DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

What makes UW Bothell special? An obvious answer: its people! At present, we have 20,000 alumni and another 6,000 alumni-in-the-making who are wonderful advocates for the campus.

We have long held the needs of our students to be paramount in the decisions we make. Over the past few years, for example, we devoted substantial time and resources toward establishing a diversity center so that we can offer additional support to students who come from underrepresented and often underserved populations. When you’re next on campus, please stop by the first floor of UW1 to say hello to the students and staff, and check out the vibrant programs in the new diversity center.

There is another group that also needs and deserves more of our support: our student veterans. These students have served our nation, and it is our turn to serve them by ensuring they can be successful at UW Bothell.

To accomplish this task, I convened a Veterans Life Initiative task force made up of students, alumni, faculty and staff to consider how best to meet our student veterans’ needs. The task force prepared a thoughtful report, and we are now implementing some of the key recommendations. This includes a new space that will be dedicated to veterans and members of their families who are pursuing studies at UW Bothell.

So I ask again, what makes UW Bothell special? I would say it is the people who have the passion to fight for important causes — people such as Chief Petty Officer Ben Studley (IAS ’16).

It wasn’t easy for Ben to return to school after a career in the U.S. Navy. While overcoming many challenges and graduating cum laude, it was Ben’s continued service — this time not to his country but to his fellow student veterans — that stands out for me, even years later.

As a member of our Student Veterans Association, Ben was instrumental in advocating for other student veterans. He supported them as UW Bothell’s Vet Corps Navigator and by teaching the transition course for the veterans.

For both his academic accomplishments and his service to the campus, Ben was awarded the Chancellor’s Medal in 2016. Even now, after graduation, he continues his service, working as a Wounded Warriors Fellow in the Office of Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D-WA).

Ben has taken his passion for veterans issues from our campus to the world beyond in ways that make me proud to be part of the UW Bothell community — but he is just one of many thousands of our alumni who are likewise role models for us all.

Indeed, you can read about some of these other impressive alumni throughout this issue of the magazine.

I am both proud and thankful for all the current and future alumni who use their time, talent and treasure to advocate for communities inside and outside of UW Bothell.

Yes, you make UW Bothell special.

Wolf Yeigh, Chancellor
THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOTHELL
is one of the most dynamic public universities in the state of Washington. We offer a participatory student experience grounded in hands-on learning, close relationships with faculty members as teachers and mentors, and the personalized support of staff who are dedicated to student success. The academic work of the campus focuses on cross-disciplinary research and creative practice, connected learning, and community engagement. UW Bothell's current enrollment is approximately 5,500 students. More than 90 percent of undergraduates are from Washington State, and approximately half are first-generation college attendees or come from underrepresented groups. Located along wetlands and a river north of Seattle, UW Bothell builds vibrant regional partnerships, creates and disseminates new knowledge, and prepares students for leadership throughout Washington and beyond.

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ENGINEERING PROGRAMS EARN ACCREDITATION

The computer engineering and the mechanical engineering programs at UW Bothell received their first full accreditation from ABET, the accrediting agency for programs in natural science, computing and engineering. The computer engineering accreditation is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2014, and mechanical engineering accreditation is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2015. The electrical engineering program, accredited in 2012, is coming up for its six-year review. Elaine Scott, dean of the School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics and a professor in the engineering and mathematics division, said the first accreditation involves a site visit by an outside team of faculty or industry experts who conduct a comprehensive review of the program. The review also looks at the outcomes for the first graduates, which is why the accreditation is retroactive.

“HYBRID” MINOR LAUNCHED IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

UW Bothell has now enrolled the first cohort of students in the minor in health education and promotion in the School of Nursing & Health Studies (NHS). Classes are offered in a “hybrid” model where about 60 percent are on campus and 40 percent are online or in the community. Graduates of the minor will be prepared to take an exam with the National Coalition for Health Education & Credentialing, a professional organization whose credentials can improve students’ marketability as certified health education specialists (also called health coaches or navigators).

“Washington state is one of the largest employers of certified health education specialists in the nation,” said Jody Early, NHS associate professor, noting that these professionals work in government agencies, hospitals, schools and corporations. “Here at UW Bothell, we are preparing our students to engage and work with communities to improve health equity and bring about individual as well as social change.”

