Greetings Alumni and Friends,

During the month of February the University of Washington Bothell affirmed its role as a regional thought leader with its inaugural Innovation Forum. For four days in February, our campus gathered to discuss innovation and creativity, and how these concepts can effect change across disciplines. The week was an enormous success, with more than 20 events and 50 presenters. We are already planning Innovation Forum 2013 next year.

Our campus continues to grow and thrive. We have more than 4,000 students on campus with 225 students living in our new Husky Village complex. We look forward to accommodating even more students as we grow our facilities. This spring we will begin construction of a new outdoor sports complex. This project, completely funded by students, will enhance student life by offering a whole array of recreational opportunities.

We also begin construction on the Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory this spring. The conservatory embodies the dream of Dr. Gordon Green, who died late in 2011. A Bothell native, Gordon’s vision will create a conservatory and greenhouse that's both accessible to the public and dedicated to the legacy of his pioneering Bothell family.

This issue of INSIGHT takes a look at two of our amazing alumni who are making significant contributions to the community. Stephen Ssemaala (IAS ’03) and Holli Martinez (IAS ’08) were shaped in part by their experience at UW Bothell, where they encountered faculty who took a personal interest in them and recognized their leadership potential.

Finally, I am looking forward to our annual Chancellor’s Reception and Dinner, slated for Friday, April 27 at the Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery in Woodinville. The event honors UW Bothell donors, alumni and community members who have been so supportive of the university. Visit www.uwb.edu/chancellor/event or call 425-352-3394 for ticket information. I hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

Kenyon S. Chan
Chancellor
The inaugural Innovation Forum at the University of Washington Bothell included more than 20 sessions and 50 presenters over four days, all focused on the themes of innovation and creativity. The opening session featured UW Bothell Advisory Board members Lou Gray, Richard Shea and Deborah Wilds. Each offered insights on how organizations innovate successfully.

Throughout the week, faculty, staff, students and invited guests presented on many topics ranging from global health to Bollywood. An exhibition of student artwork called “On the Ceiling” was also on display each day, inspired by the novel Au Plafond by Eric Chevillard.

The featured presenter for the event was Dr. J. Rogers Hollingsworth, professor emeritus of sociology and history at the University of Wisconsin. Hollingsworth has gained international acclaim for his research on institutions and innovation. With its relatively small size, Hollingsworth said UW Bothell had “great potential” and the ability to perform the multi-disciplinary work that often leads to great breakthroughs.

The final session was a panel discussion comprised of thought leaders from academia and industry. University of Washington President Michael Young acted as moderator. Young recognized UW Bothell as a place of “imagination and innovation that is healthy and thriving.”

With the great success of the first Innovation Forum, planning is already underway for the next Innovation Forum to be held in February 2013.
They arrived at UW Bothell as adult learners, a population that thrives on a campus accommodating busy work and family schedules. Inspired by teachers in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences who supported and inspired them, the two went on to start foundations focused on education, the life-changing factor in both their lives.

“Going back to school was a huge step for me,” says Martinez, who studied society, ethics and human behavior at UW Bothell. “I was so intimidated – I just didn’t believe in myself that way. This was the first time I saw the transformative power of education. I saw opportunities. I saw how different the world could be.”

The mother of three graduated magna cum laude in 2008, crying her way through ceremonies in her cap and gown. “I never dreamed I could achieve that.”

The same year, she and husband Edgar Martinez, the legendary Mariners slugger, launched The Martinez Foundation dedicated to supporting minorities pursuing graduate degrees in education. “We’re looking for students with talent who are passionate about giving back to the communities they come from,” she says.

Ssemaala worked graveyard and swing shifts at a juvenile detention center as he completed his bachelor’s degree in global studies at UW Bothell, where he first began organizing efforts to help impoverished schools back in his home country. His Kamukamu Learning Foundation, launched in 2009, three years after he received a UW law degree, focuses on schools in small Ugandan villages, where up to a hundred students may crowd into a small classroom hoping to learn from an overwhelmed teacher who may or may not have the credentials to teach them.

The overcrowding began when Uganda’s government declared primary and secondary education free to all, without building the new schools necessary to support the student boom. Now many classrooms are packed wall-to-wall, with scarce supplies and textbooks. “How can you effectively teach like that?” asks Ssemaala. “You can’t, you cannot possibly do it.”

His foundation takes its name from a Ugandan proverb: Kamukamu, “One by one makes a bundle.” This timeless formula for success drives the organization’s actions.

“You don’t find a bunch of firewood. You pick up one piece at a time, then another, and another, and before you know it you have a bundle of firewood.
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to carry,” says Ssemaala. “It’s the same with our mission: One child at a time, one school at a time, one community at a time. It does not help to jump from one school to another, when the first school still has needs.”

