CHANGING LIVES, CHARTING FUTURES

IN GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS AND COMMUNITY 2016-2017

In 2016-17, you made a remarkable difference — for students, for Washington, for the world
Dear donors and friends,

What does it mean to be boundless?

At UW Bothell, it’s more than a theme that captures the spirit of this extraordinary university system. “Being boundless” has real impact on our vision for the future. Over the past year, you’ve stepped up to support that vision, which begins with providing more students with the opportunity to achieve an excellent education.

Thanks to you, we are freeing the bounds of financial need that prevent too many students from coming to UW Bothell and too many more from completing their education once they get here.

You are enabling financially strapped students to study in other countries and experience first-hand what it means to be part of a global community. They will have more opportunities to engage in serving others, and in doing so, be inspired by the grit and determination of people from different walks of life.

You are connecting more students to the businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations that offer internships to give students real-world experience even before they start their careers.

You are supporting research that sparks students’ intellectual growth while also benefiting scientific discovery, technological advances and social innovation.

Being boundless means this and so much more for our students, to Washington and to the world. We hope this publication proves how your gifts to UW Bothell are already making an incredible impact and reaping returns measured in the lives and futures of our students.

And, if you’ve not yet done so, we hope you’ll join us in continuing this boundless momentum by supporting The Campaign for UW Bothell. There has never been a more exhilarating time to join us in everything that “being boundless” entails.

Wolf Yeigh
Chancellor

Fariba Alamdari
Chair, Advisory Board
YOUR 2016-17 IMPACT — BY THE NUMBERS.
THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR UW BOTHELL STUDENTS!

$22.2 MILLION

Nearly 3,000 individual gifts, representing a 10 percent increase over the previous year, propelled UW Bothell to the halfway mark of our $45 million campaign goal with $22.2 million raised to date.

74

Your generosity provided $236,500 in scholarships to 74 deserving students.

INFINITE GENEROSITY

More than $230,000 has been pledged by UW Bothell faculty, staff and retirees to establish 11 new endowed scholarships.

$58,000

The Anna Bui World of Hope Memorial Scholarship, honoring the life of a UW Bothell student whose legacy will support global education opportunities for many student.

851

Generous gifts from 851 donors, including 319 alumni, helped fuel the future for UW Bothell students.

151

More than 150 students — including about three dozen who were awarded study-abroad scholarships — participated in amazing learning experiences in China, India, Italy, Japan, Peru, Spain and Tanzania.
ON THE ROAD TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE

A COCA-COLA SCHOLAR WETHERS LONG COMMUTES TO PURSUE HER DREAM OF HELPING OTHERS

FOUR OR FIVE HOURS A DAY. every school day of the year, Denisse Gonzalez takes the bus between her home in Burien and UW Bothell. It’s a commitment worth making on the road to her future.

“Sometimes, when I don’t want to get up so early to ride the bus, I remember how much I’m learning and how much I can do with my education in the future,” says Denisse, the daughter of Mexican immigrants and the first in her family to attend college.

Her path to a degree is much more navigable thanks to participating in the Academic Transition Program (ATP) — an intensive college prep experience for first-year, first-generation students at UW Bothell. And, the burden of paying for her education was eased by a scholarship from Coca-Cola First Gen Engaged Scholars, a $100,000 pilot program that is providing $2,500 a year over four years to 10 ATP students.

The scholarship made it possible for Denisse to forego a part-time job and focus solely on her studies. She and the other Coca-Cola scholars must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and participate in an enhanced learning experience, such as the study-abroad trip Denisse took to Brazil earlier this year. Denisse says the Coca-Cola scholars have bonded with each other and with Sara Ali, who directs the ATP program.

“Sara pushes us to do what we believe is unthinkable because she believes in us. We call her our ATP Mom,” Denisse says. “I go to Sara’s office on days I feel overwhelmed. One day, she said, ‘This is your education and your opportunity to have your voice heard for maybe the first time ever. Use it.’ And she’s right. This is my chance to be heard, to grow, to pursue my academic aspirations, make connections and ask questions.”

Denisse also credits Janelle Silva, an assistant professor in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, for “helping me believe in myself and find my voice.”

“I’ve never had a Mexican-American woman as an educator,” Denisse explains. “I thought, wow, I’m finally represented in the classroom. I felt so proud. Through her example, she showed me I was here because I deserved to be, I worked for it. And if she could do it, I could do it.”

