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2017-18 REPORT TO OUR DONORS AND COMMUNITY

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DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, THE MOMENTUM KEEPS BUILDING AT UW BOTHELL.

We are a campus committed to creating access to an excellent UW education. We place extraordinary value on faculty-student interaction. We prize innovation and embrace our role as a driver of progress and prosperity for the communities and people we serve. These ambitions have been central to our mission since our founding nearly 30 years ago — and have never been more true than today.

None of this would be possible without you — our alumni, partners, supporters and volunteers — who provide critical resources and give our students, faculty and staff the opportunity to excel.

Your investment makes a difference at UW Bothell each and every day. By supporting our vision to provide all students with access to an excellent education, you are among those leading the way for UW Bothell.

Please know that your generosity is changing lives even beyond our campus. First-generation students inspire their families and transform their communities. Graduates are highly sought after in every industry. Students and faculty provide real solutions to nonprofits, local governments and businesses through community-based learning. By supporting them, your impact resonates throughout the region.

This report is for you. You are the change-makers, friends and advocates who understand the importance of a UW Bothell education and invest in our mission. Through these stories, we hope to give you a glimpse of what we have accomplished together and what we can continue to build for our students, campus and region in the future.

Thank you for supporting the Campaign for UW Bothell.

Wolf Yeigh, Chancellor

AS CHAIR OF THE UW BOTHELL ADVISORY BOARD, I have the honor and privilege of participating in conversations that guide the strategic direction of the campus. I also get to see firsthand the impact of our collective support through the Campaign for UW Bothell.

I am continually inspired by the depth of commitment I see in the faculty and staff. And I am heartened to witness the difference a UW Bothell education makes in the lives of our students and the communities we serve. This success is made possible because of the investment and support of fellow advocates like you.

When UW Bothell students are supported, they succeed. When they succeed, our region thrives. What a joy it is to see and feel the difference UW Bothell is making. Thank you for being a part of this success.

Fariba Alamdari, Chair, Advisory Board
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A NEW HAND FOR REESE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT BUILDS A PROSTHESIS FOR AN ACTIVE LITTLE GIRL.

REESE ARMSTRONG SAYS SHE CAN DO ANYTHING — except make it to the far side of the monkey bars. Thanks to UW Bothell student-led research to create a 3D-printed prosthetic hand for Reese, that finish line may soon be in sight.

The 9-year-old proudly scoffs at the notion that her two missing left-hand fingers and slightly misshaped thumb, pointer and pinkie stop her from doing anything she wants.

“It just makes things a little harder,” explains Reese, who lives in Everett with her parents, Brian and Kristi, and her 5-year-old sister, Macy. “Some ways I’ve adapted is like with monkey bars. I don’t have all my fingers to put onto them, so I use my wrist to grab the bar. But I keep
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dropping when I get to the middle of them. I want to get to the end.”

Reese’s dad learned about UW Bothell’s success in developing prostheses and contacted the mechanical engineering program to share his daughter’s story. Student Michael Meier is one of the students who leapt at the chance to gain direct experience in prosthetics by participating in what has been a complex, two-year process of testing, designing, printing and ultimately fitting the device onto a growing child.

“It’s challenging to try to take a 3D-printed plastic device and make it as strong as any other prosthetic out there. We’re jumping hurdles we’ve never faced before,” says Michael (Mechanical Engineering ’19). “It’s gratifying to immediately take what I’m learning and help somebody with it.”

Assistant Professor Cassandra Wright, who says she came to UW Bothell because of the University’s commitment to undergraduate research, has guided Michael and other student colleagues as they creatively solve problems, take risks and fail, then learn from their mistakes.

Brian Armstrong says his family is overwhelmed with gratitude, especially for the UW Bothell alumni and friends who contribute money to support this kind of undergraduate research.

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For Reese, traversing the monkey bars isn’t the only benefit of getting a cool mechanical hand.

“This has inspired me to look into more science experiments that could help other people,” she says, adding, “I want my new hand to be purple because it’s my favorite color — and I like the Huskies, too.”
A PASSION FOR SERVICE

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES STUDENT COMMITS HER FUTURE TO CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR HER SAMOAN COMMUNITY.

PULEMAU SAVUSA’S COMMITMENT TO HER SAMOAN COMMUNITY drives everything she does — from the youth program she helped create, to her pursuit of a UW Bothell degree in Educational Studies, to her vision of helping young people improve their lives through education.

Her ambitions received a huge boost when she earned the Biella Foundation First Generation Scholarship, which will fund her entire senior year’s tuition, fees and books. Beyond the welcome financial support, Pulemau says, the scholarship powerfully affirmed her life goals.

“I finally felt that my experience was validated, that my work in the community was valued,” she explains. “Now, I feel people really care about my story.”