PROFESSORS SHARE EXPERTISE WITH COMMUNITY

In partnership with McMenamins Anderson School, the University has launched a free, monthly speaker series in downtown Bothell — Pub Night Talks — in which professors and other experts share their research with the local community. Topics to date have ranged from ecotourism to teamwork, vaccinations and carbon pollution. The Office of Research is also now hosting public lectures off campus. In a fall 2017 series titled Campus Research Connections, UW Bothell faculty and community partners began by leading discussions about what it means to retain a “sense of place” despite urbanization. Two additional events in the series addressed the health of local waterways and other changes to the natural landscape in the region.

STUDENT DIVERSITY CENTER OPENS DOORS

As part of its Diversity Action Plan, UW Bothell this year opened a student diversity center. The center, led by staff director Miguel Macias, serves as a hub for coordinating student diversity, equity and inclusion efforts across campus. It is also an example of how students can help create change on campus, said Dominick Juarez, president of the Associated Students of the University of Washington Bothell, and one of the many students who helped make the diversity center a reality.

CAREER SERVICES HOSTS BIGGEST SINGLE-DAY EMPLOYER EVENT

More than 1,000 students connected with potential employers in October during two career fairs, making it the biggest single-day employer event the University has ever hosted. The crowd exceeded the 750 at last fall’s career fair, and the number of registered employers — 80 — also exceed last year’s total, said Samara Reynolds, director of career services. The fairs were a partnership with Cascadia
College and open to students of all years, as well as alumni and community members. The UW Bothell Alumni Council also sponsored a LinkedIn photo booth to help students create and update pages on the business-networking website.

**NHS DEAN AND 16 NEW FACULTY JOIN UW BOTHELL**

With the start of the 2017-18 academic year, UW Bothell welcomed Shari Dworkin as the new dean of the School of Nursing & Health Studies. Dworkin, who previously served at the University of California San Francisco’s School of Nursing, says she is enthusiastic about the University’s nimble spirit, the opportunities to expand community collaborations and the possibilities for more offerings for health studies students. UW Bothell also welcomed 16 new faculty members to the other schools.

**CAMPUS EARNS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD, MAKES GREEN HONOR ROLL**

The professional organization for educational facilities managers, APPA, gave UW Bothell its 2017 Sustainability Award in Facilities Management. Cited in the award are the University’s solar arrays, energy-efficient buildings, organic landscaping practices, and waste and stormwater management. UW Bothell also was honored for integrating sustainable policies and green practices in curriculum and research. This year, the University of Washington was also named to The Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll for seventh straight year, and for the first time the review covered all three campuses.
Alumni leaders serve vital role as liaisons in building community.

CREATING REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

By Stuart Glascock
IT WAS IN ONE OF HER FIRST UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES
– Topics in Sustainability – that everything came together. A professor challenged students to align their personal interests with a community organization. To pass the course, they had to log several hours of community service. Game on.

Eager for the task, Gretchen Johnson (IAS ’11) surveyed a map and spotted 21 Acres. It’s an organic farm near the Sammamish Valley Trail in Woodinville, not far from the UW Bothell campus and her home in Kenmore. The farm specializes in teaching people about sustainable agriculture. Johnson cared about the science behind food, where it comes from and how it is grown.

The fit — among student, professor, community organization and university — was hand in glove. Seven years later she’s still at 21 Acres promoting the benefits of local food systems and exalting the virtues of sustainable living.

But Johnson didn’t merely land a good job; she forged a new liaison role. And like a growing cadre of innovative alums, she is nurturing a vital link between community organizations and the University of Washington Bothell.
NURTURING A LIVING LABORATORY

On the cherished Sammamish Valley farmland, Johnson recruits, trains and coordinates volunteers and follows her heart. Back on campus you might see her hosting informational events. She talks up small-scale food economies and environmental preservation. She’ll bend your ear about whole systems approach to food production and climate resilience.

On a sunny autumn day, 21 Acres pulsates with activity. Farmworkers weed, harvest and tend to crops. Cooks prepare food in the incubator kitchen, give culinary classes and make seasonal food-to-go in the Farm Market. Helpers distribute fresh produce to local organizations that feed families in need. Schoolchildren, international tourists and conscious consumers gather for tours. They learn about local food, green energy and low carbon transportation. Environmentally friendly features in the 12,000-square-foot main building earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design’s highest certification.

