YOUR SUPPORT for the University of Washington Bothell ignites new opportunities — for students, for our region, for the world.
Dear donors, alumni and friends,

As part of a world-class university committed to serving people here at home and across the globe, the University of Washington Bothell shoulders a vital responsibility: to provide access to an excellent education for the students who entrust their futures to us.

Gratefully, it’s a responsibility that you share.

Without the generosity of our donors, UW Bothell would fall far short of delivering on that critical mission. Why are you so important in the lives of students and in the vitality of our region?

■ As one of the most economically diverse public universities in the state, UW Bothell welcomes students who rely on your support for scholarships to change not just their lives but the lives of future generations.

■ State funding and tuition continue to cover a declining portion of what it costs to provide UW Bothell’s unique brand of engaged and interdisciplinary education. Your gifts support enriched student experiences that provide graduates with a well-rounded higher education, the career skills most in demand today and tomorrow, and an appreciation for the role they can play in making the world a better place.

■ Through donor-funded research, innovation and community partnerships, our faculty and students are advancing solutions to critical social and economic problems at home and across the globe. Your gifts fuel a world of good.

In this report, we offer just a few examples of how the “you” in UW Bothell is making a remarkable impact. Thank you for your support.

In gratitude,

Wolf Yeigh
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THE NUMBERS ARE CLEAR.
YOU MAKE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT!

DOUBLE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
Because our community supports UW Bothell’s above-and-beyond efforts to guide and nurture our students, our graduation rate for first-generation students is twice the national average. Overall, our graduation rate ranks in the top 15 percent of public four-year universities nationally.

200
The School of Business completed its 200th consulting project — the vast majority of them supported by your donations to cover materials, travel, work stipends and more. Generous community members also volunteered countless hours as student mentors.

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

25
Most students participate in research during their time at UW Bothell. You enabled 15 to receive fellowships to conduct more impactful independent research and 10 to work side by side with faculty in their research labs.

165
Your gifts helped to support 165 students on study-abroad trips, where they put theory into practice and made transformational discoveries about their potential impact on the world.

55 OF 540
Your generosity funded 55 scholarships in 2015-16. With increased support, we hope to be able to meet the requests of many more deserving students. Last year, a lack of funding forced us to turn away nearly 9 out of 10 scholarship applications from deserving students.

2,637
The number of donations in 2015-16 from devoted alumni and friends like you that helped to fuel the success of our students and the influence UW Bothell has on our region and beyond.
NAFASI FERRELL knew she had her work cut out for her as she planned the signature event of her donor-supported Cultural Studies capstone project. Because most people believe they’re weak writers, it would be no easy task to develop a workshop that inspired people from diverse backgrounds to share candid perspectives on race and class through hip-hop and poetry.

Eager to try creativity-generating techniques she’d learned in her master’s program, Nafasi first organized a poetry-writing workshop for homeless youth. She helped them open up and made writing seem less daunting by starting with “blackout poetry.” Presented with newspaper clippings and a marker, teens blacked out words, leaving only ones that resonated with them.

“It’s an easy way of approaching poetry. It told their story powerfully in a multitude of ways. And helped me understand the approach I needed to take going into my workshop,” says Nafasi, who earned her master’s degree in 2015.

Months later, when she hosted Let’s Talk: Race and Class Through Hip-Hop & Poetry workshop, she challenged participants to fill in the blanks of “I Am” and “We Are” poems. Their moving words proved her theory that creating environments where people can share stories with one another can be the starting point of community-building dialogue. One participant wrote:

We are courageous and creative
We wonder how to live a life with purpose
We hear people make roles
We see people giving up
We want to find our path
We are courageous and creative …

Nafasi is grateful for donor-supported community-engagement funds that covered most of her event costs. She paid for the rest on her own.

Today, Nafasi continues to share community-building lessons she learned at UW Bothell as the Cultural Events Project Coordinator at the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association, which donated the space for her workshop at West Seattle’s Youngstown Cultural Arts Center.

“One conversation at a time,” Nafasi says, “Sometimes that’s all people need — a chance to say, ‘Let me tell you who I am, what I’ve been through.’”
ONE DAY when Tabatha Blevins was little, her brother took a nasty spill off his bike. He needed stitches for a gash on his head, but when their mom learned the ambulance ride would cost $500, she sent the medics away and just bandaged it up herself.

“We didn't have health insurance, we didn't have a car, and we couldn't afford that ambulance bill,” recalls Tabatha, who later wound up in foster care before moving to her aunt and uncle's in Bothell with two of her eight siblings.

She still remembers how much it hurt to see her brother suffer— all because they were poor. With soft-spoken but fierce intensity, Tabatha is pursuing her dream of making sure that no one — especially low-income people in marginalized communities — has to suffer like that.

Tabatha took one of the first big steps toward that dream thanks to the generosity of donors like you who funded her UW Bothell Health Studies Scholarship.