With a father who emigrated from Samoa and served in the U.S. military and a mother who has dedicated her career to educational causes, Pulemau was naturally inspired to service-oriented passions. While still in high school, for example, she helped start Our Future Matters, a program for Pacific Islander youth. Today, she serves as its director.

“I want to set an example for others, to break down barriers and to inspire kids to go to college,” says Pulemau, who plans to earn a master’s degree after graduating this spring. She plans to work in a nonprofit or as a teacher, school counselor or principal.

In the meantime, she is grateful for the opportunity she has to fulfill a service-learning requirement for her senior year by working in her old middle school. It may very well give her career a head start.

“My studies at UW Bothell have helped me learn about the education system and all the opportunities it offers,” she concludes. W

PULEMAU SAVUSA
A COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER

FORMER STUDENT-GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT GIVES BACK TO UW BOTHELL IN GRATITUDE FOR ‘HOLISTIC, HEALTHY, LOVING’ SUPPORT.

EMILY ANDERSON ALWAYS KNEW SHE WANTED TO GO TO COLLEGE. But, growing up in a family that didn’t prioritize traditional educational pathways, she had to look elsewhere for support to help fuel her dreams.

She says she found everything she needed at UW Bothell. “The support I received financially and the relationships I developed with faculty and other students created this holistic, healthy, loving environment that I’d never experienced anywhere else,” says Emily (Society, Ethics & Human Behavior, ’09). “UW Bothell really reaches out to students and provides great opportunities for them to build strong bonds and to get involved and stay involved.”

With the ambition of becoming an attorney, Emily took advantage of every opportunity to develop her leadership skills as a student. In addition to serving as student government president during her senior year, she spearheaded several clubs and volunteer projects.

Now a lawyer, Emily works as vice president and general counsel for ICEBRG, a technology security startup that was acquired earlier this year by Gigamon. She also represents UW Bothell on the UW Alumni Association Board and jumps at every chance she gets to mentor budding lawyers on the UW Bothell campus.

But paying it forward to the University that gave her so much includes more than volunteerism, she says. “When I was done paying my law school tuition, it was important to me to invest in other students whose lives will be changed forever with a UW Bothell degree,” she says. “When I give back now, I remember how life-changing my scholarship was.

“I want UW Bothell to continue to transform lives.”

EMILY ANDERSON
THE CAMPAIGN FOR UW BOTHELL

SUPPORT FROM OUR DONORS AND FRIENDS BUILDS MOMENTUM.

No matter how you choose to give back – whether it is through your time, your talents or your investments – we are so grateful that you are a part of the Campaign for UW Bothell. Thanks to your support, we have surpassed 70% of our Campaign goal and reached a total of $24.7 million raised! We had a record breaking year and saw the number of donors increase by 67% from last year. Many of these gifts came from our own alumni who truly understand the importance of the UW Bothell experience and are committed to investing in the next generation. This momentum continues to grow, and we are seeing a groundswell of support that will carry us to our Campaign goal of $35 million in 2020.

Our students inspire us every day. From the obstacles they overcome to the innovative research they conduct, they are equipped with the tools and experiences to succeed after graduation. Donors like you fuel their future by providing the financial support and transformational opportunities they need to excel.

Your generosity also empowers our faculty with the resources to inspire and mentor students beyond the classroom. Through research projects, study abroad and community-based learning projects, our faculty and staff are developing the next generation of leaders, change-makers and innovators. As a loyal supporter, you play a significant role in their success.

With just two years left in the Campaign for UW Bothell, we are more energized than ever to finish strong and provide boundless opportunities on our campus and throughout our region.

Thank you for your inspiration and support.

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Kiana Reeves (Global Studies ’19) shares the impact of her scholarship at a reception for faculty, staff and retirees who financially support the university.

The I ♥ UW Bothell Scholarship Luncheon in 2018 was centered around a Valentine’s Day theme.
GOAL: $35 MILLION

$24.7 MILLION

SAVE THE DATE!
The second annual I ♥ UW Bothell Luncheon will take place on February 5, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue. Please contact us at uwbgive@uw.edu for more information about corporate sponsorship or becoming a table captain.

UW BOTHELL’S FUNDING SOURCES

Tuition: 47%
State Funding for Operations: 18%
Self-Sustaining Operations: 12%
Designated Operating Funds: 11%
Grants, Contracts & Gifts: 7%
Student Activity & Technology Fees: 5%

Help us continue our momentum towards our $35 million campaign goal. To learn how you can make an impact, visit www.uwb.edu/give or contact Sean Marsh in the office of Advancement & External Relations at smmarsh@uw.edu or 425.352.5269.