“I want to work here forever,” says Johnson. She calls 21 Acres a “living laboratory” that “supplements everything you learn in class.” She encourages student volunteers to follow her footsteps — to “show up and do extra work some place where you want to be.”

Lots of alumni are doing exactly that.

UW Bothell seeds the community with new leaders. Community-Based Learning and Research (CBLR) projects, internships and volunteer opportunities fuel that mission. In turn, alumni circle back to intersect with their alma mater in myriad ways. The reciprocal relationships permeate the area's most iconic institutions: from forest and farm lands to schools to government offices and nonprofits.

MOVING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Before enrolling at UW Bothell, Alice Tsoodle (IAS ’13) had never taken an outdoor class. That changed quickly when Amy Lambert, a lecturer in UW Bothell’s School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (IAS), taught her class at North Creek Forest. Tsoodle fell in love with the land, waters, sunlight and open air. She decided then and there to pursue a career that would allow her to feel alive outside as much as possible.

Today she lives that dream as education manager at Friends of North Creek Forest.

Friends of North Creek Forest aims to preserve the 64-acre patch of stunning biodiversity inside of Bothell city limits. The enchanting forest, surrounded on all sides by urban development, nourishes nine wetlands and seven streams. More than 100 plant species and an array of wildlife (from coyote to woodpeckers, deer and more) reside in its arms.

“It is really easy to see the science happening here,” Tsoodle says. “There aren't many of these places left.”

Tsoodle guides volunteer, student and business groups when they venture into North Creek Forest. She works closely with UW Bothell’s CBLR students. She supports environmental education majors and the Restoration Ecology Network’s ecological restoration capstone group. Hundreds of university and K-12 students visit the forest every year. Some 500 community volunteers give about 4,000 hours a year. They restore and maintain interior habitat and trails. UW Bothell students working towards careers in environmental science, teaching and policy discover many educational opportunities.

“It’s all about place to me,” Tsoodle says. “Understanding place is a really important part of understanding ecology, understanding the science and understanding the wider watershed regional connections.”

All good partnerships involve give and take. “The connection between UW Bothell and the community is important,” Tsoodle says. Among other benefits, Friends of North Creek Forest gives community members a chance to interact with students.

The ties between Friends of North Creek Forest and UW Bothell run deep. Warren Gold, IAS associate professor, is a founding member of the organization. He is also director of the UW’s Restoration Ecology Network, which is active in the forest. Lambert is also on the board as is alumnus Chris Covey (IAS ’01, MAPS ’03), who serves as co-president.

Tsoodle tells a poignant story about a student from Hong Kong. The young woman went into the forest with a UW Bothell class and became unexpectedly emotional. “She was crying. She had never been in a place that wasn’t covered in concrete. It was a surreal experience for her.”

North Creek Forest is a natural refuge in an urban setting. It has been private land, but it will transition into a more public venue. Earlier this year, Gov. Jay Inslee celebrated the acquisition of the final parcel of the forest. Tsoodle will manage the educational component of the more public space.

In effect, she will oversee an outdoor classroom for the university and the larger community.
MEETING DEMAND FOR
SCHOOL NURSES

Rebecca Cavanaugh (NHS ’98) tells a powerful internship story. As an undergraduate, studying to be a school nurse, she interned at Bothell High School. Her internship finished on a Friday; her career with the Northshore School District started the next Monday.

Today, she manages health services for the 22,000-student school district. She serves as a key liaison, placing UW Bothell nursing students within the Northshore School District.

“Nursing is in great demand,” Cavanaugh says. “Many school nurses in practice today are close to retirement. Around the country, we are looking at how we can grow an interest in school nursing.”

One of those methods is through hands-on clinical rotations. UW Bothell students working with school nurses gain exposure to the practice area. Northshore currently supports 34 nurses, “a nurse in every building,” Cavanaugh says. At times, up to six undergraduate students per quarter have interned with the district.

Cavanaugh also participates in a group that advises the nursing school in curriculum policy matters. She visits leadership classes and shares her insights about careers in nursing.