The Martinez Foundation also works step by step, adding diversity to the educational corps one scholarship fellow at a time. “Our first cohort of teachers going into Seattle schools increased the Latino population of teachers by ten percent,” says Martinez, “and that was just eight teachers.”

‘HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIX THIS?’

Holli Martinez’s journey to the UW Bothell campus began with a comment from her seven year-old son, the child she’d stayed home with and home-schooled after marrying Edgar “Gar” Martinez. “One day, my son looked up at me and said, ‘I want to be like you one day: I don’t want to do anything.’” She smiles. “I enrolled in online courses the very next quarter.”

Online turned to full-time when she entered UW Bothell in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. It was the only school to which she applied. “I wanted the UW Bothell campus, the size, the personal access to teachers. I was intimidated by going back to school, and it was a safe place to explore academics as an adult learner,” says Martinez, who now juggles raising three children with graduate studies in political administration at the UW’s Evans School of Public Affairs.

She looks like a typical graduate student on the Seattle campus, wearing a hooded red sweatshirt and sweeping her long sandy hair up into a ponytail as she pores over homework at the Burke Museum Café. She’s focused, direct, and candid as she describes why she and Edgar decided to start their own foundation.

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at UW Bothell, where faculty introduced her to the stark inequities and opportunity gaps affecting poor and minority students in public schools. “Even as I was discovering the power of higher education, I was realizing that many students would never have access to it,” she says. “I lay awake at night, thinking, how are we going to fix this?”

Martinez had discovered a new passion for research on the UW Bothell campus. “Our program really developed that instinct in students, and showed us how to use it,” she says. She put that passion to work, digging up statistics that revealed dramatic gaps between the number of minority teachers and the booming populations of minority students in public schools. Recent state of Washington figures show 36.1 percent of students are non-white, while there are only 7.76 percent non-white teachers.

Martinez’s research also indicated minority students often have better academic outcomes when taught by minority teachers. Returning to the communities from which they come, the teachers can serve as role models, build on students’ diverse cultural backgrounds, and raise expectations for marginalized students. “When you have a teacher of color in the classroom, more students of color go to advanced placement courses,” Martinez says. “Their talent is recognized. Their achievement goes up.”

Edgar Martinez, retired from baseball in 2004, had also returned to school, studying at the UW Michael G. Foster School of Business. The couple was already heavily involved in charity work, donating time and money to muscular dystrophy research, literacy programs, Seattle Children’s Hospital and a variety of non-profits. Now they decided to focus their efforts, form their own public non-profit, and seed the new Martinez Foundation with $200,000 of their own money. “We wanted to do something of our own, something that would make a difference,” says Holli Martinez. “It was my research that led us to the idea of supporting teachers of color.”

To date, the foundation has supported 55 scholarship fellows. The recipients not only receive generous funding, they become part of a lifelong support network. The foundation sends board-certified mentors into classrooms to work side-by-side with struggling teachers; offers professional development seminars and workshops; provides classrooms with new resources and materials; and every year holds a summer institute where top educators share expertise with the Martinez fellows.

The network provides a chance for minority educators to bond, to share, to openly discuss the challenges they face daily. It’s like family, recipients say. “We can be who we are in each other’s company,” says Martinez fellow Emily Ezpeleta. “We help each other better ourselves at our profession while we celebrate the diversity that binds us.”

This year, coming out of the recessionary slump, the foundation will have given out almost a million dollars in scholarship and support funds. Reaching this level of stability has been hard work for foundation members, who, until a donation of office space this month, ran their non-profit out of Holli Martinez’s home kitchen. “We’re a tiny organization, but very efficient,” says the take-action leader, who prides herself on running a tight meeting. “I’m very strategic about things. That’s part of the fun – how can we make this thing work?”

Asked what drives her tireless dedication, Martinez doesn’t hesitate. Baseball – the fans, the community – have always supported her family. Why not support others in return? “We have been so fortunate that it’s a privilege to give back,” she says. “It’s not something we think about; it’s something we do because we want to.”

**‘WELCOME TO MY COUNTRY’**

Stephen Ssemaala’s story begins on the small island of Bufumira, in Lake Victoria, where he was raised by a determined mother who supported herself and her seven children making malwa, a Ugandan brew of fermented millet and water. “She was very, very keen on our education, though she never went to school at all,” says Ssemaala, a powerful built man with dark animated eyes and hands that move in time with his words.

With prodding from his family, the bright young boy moved to the mainland, took rigorous classes, and aced the all-important seventh-grade exams that are the gateway to good high schools in Uganda. He showed up on his first day of high school in full uniform, carrying textbooks, and wearing no shoes. He had never owned a pair. “Did you bring us any peanuts?” the students teased him.
When his mother could finally afford to buy him shoes, a pair of white Converse sneakers, he didn’t know how to tie them or walk in them. “It felt weird, like learning to walk all over again.”