Self-confidence was in short supply for Denisse before she arrived at UW Bothell. A personal health issue her junior year in high school forced her to miss a lot of school and falter in her studies.

“I learned that life is unpredictable,” she muses. “Before, I wasn’t really trying in school. It was the wake-up call to do something positive, to give back to my community. I decided I was going to graduate and somehow go to college.”

Thanks to her hard work and determination — and that welcome scholarship — Denisse is on track toward the future she envisions: paying forward all the support she’s been given from her family and her mentors by starting a career centered on helping others.

YOU CAN CHANGE LIVES BY SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Half of UW Bothell’s students are the first in their families to pursue a college degree. You can build bright futures for them and other deserving students by supporting scholarships through The Campaign for UW Bothell. Learn more at uwb.edu/give.
IMPACT THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

From preserving natural resources and boosting local economies through eco-tourism in Tanzania to protecting defenseless citizens and groups from financial exploitation in King County, UW Bothell and its donors are making an impact — on students, on vulnerable people and on communities here and across the globe.
PROFESSORS BEN GARDNER AND RON KRABILL envisioned a transformative experience for their students when they organized a study-abroad trip to Tanzania. In the East African country famous for its luxury safaris, the educators hoped students would come to understand how tourism could be approached responsibly in ways that truly benefit the environment, the livelihoods of villagers, and the rights of women and families.

The expense of foreign travel, however, puts learning experiences like these out of reach for many UW Bothell students. Fortunately, the Diane and Mike Gillespie Endowment provides grants to help cover the costs of study-abroad trips for students who can’t afford them.

Working closely with Tanzanian high school students and African nonprofit organizations, students learned by exploring ways to improve people’s lives.

“We came from many academic fields to think about the local impact of eco-tourism as a global force, economically, politically and ecologically,” (Meshell Sturgis, ’17, MA in Cultural Studies) wrote after the trip. “I felt that I was time-traveling back into the history of my own identity as a black woman, and simultaneously being propelled into my future as a global citizen, all the while learning to be present by just sitting in the sun on a log with a friend.”

SPREADSHEET SLEUTHS CRACK DOWN ON FINANCIAL CRIMES

In the Economic Crimes Division of the King County Prosecuting Attorney Office, a single on-staff analyst investigates hundreds of cases of financial abuse that plague trusting organizations and unsuspecting adults. A partnership with the UW Bothell Master of Science in Accounting program has expanded their capacity and is helping to put unscrupulous financial predators in jail.

The art and science of finding criminal evidence, forensics is a key area of study for students. Most recently, a dozen student volunteers unearthed damning evidence against the son and daughter of a widow who had inherited an estate worth more than $1 million, only to see her children squander it and her retirement benefits on themselves and leaving her destitute and suffering from dementia. As a result of the students’ work, the pair now faces criminal charges.

Forensic accounting classes in 2015 and 2016 helped convict a Little League treasurer who embezzled team funds and a contractor who defrauded an elderly client by repeatedly persuading her she had forgotten to give him a check.

Generous alumni and other supporters of the UW School of Business help finance the forensic accounting field work, providing a valuable public service while also fueling students’ hands-on education.

Professor Rajib Doogar, who teaches the forensic accounting course, says practicing in a real-life environment emphasizes the broader picture of how accounting can affect people’s lives.

“Without accountability, there can’t be trust. Without trust, you can’t have society,” he says.

Close to home and across the world, our donors play a critical role in student learning and in bettering societies. Watch UW Bothell students make an impact on Washington and the World.
YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP MADE 2016-17 THE BEST YEAR YET FOR UW BOTHELL

SEPTEMBER

Business leaders gather to support students
The School of Business hosted its inaugural “Un”-Gala, an informal gathering that raised thousands of dollars for academic programs and five new scholarships.

OCTOBER

Kicking off The Campaign for UW Bothell
From Bothell’s Main Street to campus and beyond, UW Bothell joined the greater University of Washington family in painting the state purple for the day to announce the University’s most ambitious fundraising campaign ever.

FEBRUARY

Sharing experiences, advancing equity
More than 350 students, diversity professionals, police officers and other community members took part in skill-building workshops at the third annual Equity and Inclusion Conference, sponsored by T-Mobile. Keynoter, civic leader and former King County Executive Ron Sims captivated the audience with stories and lessons from his life.

MARCH

Exploring peace, inclusion and understanding
UW Bothell’s American Muslim Research Initiative, with the support of generous donors, hosted a dialogue on “Islamophobia” featuring one of the leading voices of American Muslims, Dalia Mogahed. More than 450 students, faculty and friends attended.