Connecting UW Bothell interns with Northshore schools gives them clinical experience, she says. “It gives them a snapshot picture.”

Importantly, it also helps them see the difference they can make in the future as nurses working in the community.

EMPOWERING NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Mary Houston (IAS ’08, MAPS ’10) had returned to school in her 50s. She worked full-time and was raising a college-age son. Houston landed an internship with the help of another UW Bothell graduate, Sue Ambler (M.Ed. ’97), then-CEO of Workforce Snohomish, a workforce development council.

As she explains, “Without that internship and the ability to use the experience directly with completing my degree, I would not have been able to benefit from both the academic and the experiential learning. Each was an integral part.”

Houston is currently director of service delivery for Workforce Snohomish, which oversees the WorkSource job centers in the region. She is responsible for overseeing budgets and managing a staff of eight plus two AmeriCorps volunteers.

She works closely with community partners — and continues to work closely with UW Bothell.

Last year, for example, she hired a UW Bothell math major as an intern. He was later hired on as a data analyst. (Seattle campus alumnus Wei Lin is a data analyst on her team, too.) Houston also hired two other UW Bothell graduates as program managers, Paul Hanson (MAPS ’17) and Ismaila Maidadi (IAS ’12, MAPS ’15). The most recent manages a new grant that serves workers and families dislocated by aerospace industry layoffs.

“I really believe so deeply in the work at UW Bothell,” says Houston. She also serves as the alumni representative to the UW Bothell Engagement Council, which looks for more and better ways to connect with students and continue serving the community.

PAYING IT FORWARD

Back at 21 Acres farm, visitors glimpse a dynamic, growing, hands-on learning space. Everything there — the flowers, produce and gardens — radiates health and vitality. Nearly everyone has mud on their boots and smiles on their faces.

You don’t have to go far to find more connections to UW Bothell. Leading tours and teaching organic and sustainable gardening practices is youth farm and garden education coordinator Marshall Leroy (IAS ’15). Staffing the front desk is administrative assistant Krystal Whitaker (IAS ’15).

Meanwhile, Gretchen Johnson, who started as a volunteer then became a volunteer coordinator, continues to strengthen and modernize links with the University. She’s building a new, online application system to help organize volunteer applications and paperwork. “We have so many students coming out here. Some quarters we’ll have 20 volunteers.”

As part of a growing network of 20,000 alumni, UW Bothell graduates have spread across Washington and the world, but the focus on community engagement has cemented many local ties—ties that alumni leaders like Johnson, Tsoodle, Cavanaugh and Houston use to support both higher education and community development.
WE’LL TRAVEL

UW BOTHELL STUDENTS TAKE TO THE SKIES TO HELP PROVIDE BUSINESS INSIGHTS.

BOEING ASKED FOR A STUDY OF AIR CARGO TRENDS to better meet customer service demands, and University of Washington Bothell MBA students went where needed to deliver.

They researched air cargo operations at Sea-Tac International Airport. They followed pallets on the cold, cold tarmac at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago. And they squeezed inside the belly of jumbo jets at Anchorage International Airport in Alaska.

The students — most of whom also had full-time jobs on top of their classroom commitments — then spent many of their Friday nights and Saturdays in team meetings to pull all the information together.

With this “impressive effort,” one Boeing official says, the students delivered some of the “most precise measurements that have been done.”

How did students assess the work? “It was by far one of the most rewarding courses I took,” says Sumeet Dhanju (BUS ’13, MBA ’17).

CLIENT-FOCUSED COURSEWORK

The Applied Consulting course in UW Bothell’s School of Business is designed to operate as a small consulting firm. The enterprise is led by Associate Professor Surya Pathak and Executive in Residence R. Brooks Gekler who have worked together over the past eight years. Their hands-on management consulting class came together in 2014 as part of the MBA program.

Bringing their own real-world experiences into the classroom, Pathak specializes in operations and supply chain management in classes and consults regularly with companies, while Gekler has expertise...
in finance and marketing from a career at General Mills where he retired in 2008 after holding several executive positions.

