Donald provides valuable insight and mentoring to students and faculty.

CSE Launches 50th Business:
The UW Bothell Center for Student Entrepreneurship (CSE) saw the launch of its 50th business this spring. The CSE was established with the goal of helping students become successful entrepreneurs, as creators of their own innovative startups or as major participants in small dynamic companies, and has been achieving this goal since its launch in 2006.

Commencement 2009

Go Dawgs! UW Bothell hosted its 18th Commencement exercises in June 2009, welcoming almost 800 graduating students to its alumni family, now over 8,500 strong. U.S. Representative Jay Inslee served as speaker and the following individuals were honored during the ceremony for their many accomplishments and contributions to the campus:

Dr. Peter Littig, recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award. Said Chancellor Chan, “Professor Littig reflects UW Bothell’s core value of transformational education, ‘engaging our students in transformational learning experiences that challenge their expectations, broaden their horizons, and stimulate their ambitions’.”

Gurpreet Singh, 2009 Student Commencement Speaker. Singh, who graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, was selected for the honor for his scholarly work and community service, from nominations submitted by his peers, faculty and university staff.

Melissa Cushman, 2009 President’s Medalist. Cushman, who graduated Magna Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with an option in Global Studies, received the honor for her exemplary academic achievements and contributions.

Debbie Brown, 2009 Chancellor’s Medalist. Brown, who graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with an option in Culture, Literature and the Arts, and membership to the Tau Sigma honor society, received the honor for her commitment to learning and for being a consistent source of inspiration for faculty and fellow students.
The University of Washington Bothell is debuting two new graduate programs in the Fall of 2009. The Master of Science in Computing and Software Systems (MSCSS) will be located at the Bothell campus, and the Leadership MBA (LMBA) will be offered offsite, at a new Bellevue location.

The Master of Science in Computing and Software Systems (MSCSS) is a multi-dimensional degree for students interested in pursuing a career in systems design/architecture, software development, software project management and other technology related fields.

Dr. Michael Stiber, Director of the Computing and Software Systems Program, says, “This degree is perfect for students who love solving problems and those wanting to be involved in the technology industries.” Students will utilize skills such as problem solving, analytical thinking, oral and written communication, advanced programming methodologies, software development, computer graphics, and much more. The MSCSS includes options for students who desire to transition into a career in software development, and for those already working in this dynamic field.

There is a critical need for students with computer science degrees, with graduates earning high starting salaries. MSCSS students can look forward to completing their degree in just two years!

For more information about the new MSCSS degree, contact cssinfo@u.washington.edu.

Another stimulating new graduate degree option is the Leadership Master of Business Administration (LMBA), to be located off campus in Bellevue (140th Ave. and 24th St.), which focuses on developing passionate leaders who can manage, motivate, and inspire their colleagues.

This 22-week program is designed for working professionals with classes meeting only two evenings per week with an occasional Saturday. Students will learn skills such as how to lead diverse organizations as well as business theories and their practical applications. LMBA students will attend leadership breakfasts where successful managers will share their captivating strategies. The LMBA also incorporates a mentorship program that is designed to help students develop a consistent leadership philosophy to lead tomorrow’s complex organizations.

This degree is ideal for students with leadership aspirations who want a unique and motivating program, full of diverse faculty, courses, and experiences. Sandeep Krishnamurthy, incoming Director of the Business Program, hopes that the LMBA will include “a cohort of students from different industries and career stages that will allow students to be challenged in various ways, so that they can grow and build advancement skills that will take them into the future.”

For more information about the LMBA, visit the UW Bothell MBA website: www.uwb.edu/mba/.

Currently, UW Bothell offers graduate degrees in Cultural Studies, Policy Studies, Education, and Nursing. The institution also offers a Technology MBA and a Secondary Teacher Certification MEd. So whether you are looking for a new career path or a boost in your current career, UW Bothell has something for you.

For more information about UW Bothell’s graduate degrees, visit www.uwb.edu/academics/.

By Hillary U
Rain threatened to fall on a dreary day in Olympia as I sat across from Representative Mike Hope in his office to begin our interview. It was a busy day for him with bills to vote on and promote, yet he sat there as if he had all the time in the world and nothing to do but talk to me.

As the winner of the University of Washington Bothell’s Distinguished Alumni Award, Mike Hope was definitely a busy man. When I opened the interview by asking his response to winning the award he chuckled slightly and said with a smile, “I was thrilled and kind of surprised; it shocked me really. It is an honor to win such a prestigious award when I know that there are so many other people equally deserving.”