Those funds helped her cover the costs of a nursing assistant certification program that she took in addition to her full load of undergraduate courses at UW Bothell. She went after the nursing assistant credential to get a jump start on her post-graduate career goal: to become a physician assistant.

Before launching into her undergraduate studies, Tabatha thought she’d study biology or some other pre-med major. Then she realized she was more interested in the bigger picture of public policy, social justice and other issues that would prepare her not only to care for patients but to play a role in solving big problems with our nation’s health care system.

That’s what drew her to major in Health Studies and the reason she’s eager to join a profession that plays a front-and-center role in addressing shortages of primary care physicians and pediatricians nationwide. She also wants to advocate for policy changes to make health care more accessible and affordable.

“I hope I’ll be successful enough one day to give back and help a young scholar like me achieve her dreams,” Tabatha says.
THE UW BOTHELL COMMUNITY BONDS THROUGH DIVERSITY

Our second annual Diversity and Inclusion Conference, in partnership with T-Mobile, strengthened the bonds among students, faculty and community. Participants engaged in workshops called Courageous Conversation, Advocacy and Action, and Allyship. Students also presented their ideas for solving a diversity issue and vied for a $5,000 grant aimed at solving a diversity issue. Conference attendees chose as the winner a four-student team that is developing an app called Abroaden that connects people to local ethnic shops, restaurants and other gathering places. In addition to the conference, a committee of students, faculty and staff developed a new Diversity Statement for UW Bothell.

For the third year in a row, UW Bothell once again rose to the top of Money Magazine’s rankings as the best university in the region and one of the top 20 best in the nation for quality, affordability and student outcomes.

Five UW Bothell students were named to the Husky 100. It was the first year that the University of Washington launched the program to recognize UW students from Bothell, Seattle and Tacoma who are making the most of their time at the UW, both inside and outside the classroom. Nominations were evaluated based on students’ passion, leadership and commitment. Our five Husky 100 students — all in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences — included Kelsey Bolinger, Jessica Cole, Ruth Medina Godina, Alejandra Pérez and Michaella Rosner.
OUR GRADS ARE TOPS IN EARNING POWER

An independent study found that graduates of UW Bothell earn higher salaries than the graduates of every other four-year public college and university in Washington. The study by the Washington Education Research & Data Center examined median earnings one year after graduation for 2008 – 2012 alumni with bachelor’s degrees. The median annual salary of our 2012 graduates in 2013 was $49,474, compared to a statewide average of all four-year Washington institutions of $37,900. Results for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 also ranked UW Bothell at the top and ranged from $51,543 to $55,557.

The 2015-16 academic year was highlighted by inspiring acts of generosity, an even more deliberate commitment to diversity and many enlightened achievements. Here are just a few of the highlights of last year.

BRAD LAKEY, who received a master’s in education at UW Bothell, became our 10th recipient of a Fulbright Award, a 70-year-old program that bestows grants on just 1,600 U.S. college students each year. Thanks to a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Award, he is now teaching for a year in Peru. A six-year Marine Corps veteran who served two tours in Iraq, Brad got a jump start on his teaching career by volunteering as an English teacher in Ghana before returning to the U.S. to enroll at UW Bothell.

Some 1,000 runners turned out for the Husky 5K, an annual race that’s raised more than $130,000 for student scholarships over the last decade.
Fredrika Smith, Superintendent of Monroe Public Schools and a faculty member in our Leadership Development for Educators program for principals, was recognized as the 2016 Distinguished Alumna of the Year. Janelle Silva, assistant professor of community psychology in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, received the Distinguished Teaching Award. The Distinguished Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award was presented to Jennifer McLoud-Mann, associate professor of mathematics in the School of STEM.

CHANCELLOR EMERITUS KENYON CHAN AND PROFESSOR SHIRLEY HUNE EARN THE LEGACY AWARD

The highest honor bestowed by our University. While serving as Chancellor of UW Bothell from 2007 to 2013, Chan oversaw enrollment growth of more than 250 percent and an increase in degree programs that rivaled even that impressive figure. The visionary leadership of Chan and his wife, UW Professor Emeritus Shirley Hune, helped shape UW Bothell into the University it is today.

CLASS OF ’16 COMmitted TO STUDent-TO-STUDENT PHILanTHROPY

As a 2016 graduation gift to their alma mater, students rallied to help each other, establishing an emergency fund and raising $8,500 to help fellow students with needs such as unanticipated medical bills, child care, rent and food, transportation and other non-academic expenses.
ALUMNI RETURN FOR ENCORE LECTURES FROM BELOVED FACULTY

In response to alumni who have long clamored for opportunities to return to campus to continue to learn from favorite faculty members, we launched the Encore Lecture Series. The inaugural speaker was Warren Buck, the first chancellor of UW Bothell and a popular physics professor. He shared insights from his career while being honored for his five decades as a physicist, academic leader, artist and social change advocate.

STUDENTS WELCOME THEIR OWN DEDICATED SPACE

Students earned their own dedicated space on campus with the opening of the Activity and Recreation Center. Fully funded by an annual student activity fee, students guided the development of the building that provides them with leadership, networking, recreational and social opportunities.