Applied Consulting is a selective class, with 12 to 15 students chosen from a preceding Management Consulting class. Each class then typically takes on two clients. Starbucks is a platinum partner and regular client the past four years; others have included Nordstrom, Lion Air, Halosource and Habitat for Humanity.

What this means for students in the MBA course is that clients are “expecting we’re going to bring them world-class solutions,” says Gekler. “This is a consulting firm you’re joining,” adds Pathak.

The Boeing connection was facilitated by Fariba Alamdari, vice president of marketing at Boeing Commercial Airplanes. Alamdari also chairs the UW Bothell Advisory Board. Pathak and Gekler were introduced to Russell Tom, Boeing regional director of marketing for air cargo in Renton, Washington, who posed the question: What effect has e-commerce had on the air freight industry?

It’s a question that might have occurred to you, too, when you receive delivery of an online order: Why does a small item sometimes arrive in a big box with lots of space or packing material?

Gekler puts it this way: “Are we filling our planes with volume and underutilizing their weight capability?”

FIRST, UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM

To define a question, you sometimes have to go where the question is. “So, let’s go inside an airplane and look at what’s being shipped and what is the density,” Pathak says.

Weight and volume are the two factors that determine density. Density of air cargo, in turn, is of high interest in airplane operations as well as something to consider in designing new planes.

In the past, air cargo density averages have been about 10 pounds per cubic foot, says Boeing’s Tom. But with increases in express package shipments, some think the trend is downward to a lighter air cargo average of about 7 pounds per cubic foot. Is that a trend or not?

To help figure out how to even answer that question, Tom met with the class a couple of times and worked with Pathak and Gekler to arrange the student trips last winter and spring to Sea-Tac, Chicago and Anchorage, for which Boeing paid. Two Port of Seattle officials — Tom Green, senior manager of air cargo development, and Ken Galka, air cargo operations manager — then gave the class its first overall look at the air cargo operations at Sea-Tac.

Boeing had conducted cargo density surveys in the past, but it’s difficult to measure when the cargo in question is on the move. So the UW Bothell team used tape measures to take physical measurements on pallets as they were actually being loaded on the chilly tarmac in Chicago and by climbing inside Boeing jumbo jets that were loaded but waiting to refuel in frigid Anchorage.

“From that standpoint, they did probably the most precise measurement that’s been done,” Tom says, “and we’ve been doing it for a number of years.”

“When you see the loads,” says Gekler, “you realize why this is such a complex and challenging question.”

UNEXPECTED BUT USEFUL TAKEAWAYS

“It’s all sorts of crazy things,” says Pathak. And you literally have to be there to know why this is so.

The shipments are not all perfect cubes of parcels on pallets. They include combinations of packages and items such as oil drilling or farm equipment, pharmaceuticals and clothing. Different shippers have different loads on different routes — but they all must fit in relatively uniform plane cargo holds.

The findings from the course research were something of a surprise. Despite changes in the amount and type of cargo being shipped by air these days, the team did not find a trend toward lower density. It still runs around 10 pounds a cubic foot overall, although it is likely less for package express companies such as FedEx or UPS.

“The experience was invaluable, and I feel like it was one of the experiences that I will directly use in my career. I would do it all over again.” Erin Kroll, MBA ’17
“It was a classic consulting project,” says Gekler. “There are different answers for different markets.” Nonetheless, the project with UW Bothell students was worthwhile, Tom says. “I found the students and professors all very engaged and a pleasure to work with,” he says. “The enthusiasm and the energy that the students brought to the project was commendable.”

The students also delivered more than enthusiasm when presenting their findings to Boeing officials in May, Pathak says. They offered the client insights on how to update methodology. “This is about helping your client with a superior process. I think we did this,” Pathak says.

As for student outcomes, they also were pushed far out of their comfort zone, Pathak says. “One of the reasons we like this course so much is that there is no script.”

DEEPER LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT

Dhanju, one of the 12 members of the class, had taken other project-based classes that looked to help a local business solve a problem. This was a “much deeper level of involvement, interacting much more directly,” Dhanju says.

Gekler and Pathak “were really involved in making sure the project is complete,” Dhanju says. “They really helped us look at all aspects of the project.”

Working at Amazon while a student, Dhanju found that the Applied Consulting course was just that — applied. It was more of a real-world experience than just another class. It also helped land a real-world benefit: After getting an MBA in June, Dhanju started a job at Amazon as a program manager for financial planning and analysis.