That mother who sacrificed everything for her children would sacrifice her life caring for a son stricken with AIDS, an epidemic that swept through Ssemaala’s family. He lost nieces, cousins, friends, relatives, then his brother and mother. “She wouldn’t use gloves. She said, ‘He is my son. I need to hold him.’”

The year of her death, 1993, Ssemaala co-founded an HIV/AIDS education organization – work that would soon propel him into politics. He was elected to the Ugandan Constituent’s Assembly, the body writing a new constitution for the nation. But politics turned ugly after he supported a losing presidential candidate in 1996 and found himself on the wrong side of a government crackdown.

His tale of escape from Uganda involves a hair-raising motorcycle ride over the Kenyan border, an encounter with suspicious immigration officials upon arrival in America, a three-week stay in jail as he awaited a judicial hearing on his immigration status, and, finally, being cuffed and shackled and escorted into a courtroom where a federal judge granted him political asylum, announcing: “Welcome to my country. You are welcome to stay as long as you want.”

Ssemaala was soon hard at work in his new country, juggling blue-collar jobs with studies at a community college. He was working odd-hour shifts at an Everett juvenile detention center when he started school at UW Bothell in global studies. He quickly found out why the university prides itself on strong student-faculty relationships. “It was surprising to me, being a foreigner and not knowing these UW Bothell professors, how committed they were to my personal growth,” he says. “Their belief in me was tremendous.”

UW Bothell history professor Alan Wood took a special interest in him, convincing Ssemaala to apply to UW law school and visiting him several times on the Seattle campus after he was accepted. “I developed an enormous respect for the strength of his character and his sense of responsibility for others, as well as the gift of his intellect,” says Wood. “I encouraged him to think of law school as a way of continuing to hone his analytical skills.”

Despite working long hours, Ssemaala had been unable to raise enough money to bring his wife and four children to America. Then a friend put him in touch with the Tulalip tribe, and tribal members agreed to sponsor his family’s immigration to the States. “My friend called and said, ‘They want to know which travel agency they should send the check to. I said, ‘You’ve got to be kidding me!’”

Ssemaala’s voice quiets. So many have helped him. The tribe. The professors. The friend who drove him to work every day. “Those people along the way – without them, life would have been very, very different for me. I want to make a difference in somebody’s life like all those people did for me.”

His three-year-old foundation is currently focused on the impoverished rural village of Ngombere, where earned income averages $30-$40 a year. Last year, the non-profit funded construction of a solar system that brought the first electricity to the primary school. Next up is a new $20,000 dorm for students who board at the school, prepping for the seventh-grade exam. The dorm houses both boys and girls and is so overcrowded students double up in bunks or sleep on the floor.

Ssemaala, who lives in Tumwater and works in the Washington State Attorney General’s office representing Western State Hospital employees, dreams of a time when there will be real bathrooms instead of straw shacks at the Ngombere school, when trained teachers will fill new classrooms, and when students will have their own school library to study in.

It’s a dream that begins by picking up one piece, and then another. Kamukamu. “So many kids in Uganda don’t have textbooks, don’t have pencils, don’t have professional teachers to teach them,” says Ssemaala. “And among those kids, there is one like me who will be successful if someone just gives him a little push.”

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A scholarly paper by two University of Washington Bothell researchers was featured in one of the world’s most prestigious scientific journals late in 2011. The journal *Nature Geoscience* published the article “Formation and fate of oxidized mercury in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere” in its December 19, 2011 issue. Authors of the paper are Seth Lyman, who did the work as a research assistant professor in science and technology and Dan Jaffe, professor of atmospheric and environmental chemistry. Lyman, who is now with Utah State University’s Energy Dynamics Laboratory, was lead author of the work. The work was supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The new findings by Lyman and Jaffe show that the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere work to transform elemental mercury into oxidized mercury, elements which can easily be deposited into aquatic ecosystems and ultimately enter the food chain.

Humans pump thousands of tons of vapor from the metallic element mercury into the atmosphere each year, a pollutant that can remain suspended for long periods before being changed into a form that is easily removed from the atmosphere.

“The upper atmosphere is acting as a chemical reactor to make the mercury more able to be deposited to ecosystems,” Lyman said. The findings come from data gathered during research flights in October and November 2010 over North America and Europe by a National Center for Atmospheric Research aircraft.

The campaign used a device built at UW Bothell that can detect both elemental mercury and oxidized mercury in the same air sample, and the device recorded readings every 2.5 minutes. The flights typically are at altitudes of 19,000 to 23,000 feet, well below the confluence of the troposphere and the stratosphere, but several times during the 2010 flights – particularly on a trip from Bangor, Maine, to Broomfield, Colo. – the aircraft encountered streams of air that had descended from the stratosphere or from near it.