We added our first-ever undergraduate degree in the School of Educational Studies. Together, the Schools of Educational Studies, STEM, Business, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, and Nursing and Health Studies now offer more than 45 undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Digital Future Lab launched Ghostlight Manor, its first commercial video game, in the Apple store. While the game began with a goal of providing entertainment and educational value, it also adheres to the lab’s moratorium on game aggression and violence. It was a deeply collaborative effort that captured students’ imagination and involved high-level critical thinking skills that students can take into the classroom and their professions.
VISIONARY RESEARCH

PIioneer team of faculty and students illuminates the way for technology to diagnose vision problems in school kids

Legions of children with undiagnosed near-vision problems — an estimated one in four nationwide — struggle in school without knowing why.

A team of UW Bothell computer scientists is doing trail-blazing research to make that a thing of the past.

Computing & Software Systems Associate Professor Bill Erdly and a group of undergraduate and master’s students have not only helped lead a successful push to require K-12 schools across Washington to start testing kids’ up-close vision as well as distance vision. They’re also developing technologies that schools need — but don’t yet have — to screen for near-vision problems.

They’re working feverishly to create a suite of technologies that will enable school personnel to screen students accurately and affordably. They’re also developing vision therapy games designed to train the brain and eyes to communicate better.

“Right now, everybody’s trying to figure out, how are we going to do this en masse?,” Erdly says.

It’s complex work. The screening tools they’re creating have to be simple and user-friendly. Data-sharing must comply with health care privacy laws. The tests and games they design for kids to take have to be visually engaging and display the same way on all computers, tablets and mobile phones.

They’ve gleaned insights from optometrists, teachers and the Yakama Nation, which has pinpointed near-vision problems as a cause of low test scores among tribal students and the reason many have been enrolled in special education classes.
These young researchers are making huge strides, yet they're just getting started.

“It's exciting to be doing research that has such huge potential to help children all over the world,” says Huaming Chen, a Computer Science & Systems Engineering master's student. Huaming, who grew up in China, has met with officials in his native country to discuss their pressing need for near-vision testing technology.

Support from generous donors like you provides student research stipends and innovative project start-up funds, enabling these innovators to work toward their goal - to create a Center for Children’s Vision and Learning that would be a global leader in research to give kids a brighter future by helping them see better and thrive in school.

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THE DEDICATED AMBASSADORS
FOR UW BOTHELL

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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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.

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

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GET INVOLVED WITH UW BOTHELL TO CREATE LIMITLESS FUTURES AND TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR INTERESTS

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GIVING BACK TO UW BOTHELL: ‘IT’S AN HONOR’

ALUMNUS AND EMPLOYEE TONY GUERRERO KNOWS FIRSTHAND WHAT IT MEANS TO STRIVE LONG AND HARD TO EARN A DEGREE

HUMBLE AND SOFT-SPOKEN, Tony Guerrero would balk to hear his life story described as one of triumph, perseverance and generosity. But for the UW Bothell community inspired by his two-decade journey to earn his degree and by his long-time support for scholarships, that description fits him to a tee.

Growing up the oldest of six kids in a blue-collar Phoenix family, college was never on the horizon for Tony. He began a vocational heating and air conditioning track in high school, where he met his future wife, Lisa.

He joined the Air Force Reserve and, after seeing older construction workers struggling in the blistering Arizona heat, wisely considered his long-term future and found indoor employment at a state-owned events venue. Motivated by his mother’s drive to earn a degree and become an elementary school teacher while all her kids were still at home — and by his wife’s nighttime college studies while working full time — Tony enrolled in night classes, too. It was 1984.

A beloved mentor at his job in Phoenix took a new role at Seattle’s Kingdome and encouraged Tony to join him. Tony moved his family up to the Northwest, kept taking classes at community colleges and eventually enrolled at UW Bothell’s original office park campus.

By then, twins Joseph and Mario had joined the family. The Guerreros returned to Arizona for a few years — again delaying Tony’s degree.

Tony was hired by the University of Washington in 2000 to help manage maintenance on the mammoth Seattle campus and once again he enrolled at UW Bothell, which had moved to its current location.

“There was still such a wonderful family feel at UW Bothell,” Tony recalls, fondly remembering when a favorite professor and fellow students came to his rescue with a new textbook and loaned class notes after his were stolen in a car break-in.

When he took his last test in 2001, Lisa and the boys greeted him with balloons and cheers.

Today, the proud alumnus holds not only that hard-fought BA in Business but also an MBA from Seattle Pacific University. He has worked at UW Bothell since 2003 and now serves as Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services and Campus Operations. He and Lisa were founding members of the first UW Bothell scholarship fund and have donated to support scholarships for hundreds of students for well over a decade.

“I see so many students here today who are far less fortunate than I was,” Tony says. “I know that when I donate, I’m investing in someone else’s chance to grow and contribute and give back one day. It’s an honor.”

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Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services

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