“It all culminated in a very rewarding experience. I can’t stress enough that it was by far one of the most rewarding courses I took,” says Dhanju, who has offered to help the class as a mentor in the future when it tackles another problem for another client.

Erin Kroll (MBA ’17), another student in the class, also says the course was an important part of her education. “Not only did I learn how to run analytics and project management, I also learned about myself and leading a group,” Kroll says. “The experience was invaluable, and I feel like it was one of the experiences that I will directly use in my career. I would do it all over again.”

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

Gekler finds it rewarding to see what the students accomplish. “The ultimate compliment I could pay is that there have been people who have come through our class I would hire in a heartbeat,” Gekler says. “They demonstrate ability to analyze problems, develop strategic options and make effective recommendations in compelling presentations.”

A Longtime UW Bothell Partner

BOEING HAS WORKED WITH UW BOTHELL FACULTY AND STUDENTS since the inception of the campus. The company has financially supported scholarships, faculty research and programs such as UW Bothell’s Quantitative Skills Center. Employees from Boeing have also participated in numerous classroom projects, capstones and other forms of curricular engagement in subjects ranging from business to engineering and policy studies.

In addition to supporting the educational mission of the University, this partnership has led to dozens of UW Bothell alumni being hired by Boeing. And perhaps not surprisingly, the company was named one of the top employers in the “future plans survey” of 2017 graduates.
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The one-year retention rate for students who entered UW Bothell as part of the fall 2016 cohort.

94%

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2. 16% School of Business
3. 5% School of Educational Studies
4. 17% School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences
5. 9% School of Nursing & Health Studies
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DIVERSITY MATTERS

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2. 26% Asian
3. 6% Black or African American
4. 9% Hispanic or Latino
5. 10% International (non-resident alien)
6. <1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
7. 6% Two or more races
8. 2% Not indicated
9. 40% White

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FROM TEACHING MICROBIOLOGY to running a water-sanitation company, local entrepreneur Jeff Williams has had almost as many careers as a cat has lives. “It’s the most satisfying thing, to keep learning,” he says. Now, through his companies’ support of UW Bothell, the 75-year-old business executive is putting chemistry students on the front lines of scientific research.

After retiring from his academic post at Michigan State University, Williams moved to the Pacific Northwest, where he signed on as chief technical officer at two local companies: Oxiscience, which tackles odor control, and Briotech, which focuses on medical sterilization and disinfection. Both of these bootstrapping companies — neither of which brags deep pockets — were hungry for scientific studies to support the chemistry underlying their products. As a former member of the School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics’ Advisory Committee, Williams was well aware of the “potential tech powerhouse” in his backyard. So he turned to the Dean of STEM Elaine Scott for assistance and was soon sitting down to brainstorm with Associate Professor Lori Robins.

Three years later, with a steady stream of funding support from Briotech and Oxiscience, Robins has transformed some of her chemistry students into a high-performing research group for the two companies. “The collaboration is an outstanding example of our school’s commitment to engaging undergraduate students in research,” says Scott.

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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 $23 million toward our goal of $45 million. Thank you!

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1. Van Nguyen (STEM ’16) admires the architecture in Prague, Czech Republic.
2. Jake Tadema (MBA ’14) sports his UW Bothell Husky 5K shirt as he helps build homes in Tijuana, Mexico.
3. Rabeka Randall (IAS ’10) hikes the Diamond Head Trail in Oahu, Hawaii.
4. Loc Hoang (BUS ’09) takes in the sites in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
5. Jennifer Yang (BUS ’14) enjoys the sun in Barcelona, Spain.
6. Kevin Heiszler (BUS ’12) displays his Husky pride at the top of Whitefish Mountain in Montana.
7. Jennae Carpio (IAS ’14) stops for a Husky spirited selfie at Polihale State Park in Kauai, HI.
8. Tony Mael (CSS ’99) and his oldest daughter stop for a quick photo op in Disneyland.
9. Elizabeth Prendergast (BUS ’13) is all smiles last January at the Resolution Run and Polar Bear Dive in Seattle.
1. Michelle Gamboa (CSS ’05) shows her UW Bothell pride at the Statue of Liberty in New York.
2. Elizabeth LaRance (IAS ’04) flies her UW Bothell flag high atop her new boat, the “Trust Me” in Anacortes, Washington.
3. Chad Bates (IAS ’14) lets everyone in San Jose, Costa Rica, know he’s proud to be a UW Bothell alumnus.
4. Alumni cheer the Huskies to victory against the Oregon State Beavers during the UW Bothell Alumni Road Trip to Corvallis, Oregon.