Festival inspires kids about STEM
We welcomed hundreds of middle school students, parents and teachers to campus for the annual Inspire STEM Festival, featuring 25 street fair exhibitors, 14 interactive workshops and keynote presentations by astronauts Dottie Metcalf and Wendy Lawrence.
The alumni, donors, businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies that join with us in our mission make success possible for students — today and when they leave as graduates, ready to make their marks on the world. Here are a few ways that your support made 2016-17 a stellar year for UW Bothell.

**NOVEMBER**

**Honoring our community’s veterans**

The annual reception for UW Bothell students who served our nation in the military featured a speech from Army Capt. Aaron Thacker, a UW Bothell graduate (Liberal Studies ’98) who was deployed in Iraq, Egypt and Afghanistan.

**Lectures draw alumni to reconnect**

The second annual Encore! Lecture featured Dr. Alan Wood, professor emeritus in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences and a founding UW Bothell faculty member.

**JANUARY**

**Nursing alum and friends come together**

The School of Nursing and Health Studies held its first annual Alumni & Friends Reception, where it presented awards for Outstanding Alumnus to Justin Gill (BSN ’13) and Outstanding Community Partner to the Latino Educational Training Institute.

**MAY/JUNE**

**Honoring donor commitment — and you**

The Chancellor’s Reception was our opportunity to honor you — our loyal donors and community partners. The Simonds/Green family earned the 2017 Legacy Award for their history of commitment to education and community causes.

**2017 grads push alumni past 20,000**

Nearly 1,400 of UW Bothell’s 2,000 graduates participated in the 26th annual commencement ceremony. The 2017 graduates bring our total alumni to about 20,000.

**Annual alumni events set records**

The Husky 5K and the Bothell Block Party and BrewFest brought a record 3,600 alumni and friends to campus, collectively raising more than $17,000 for student scholarships.

**Celebrating two decades of tech success**

Over 150 alumni, faculty and friends celebrated 20 years of excellence in Computing and Software System education at UW Bothell.
ECLECTIC, ENTREPRENEURIAL and ever-curious are just a few ways to describe Holly Gummelt, the first person to earn a degree in physics from UW Bothell. Those qualities — along with the knowledge and hands-on research experience she gained as a student — are propelling the 2017 graduate toward a career in space exploration.

After earning a Founder’s Fellow Research Scholarship her senior year, Holly joined faculty member Joey Key — and more than 1,000 scientists from around the world — as part of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, which is detecting and analyzing data from gravitational waves formed from the collision of two black holes. The endeavor seeks to understand how gravity actually works, on earth and across the universe.

It was a long trek into such visionary research for the East Coast native who earned her first bachelor’s in fine arts in 2000, welding large kinetic metal sculptures. She worked in a restaurant supply business for several years and then spent the next decade selling her art at crafts markets in the Pacific Northwest before opening a consignment gallery where she and her artist friends could sell their wares.

“I tend to try things, succeed at them and then realize it’s time to learn something else,” says Holly, who’d always had a scientific bent and was captivated by an astronomy course she took in her first college experience. “I’d figured out being an entrepreneur. It was working well, so I thought, what’s next?”

The consignment store led her to open a sock store in Seattle, which helped finance her next venture: heading back to school for a physics degree while raising her now 5-year-old son, James.

After taking prerequisites at a community college for two years, she was the first student accepted into the physics program at UW Bothell, where her passion for space truly ignited. She launched a Society of Physics Students Chapter and brought Sigma Pi Sigma, the organization’s honor society, to campus. As part of the Trickfire Robotics Club, she helped build a 176-pound robot for a NASA competition to simulate mining on Mars.

Today, Holly works for Planetary Resources, designing instrumentation for a ship that will rendezvous with an asteroid to conduct mining. She plans to enroll in UW Seattle’s master’s program in engineering and, ultimately, “to build something that will go into space or enter the NASA astronaut program.”

“Physics has always been fascinating to me, constantly stimulating and challenging. I’m still learning so much,” says Holly. “I want my son to see my example of never being satisfied with boring work, to follow his dreams and pursue every opportunity.”