Chancellor Wolf Yeigh (left) and School of STEM Dean Elaine Scott (right) present Doreen and Ralph Boy (center) with the 2018 UW Bothell Legacy Award at the Chancellor’s Reception.
CREATING CHANGE-MAKERS

‘RESEARCHERS, NOT STUDENTS’ FLEX THEIR PUBLIC-POLICY MUSCLES IN UW BOTHELL’S LONGEST-RUNNING WEEKLONG LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
POLITICS AND CIVIC ISSUES had always piqued Joren Clowers’ interest, but it took an in-depth, human rights research seminar and a trip to Washington, D.C., with other UW Bothell students to inspire him to pursue a career in public policy. He graduated with majors in Law, Economics and Public Policy and in American Ethnic Studies in 2017. In 2018, he received his Master of Arts in Policy Studies.

Lindsey Warnick, a 2004 major in Society, Ethics and Human Behavior, says she shared Joren’s passions when she was a student at UW Bothell. And while she did not participate in the D.C. seminar, as a member of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Advisory Board, she now recognizes the impact of what students for the past 28 years have been calling a life-changing experience.

“I wish I would’ve taken advantage of more experiential learning opportunities. That’s why I am committed to helping make these programs accessible to all students, regardless of the demands they face in their personal lives,” Lindsey explains. “Programs like this are the core of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences degrees.”

Lindsey and her colleagues on the advisory board have spearheaded a fundraising campaign to generate $25,000 for seminar scholarships — and are already more than halfway toward meeting that goal. The funds will be used to ensure more students can take part in what Joren also describes as “an amazing collaborative experience.”

“You don’t just learn about your own topic and research, but you’re invested in your classmates’ research as well,” he says. “It teaches you about working together, bouncing ideas off each other and using other people’s skills to your benefit.”

Students begin the seminar in the summer, reading books on history, philosophy, law, international relations, public policy and human rights, according to Associate Professor Ron Krabill, who led this year’s seminar. The 20-student cohort then comes together in September, and each student proposes a research project centered on a specific international human rights violation.

The D.C. trip follows in mid-September. It is an intense week of 14-hour days that include appointments with lawmakers as well as meetings with staff in the U.S. Department of State, foreign embassies, human rights organizations, and policy institutes. Each evening features a group debrief of the day’s activities.

As he and other IAS colleagues organize the trip each year, says Ron, “we emphasize that these officials will be meeting with researchers, not students. Through the years — since the seminar started back when UW Bothell was founded — we’ve developed a strong reputation for being well-prepared and doing serious work.”

The seminar also supports impressive outcomes for students.

Following a meeting with Sen. Maria Cantwell during his trip in 2016 — where he raised concerns about federal implications of human rights violations in the construction of a World Cup soccer stadium in Qatar — Joren earned an internship in Sen. Cantwell’s Everett office. Today, he is managing a state legislative campaign while also working for UW Bothell as a program coordinator in government and community relations.

“Students who go on the trip recognize that social change is possible, even if they also realize it’s very difficult,” Ron concludes. “Engaging with political processes can make real change. You get a sense that you’re not just a pawn in someone else’s game, but you can engage in things that are meaningful to you.”

That kind of inspiration is critical to students, adds Lindsey.

“What UW Bothell is doing in programs like this is preparing students to be successful in the world, to navigate complex systems and to go out to fight for what’s right.”

LINDSEY WARNICK
SOCIETY, ETHICS AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR ’04
COMBINING BUSINESS & HEALTH STUDIES

A MASSAGE THERAPIST AIMS TO USE HER DEGREE TO DRIVE SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN HEALTH CARE.

AMANDA HABBEN ALREADY HAS A FULFILLING JOB as a massage therapist, helping people improve their health and well-being. Setting her sights on bolder goals for the future, she wants to use a UW Bothell degree to help entire health care systems provide better care to all their patients.

Amanda never even considered a higher education immediately after graduating from high school. She instead went to massage school before eventually deciding in her mid-20s to go to college.

“My parents were able to get jobs and do well without degrees, so they didn’t put a lot of importance on higher education. But things have changed a lot in society since then,” she explains.

“The quality of the business program and the small class sizes drew me to UW Bothell,” she adds. “And, there are lots of students like me here, people of all ages working full time and going to school full time.”

As a senior this year, Amanda will receive a scholarship from the Preston and Jill Simmons Endowed Fund for Undergraduate Student Support. “Getting the scholarship was wonderful because it’s that much less stress about my student loans,” she says.

Amanda plans to graduate in 2019 with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a minor in Health Studies — and she is keenly aware of the escalating demand for business-savvy administrators in the complex field of health care.

Her future plans? To pursue a career in hospital or emergency department administration. And yes, she is also now thinking of a master’s degree.
ADVANCING STEM EDUCATION

BY GENEROUSLY ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, ONE COUPLE AIMS TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN TECH FIELDS.

A COLLEGE EDUCATION BROUGHT JONATHAN AND NANCY CLUTS TOGETHER nearly 40 years ago, launched their careers in technology and then brought them full circle back to university life.