DO YOU HAVE TRAVEL PLANS?

Get a FREE UW Bothell flag, send us a photo with it, and you just might see yourself in the next edition of Flags in Places. Email your flag request to uwbalumn@uw.edu, and we’ll send you one right away.
Q: Why did you choose UW Bothell?
A: The Leadership MBA program got me to UW Bothell. The more I investigated it, the more I fell in love with the program.

Q: Did your family background influence your educational and career choices?
A: I grew up in a single-parent household, where the importance of continued education was not a primary focus. I was the first in my family to pursue a postsecondary education. Watching how my mother interacted with the world and was treated created a place in my heart that cautions me to not take anything for granted and encourages me to push for equity where it may not exist. It was my family situation that built that fire within me. The UW Bothell education provided the tools and professional development that helped enable my voice at an executive-leadership level.

Q: How have you used your UW Bothell education to advocate for change?
A: A while back, several of my peers and I were participating in succession planning at work to discuss high performers who exhibited leadership potential. I noticed that the majority of my peers and I were white males, which also closely mirrored the pool of high performers we were reviewing. I recognized this was an opportunity and my obligation to call this out. I asked my peers if they noticed what I perceived to be an under-representation of women in the pool, and the conversation began. At the time, we were still learning how to have this conversation, and so the tension was high. But we knew that this was part of our own individual journeys of growth as leaders. Now, it’s just part of the conversation, and our succession plan has a pipeline full of women.

Q: What experience at UW Bothell had the greatest impact on you?
A: The MBA students’ retreat early in the Leadership MBA program. This is where the cohort bonded, and we realized that these were the relationships that would carry us through the rest of our lives. It was really the piece that solidified the program.

Q: How are you still in touch with the UW Bothell community?
A: I partnered with School of Business Dean Sandeep Krishnamurthy to create a leadership training program called Altitude at T-Mobile. It’s led on-site by UW Bothell faculty. I get to hear what’s up at the school, and any time they need to bounce ideas off an alum, I'm there. I'm glad to participate and be an advocate — and send people to the best school around.

Q: What advice do you have for other alumni — especially young alums — looking to build their careers?
A: Take the time to stay connected to your cohort and your school. It seems self-indulgent and self-centered, but you don’t know when you’ll be the person helping someone else someday. Be proud of our school, be an advocate of our program and successes. You’ve been given great tools. You have a great community behind you. Be bold with your choices.
HERE ARE SOME EVENTS WE HAVE PLANNED for UW Bothell Alumni this winter and spring. Stay up to date on all alumni activities by visiting www.uwb.edu/alumni/events. You can also sign up for our alumni newsletter by emailing uwbalumn@uw.edu.

**Encore! Lecture With Professor Banks**
January 11

**School of Nursing & Health Studies’ Alumni and Friends Reception**
January 18

**Lecture: Washington’s Lawsuit Over the Travel Ban**
February 8

**I ❤ UW Bothell Fundraising Luncheon**
February 14

**Equity and Inclusion Conference**
February 23

**Inspire STEM Festival**
March 24

**Conference: New Era of Cybersecurity**
March 29

**Alumni Weekend**
May 18-19

**PUB NIGHT TALKS**
at McMenamins Anderson School

- All talks start at 7 p.m. and are free and open to all ages. Learn more about the series and other upcoming talks at uwb.edu/advancement/speakers.

“Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon”
By R. Gregory Nokes, reporter and editor
January 30

“Black Pioneers of Washington Territory”
By Quintard Taylor, Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor of American History at the University of Washington
February 27

“LIGO, Black Holes, and Our New View of the Universe”
By Joey Shapiro Key, Assistant Professor, School of STEM, University of Washington Bothell
March 27