Upon discovering that he is the first University of Washington Bothell alumni to ever hold public office, Representative Hope humbly said that it has been through his education that he has been able to accomplish so much and achieve his goals.

After ten years as a member of the Seattle Police Department, Representative Hope decided to go back to school and earn his master’s degree in Policy Studies from the University of Washington Bothell. He chose to attend the Bothell campus for its central location between home and work, which was a great convenience as a working student.

When asked about his experience he says, “Attending the University of Washington Bothell was one of the best choices I ever made. It helped to propel my career in ways that I couldn’t have imagined.” Through the improvement of his education, Representative Hope earned a promotion from officer to detective and, in the process, developed the idea to run for public office.

As a first year Representative of the 44th District, Mike hasn’t forgotten why he is in office. “Being a policeman changes who you are. Crimes are not something that you watch on the news, they are very real and you see how a family is affected by the loss of a loved one. I wanted to make a difference for those people and the best way I saw I could do that was by serving in Olympia and helping to prevent problems before they start.”

As a current student at the University of Washington Bothell, I have to say that I was incredibly impressed with Representative Hope. Long after my interview questions were done and my tape recorder off, he sat with me comparing teachers and future classes that I might want to take, acting as if there wasn’t anything else he had to do that day.
Elevate Your Dreams Continued

The UW Bothell Dream Project began in the fall of 2008, when 14 students came together for a class, taught by Education Professor, Jane Van Galen and UW Seattle Professor, Stan Chernicoff. They soaked up knowledge about the already successful UW Seattle Dream Project, which began in 2003. UW Bothell hoped that they could create a program similar to theirs and help start a dialogue with local high school students about attaining the college dream.

By spring quarter 2009, the Dream Project course enrollment had grown to 34, not including volunteers. “Students initiated all contacts with the schools and planned a wide variety of events for teens and parents, on-campus visits, and fundraising,” says Van Galen. “They’ve really taken off and are creating a multi-faceted, very energetic organization committed to enabling more students to attain the dream of getting to college.” Van Galen is pleased with the program’s success and the program remains close to her heart because she herself was the first in her family to graduate from college.

The UW Bothell Dream Project is unique in that it involves undergrads who are enrolled in an academic course about educational access issues who then organize the outreach and mentoring program. In the outreach and mentoring program, Bartlett and three dozen other UW Bothell students help build relationships with over 70 juniors and various staff at Bothell High (Northshore School District), Juanita High (Lake Washington School District) and Mariner High in Everett (Mukilteo School District).

Nyla Brittle (UW Bothell class of 2010) works with students from Juanita High School. In her role, she is getting to know teenagers who, like herself, could become “first generation” college students — generally defined as being the first in their families to become undergraduates. “There are several students whose parents both needed to drop out of high school, and immigrate to the States,” says Brittle, a Kenmore resident born in Okinawa, Japan. She’s certain that these high school students have the passion and drive needed to succeed to the next level. “They just need help navigating the pathway from high school junior to college student.”

The connections made by UW Bothell students are impressing Juanita High School Guidance Counselor Paul Peretti. “I can see a good student/mentor relationship starting. I hope we can involve the parents in the process and start another cohort this time next year.”

UW Bothell Chancellor Kenyon Chan sees the Dream Project as offering an outstanding opportunity for the university to reach out to high school juniors and seniors at a time when they are facing complex choices and stresses. “For so many students, like Bartlett and Brittle, the best path to college isn’t the simplest or straightest and we want to help them get to where they want to be.”

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— Esther Wong

Van Galen emphasizes that her students also gain special benefits as they support each other in the course and in mentoring high school students. “We have freshman and seniors working on projects together, first-generation students connecting with others while sharing experiences and talking openly about the challenges and joys of being the first in their family to discover all that college can offer.” This dialogue proves to be especially rewarding for the students as they reflect on their personal journeys to higher education and their subsequent successes.

UW Bothell freshman Esther Wong, a first generation student who grappled with uncertainties before deciding to enter college says, “I want high school students to know that they’re not alone when they’re feeling lost. I want them to see that even though you may not have any clue about where you are in life, there is always someone to help them, guide them, and most of all grow with them.” Wong wishes she had had someone with her when she was so lost in life. As a Dream Project participant, she now has the opportunity to make a remarkable difference in someone’s life. Wong says, “I like the opportunity to ‘pay it forward’ to someone who is going through the same thing I did. I can give them my advice and in turn they will hopefully do the same for someone else.”