Their successful careers and good fortune have also prompted them to support similar opportunities for fulfillment and success for UW Bothell students who are pursuing STEM careers today.

After meeting at Indiana University in 1980, Jonathan and Nancy both entered high-tech fields and eventually ended up working for Microsoft. Jonathan, who dropped out of Indiana just shy of graduating to pursue a music career, earned a degree from UW Bothell shortly after they had their son, Nick, now 26.

Jonathan (IAS ’94) remained active with his alma mater and, after deciding to retire from Microsoft in 2014, jumped at the chance to become UW Bothell’s director of strategic initiatives.

In this role, he develops engagement opportunities for students, faculty, business and the community.

Now even more committed to education, the couple has also established a scholarship endowment to help underrepresented students earn STEM degrees.

“It breaks my heart,” Nancy says, that women and other underrepresented minorities in STEM continue to make up a relatively small percentage of the students who seek STEM degrees. “Education has always been close to our hearts. This seemed right.”

Adds Jonathan, “I’ve learned how financially precarious many of our students can be. Even small debts could be enough to force them to drop out.

“Giving back through an endowment,” he says, “means our gift will continue to generate money through the years.”

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AN ENTREPRENEUR GIVES BACK

BY HONORING A MENTOR AND SUPPORTING HIS ALMA MATER, AN ALUMNUS PAVES THE WAY FOR FUTURE UW BOTHELL STUDENTS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOTHELL was the perfect place to nurture Wade Sugiyama’s entrepreneurial spirit and his desire to give back to those who helped him build his career.

The Honolulu native launched his first businesses while he was still in high school, creating stencils for tennis rackets and operating a mobile DJ service for parties. During his studies at UW Bothell, he opened a hip-hop dance studio.

“At UW Bothell, I really started to fine-tune my entrepreneurial efforts,” says Wade, who earned his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 2005. “I loved my professors, took innovation classes, worked in the entrepreneurial club — it was great!”

The late Don Whitney, who managed graduate programs in UW Bothell’s School of Business, encouraged Wade to join the inaugural cohort of the Leadership MBA program in 2009. They formed a strong bond, which culminated in Wade spearheading a scholarship fundraising effort to honor Don after he was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer.

“He was such a joy and a warm presence, the cornerstone of everyone’s graduate school experience. Because of his influence, I joined a pioneering cohort that led to jobs and to relationships I still have today,” Wade says. “I felt compelled to do something for his legacy so that future students would know who he was and what an impact he made.”

To date, more than $75,000 has been raised in Don’s memory, thanks to generous alumni such as Wade. In addition to supporting the Don Whitney Endowed Fund for Graduate Student Support, Wade also recruits friends and co-workers to join him at the annual I❤️UW Bothell fundraising luncheon.

“The time and the effort of giving back is very meaningful for me, and so is the responsibility to donate financially,” he says. W
FOR UW BOTHELL GRADUATE JOJO PERKINS (Physics ’18), the dream of earning a college degree was once as distant as the far ends of the universe that she ended up studying as a student researcher.

Born into poverty in the Philippines, Jojo grew slowly into her potential as a college student. She credits the sacrifices of her parents — along with the support of UW Bothell professors and scholarship donors — for giving her the confidence to embark on scientific research that paved the way for a promising career.

“I went to a presentation about gravitational waves after class one day and was astonished by this newly discovered phenomenon that had such huge implications to our understanding of the universe,” Jojo recalls.

She approached Assistant Professor Joey Key, who invited Jojo to join her research team. But Jojo was working two jobs on top of her studies, leaving no time for research. Then, a new job on campus and a Founders Fellowship helped fund her studies and open enough time for her to pursue her interest in physics.

Emboldened by others’ confidence in her and an escalating passion for research, she then earned a grant from the Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium to research gravitational waves and eventually presented her findings to Nobel Prize-winning physicists.

Today, Jojo is a test engineer for EOSPACE, working in a lasers and optics lab to measure energy that flows through fibers used in commercial telecommunication.

“I’m coming to accept myself as a research scientist, too,” she told an audience of UW Bothell supporters at the Chancellor’s Reception just before graduation. “I belong.”
IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Join The Campaign for UW Bothell today and help build the future of our campus.

70%
The Campaign for UW Bothell has raised $24.7 million – that’s 70 percent of the way to our $35 million goal.

67%
A record-breaking 1,418 donors made gifts totaling $2.15 million to UW Bothell this year — an incredible 67-percent increase in the number of donors from the previous year.

$4.8M
Donors have invested $4.8 million in UW Bothell’s endowment to support scholarships and programs in perpetuity.

$250K
The first annual I ♥ UW Bothell Luncheon raised more than $250,000 for scholarships and programs to help students graduate on time.