YOU CAN LAUNCH MEANINGFUL CAREERS BY SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Research fellowships, internships and other enhanced learning experiences — along with faculty-led, student-involved research — will thrive at UW Bothell because people like you support The Campaign for UW Bothell. Learn how you can create success stories like Holly’s at uwb.edu/give.
A UNIVERSITY THAT SERVES THE COMMUNITY must understand the needs of the community. Likewise, community members who value the impact that UW Bothell, its students and its faculty can make on local society must be willing to support and advocate for its mission. We accomplish both these goals when leaders of regional business, industry, government and nonprofit organizations serve UW Bothell as members of its Advisory and Alumni Councils. We are grateful for their commitment and support.

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Mary Howisey’s journey through higher education was fraught with stops and starts, culminating with the most gratifying of reasons to finally earn a degree: to prove to herself she could do it. Now, she’s helping alumni stay engaged with UW Bothell and paving the way for others to get their degrees.

Growing up in small-town Port Orchard, Mary dreamed of getting a job and having kids after high school. “I didn’t see myself as college material,” she recalls. She took the civil service exam and landed a file clerk position with the IRS. Mary met her future husband, Jim, her first day on the job. Over the next 15 years, she became a stepmom to Jim’s three young kids, advanced to become an IRS auditor, and took countless courses off and on at community colleges. Feeling the urge to leave her high-stress job, she decided to get a business degree.

“I’d always wanted to be a Husky, but the idea of going to a big university was intimidating,” she explains. “Then, one day, we were driving along I-405 and saw this sign that read ‘UW Bothell’. I had no idea it existed!”

She left the IRS for UW Bothell — and immediately realized that the business world wasn’t for her. Suffering panic attacks at the thought of quitting school again, a caring academic advisor guided her to a new major in Society, Ethics and Human Behavior.

“The first day, I knew this was where I belonged. It challenged me as a woman, as a human being, as a citizen of the world,” Mary says. “I wanted to finish my degree, but not for a career. I’d already had my career. It was for me. I needed to prove to myself that I could accomplish it.”

Mary earned her degree in 2002 and is so passionate about UW Bothell, she’s never left. After helping to found the UW Bothell Alumni Council and the Husky 5K that supports student scholarships, she continues to donate money and countless volunteer hours to her alma mater. UW Bothell staff refer to her as “our volunteer extraordinaire” and count Mary among the University’s most influential ambassadors.

“My time here was life-changing. I wanted to stay connected and keep learning,” she concludes. “I love this place.” Read about our incredible donors and alumni who are giving back.
WHEN UW BOTHELL KICKED OFF its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history, people like you stepped up in record numbers to support student scholarships, enriched learning experiences and research for a better tomorrow. To date, your generosity has generated more than $22 million toward our goal of $45 million. Thank you!

Your gifts are already opening doors to opportunity for those who would otherwise never be able to afford a UW Bothell degree. You are giving students access to a transformational educational experience like no other. And you're fueling research and innovation that will solve the most puzzling problems facing our region, our state, our world.

There's still time for you to make a meaningful difference with a gift to The Campaign for UW Bothell.

To learn how you can invest in the campaign, visit www.uwb.edu/give or contact Melissa Arias, Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement, 425.352.3394, marias4@uw.edu.
YOU MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

THANKS IN LARGE PART TO YOUR SUPPORT, UW Bothell is an outstanding university today. But we are not satisfied with being one of the best. Our vision is to become the very best regional university in our state, our region, our nation. Only you can make this vision a reality.

Together, we can widen the doors to opportunity so that many more students can find an exceptional, affordable and personalized educational experience unlike any other in Washington. By investing in UW Bothell, our supporters reap an immeasurable return in the responsible and innovative graduates who will go on to become leaders in their fields and in their communities.

We are grateful to everyone who believes in us and invests in us. Thank you for your confidence and support.

AN OVERVIEW OF UW BOTHELL’S SOURCES OF FUNDS

- 50% Tuition
- 19% State Funding for Operations
- 9% Designated Operating Funds
- 9% Self-Sustaining Operations
- 5% Grants & Contracts
- 5% Student Activity & Technology Fees
- 3% Gifts
One year after graduation, UW Bothell alumni with bachelor’s degrees report an average salary higher than graduates from any other public college or university in the State of Washington, one year after graduation.*

49% of incoming first-year students will be the first in their families to earn a four-year degree.

300 AND GROWING
The number of businesses, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and other community partners engaged with our students and faculty.

75%
UW Bothell faculty engage three out of four of their students in research.

100+
UW Bothell students provided working solutions to 109 external organizations in the last year including Fortune 100 companies, not-for-profit organizations and government agencies in our state.

*Source: 2015 Education Research & Data Center