Van Galen and all of the students working with the UW Bothell Dream project look forward to the time — coming soon — when Dream Scholars (high school students that UW Bothell has worked with) will be enrolled at UW Bothell and join the Dream Project to continue this inspiring work. For more information about the UW Bothell Dream Project or to get involved, visit their Web site: www.uwb.edu/dreamproject.  

The UW Bothell is seeking contributions to support the work of the Dream Project. To donate, contact the UW Bothell Office of Development at http://www.uwb.edu/chancellor/development/ or 877-UWGIFTS.
Fundraising Success
Through the efforts of the faculty, research centers and the Office of Advancement and External Relations, the campus has significantly increased its capacity to attract private support, with over $1.8 million raised during the 2008-09 fiscal year. Additionally, the institution has grown its grants from $1 million a year to $4 million a year, on par with its private successes.

Chancellor’s Reception
The 3rd Annual Chancellor’s Reception was held in April 2009. The event was a record success, drawing great participation, and notable guests such as King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson, Bothell Mayor Mark Lamb, Bothell Councilmember Joshua Freed, Bellevue Councilmember Conrad Lee, and Pat McClain of the City of Everett.

At the event, several ‘Golden Huskies’ were awarded to select friends of the institution including members of the 2008-09 Bothell Biomedical Device Innovation Partnership Zone Steering Committee.

Event sponsors included Vertafore, Verizon, Providence Regional Medical Center, IPZ/City of Bothell, UW Bothell Alumni Council, Jim Pinkelman, Bill Abbott, Bill Ptacek and Jeanne Thorsen.

Goodlad Center Launches
UW Bothell approved the official launch of the Goodlad Institute for Educational Renewal in Fall 2009. The Institute was created to continue to build on the work of Dr. John Goodlad who, while working at the UW, developed the National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER), a not-for-profit corporation that now includes 24 school-university partnerships throughout the United States and Canada, and initiated the independent Institute for Educational Inquiry (IEI) to support these partnerships.

The Institute continues the broad research program of the IEI, working collaboratively with the NNER on projects of national significance. It is directed by UW Bothell Education Professor Dr. G. Thomas Bellamy.

On the Horizon
UW Bothell is considering a Center for Serious Play, an institute that would bring together the region’s finest gaming engineers and firms and university students to create an interactive lab, wherein companies and students could perform research, test drive new products and translate gaming into educational outreach tools for businesses and classrooms. To learn more about this initiative and how your business can get involved, contact the Office of Advancement and External Relations, 425-352-3642.

In Memoriam
Long-time UW Bothell supporter and friend of the institution, Richard ‘Dick’ Truly, passed away in early January. Campus leadership recalls his generosity through the years. Most notably, Truly was instrumental in the sale of his former property, the Boone-Truly Ranch, upon which the campus now resides. A scholarship in his honor has been established.

Trackin’ the Dawgs: Alumni Class Notes

William Frankhouser (CSS, ’06), Web Developer for Everett Community College, saw his skills rewarded, when the College received the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations District 7 Silver Award for their web site.

Drew (Miller) Kjellman (MAPS ’05) will be attending Portland State University this fall to obtain a Graduate Certificate in Transportation.

Terry Heldreth (BSN ’08) served on a medical mission with health care professionals from the Northwest in India in November.

Jason Andrew Smith (BA ’07) joined the Peace Corps and has been living in Bulgaria for the last year. He works for a business development organization and during his free time volunteers at two orphanages.

Val Wood (MBA ’08) has moved from the Secretary of State’s office to a new position as Deputy Director of Records and Licensing Services for King County.
A Note from the UW Bothell Career Center

Hey, June 2009 Grads! What’s Next?
Whether you are starting a new job, heading off to graduate school, or are still looking for that perfect opportunity, the Career Center staff extends our best wishes to you. We hope our services helped you to land the opportunity of your dreams. If you are still looking for your perfect opportunity, we can help. Access to HuskyJobs is being extended to all alumni, including June 2009 graduates, free of charge June 22-September 29, 2009. Check out HuskyJobs listings, get your resume reviewed, or practice your interviewing skills with us. Visit our web site www.uwb.edu/careers/alumni/ for details. We look forward to helping you put your UW Bothell degree to work!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Husky Night with the AquaSox
Come on out to the ball game and enjoy a great evening, complete with dinner, with your fellow Huskies on Saturday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. - BBQ (game, with fireworks starts at 7:00 p.m.). Tickets are $20 (UWAA members), $25 (non members), game only $9; available online at www.washington.edu/alumni/events/index.html.

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