The new methodology allowed the two scientists to show for the first time that elemental mercury is transformed in the atmosphere into oxidized mercury, Lyman said, and evidence indicated the process occurs in the upper atmosphere.

Exactly how the oxidation takes place is not known with certainty but, once the transformation takes place, the oxidized mercury is quickly removed from the atmosphere, mostly through precipitation or air moving to the surface. After it settles to the surface, the oxidized mercury is transformed by bacteria into methyl mercury, a form that can be taken into the food chain and eventually can result in mercury-contaminated fish.

Some areas, such as the Southwest United States, appear to have specific climate conditions that allow them to receive greater amounts of oxidized mercury from the upper atmosphere than other areas, Lyman noted.

He added that where the mercury settles to the surface can be thousands of miles from where it was emitted. For example, mercury from coal burning in Asia could rise into the atmosphere and circle the globe several times before it is oxidized, then could come to the surface anywhere. Understanding where it is oxidized and deposited would help efforts to predict ecosystem impacts of mercury emissions, he said.

“Much of emitted mercury is deposited far from its original sources,” Lyman said. “Mercury emitted on the other side of the globe could be deposited right at our back door, depending on where and how it is transported, chemically transformed and deposited.”

The article made headlines worldwide, with coverage in publications including *The Guardian, Inside Higher Ed* and the *Earth Times*. W

Watch Seth Lyman describe his research at www.washington.edu/news
UW Bothell community psychology student Chris McRae is known as an energetic coalition builder, a Mary Gates Research Scholarship winner, and a former Army Ranger with multiple tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan under his belt.

To many of his fellow veterans at UW Bothell, he is best known as the empathic listener who wants to make a difference.

McRae is passionate about learning more about the array of issues facing veterans today; particularly how combat trauma disorders can be recognized and treated effectively and respectfully. McRae says the feeling of disconnection returning veterans often feel can leave them vulnerable to a host of mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

McRae says veterans often feel only those they personally served with could ever truly understand their experience.

“Even among veterans, we often don’t recognize each other,” McRae says. “We are working to improve that.”

Rosa Lundborg serves as manager for veterans services & disability resources for students at UW Bothell. She says McRae helped lead the way for student veterans to organize and become charter members of Student Veterans of America (SVA), an organization which provides a supportive environment for veterans transitioning back into civilian culture.

“Through his studies, research, and association with staff and faculty, Chris has helped to solidify our veteran presence on this campus,” Lundborg says. “Chris and his fellow veterans have created and maintained traditions on our campus honoring our men and women in uniform.”

McRae says he is thankful for the supportive environment at UW Bothell. “Our efforts have been successful due to the alliance with the administration, Chancellor Chan, and faculty,” he says. “Students have been so supportive that every event we have ever planned on campus was sponsored by one student group or another.”

McRae has also served as the outreach coordinator and a peer-counselor at the Seattle Vet Center, a PTSD clinic for combat vets. He is a staunch advocate for local homeless veterans.

McRae is one of several UW Bothell students to receive a Mary Gates Research Scholarship, and is using these resources to continue his research into developing best practices for supporting veterans in higher education.

McRae will graduate from UW Bothell in June and afterwords will begin graduate studies at Clemson University.
On May 19, UW Bothell will be hosting its 7th annual 5k Run-Walk. Event registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on the UW Bothell campus, followed by a breakfast and alumni social. Top female and male runners in the categories of open, masters, youth, UW Bothell student, and walker will receive awards. Additionally, those who are unable to make it to the day of the race can participate in the Doze for Dogs program. Doze for Dogs allows you to register for the race, get a shirt, and support student scholarships – all without competing.

The UW Bothell 5k Run-Walk brings together UW Bothell students, alumni, family, friends and the community. Most importantly, the run is an opportunity to contribute toward the education of UW Bothell students. In fact, since its inception, the UW Bothell 5K Run-Walk has generated more than $50,000 for student scholarships, and recently endowed a special scholarship fund. Last year’s event drew more than 500 participants representing all ages and over 750 people on campus.

Who does the run support?

Proceeds from the run go directly to the UW Bothell Alumni Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2010 by the Alumni Council. It directly funds the UW Bothell Alumni Scholarship, which has served as a lifeline for many students by providing financial assistance to undergraduate, graduate and certificate-seeking students. The Alumni Council directs scholarship fund support to students who clearly demonstrate qualities of character and leadership while exhibiting a strong commitment to community service and academic achievement.

Brenda Rodgers, a transfer student from the University of California, Santa
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5K RUN-WALK
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COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, June 10, Hec Edmundson Pavilion, Seattle Campus

BOTHELL LIVE ARTS
Saturday and Sunday, June 23 to 24, UW Bothell Campus

4TH OF JULY PARADE
Wednesday, July 4, Main Street Bothell

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