Greetings Alumni and Friends,

What a ride! As I complete my six years as chancellor, I am so grateful to all of you for your support, advice and energy as we moved UW Bothell from its formative stages to its emergence as one of the most substantial universities in the state of Washington. The first 20 years of the history of the university set a strong foundation for the amazing growth we experienced in the past six years. So, my first “thank you” goes to all of the faculty, staff, students, community, and alumni pioneers who believed in this university and established its roots as a student-centered, research-oriented UW campus.

As I prepare to hand over the reins of the university to Chancellor-elect Wolf Yeigh, I am so proud and a bit awestruck by what we have accomplished. On June 16, 2013, we graduated more than 1,400 students, a number that is almost equal to the entire enrollment of the campus in 2005. UWB 3, the new 74,000 square-foot Science and Academic Building, is half-way to completion. The Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory and classroom was dedicated on June 22. We now have 36 academic majors as compared to only 12 six years ago. Our first-year applicant pools continue to grow and are among the strongest in the state. Our commitment to diversity, to first-generation students, to veterans, and to all of our students is greater than ever.

I am also quite proud of the academic excellence displayed by our community. This year, UW Bothell won four Fulbright scholarships, consisting of two undergraduate awards, one faculty award and one staff award. Some colleges and universities have never received a single one. Our students won so many other national awards it would take my entire column to list them. The faculty continues to produce important scholarly and creative works, and our students are involved in cutting-edge initiatives through the university’s strong undergraduate research, internship, and community-based learning programs.

As I leave, I am grateful to all of you who are part of the UW Bothell family. I look forward to continuing to be part of this wonderful family in a different capacity in the future.

Best wishes,

Kenyon S. Chan
Chancellor
UW Bothell’s Veterans Archway was dedicated on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Veterans from around the community joined the campus for the unveiling of a permanent engraved stone and concrete installation. The Veterans Archway, which welcomes veterans making the transition from the military to academic life, was conceptualized by the UW Bothell chapter of the Student Veterans Association.

Bong Wolf Yeigh, professor and president of SUNYIT, the State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, has been selected as the next chancellor at the University of Washington Bothell.

Yeigh has been at SUNYIT since 2008, where he has overseen operations for the 800-acre science and technology campus, SUNYIT’s only institute of technology. During his tenure at SUNYIT, he secured $15.5 million in capital grants for cybersecurity and nanotechnology programs and led the effort to gain two rounds of funding for regional economic development projects totaling $119.9 million. He secured private and public funding to increase significantly the numbers of science, technology, engineering and mathematics faculty and student excellence scholarships.

Yeigh will assume the role as chancellor effective September 1, 2013.

UW Bothell celebrates the grand opening of another major addition to the campus, the Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory. The 1,700 square foot facility, which houses a classroom, botanical laboratory and exhibit space, was made possible by the estate of the late Dr. Gordon Charles Green.
CHANCELLOR
KENYON CHAN
A LEGACY OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS
BY STACEY SCHULTZ
“Kenyon is one of the most imaginative, innovative higher education leaders I’ve ever seen.”

— Michael Young
University of Washington President

When UW Bothell Chancellor
Kenyon Chan came to lead the university six years ago, he arrived knowing the school was poised for big changes. “That was why I was interested in becoming chancellor here, because there are very few universities you can take over that are growing to the extent we have grown,” he says. “I like the entrepreneurial aspect of being a university administrator.”

Growth has been the defining feature of the chancellor’s tenure that will end in August. Following a course charted in the school’s 21st Century Plan, which is an outline for expansion created by the school’s stakeholders, Chan set his sights on increasing opportunities for students while also finding ways to distinguish the university and meet the needs of the larger community. Under his leadership the school has grown dramatically in program offerings, student enrollment and faculty. The school has also increased its building capacity for classrooms, housing, parking and student activities. And along the way — with the goal of creating a campus of diverse students and educators — UW Bothell has also grown in student-led organizations and staff for student support services.

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“The growth of the UW Bothell campus was done from a remarkable capacity for collaboration; he turned the faculty loose to realize the vision for UW Bothell. Thousands of students, both current and for years to come, and the state of Washington benefit from the tremendous work he has done.”

When Chan became chancellor in 2007, UW Bothell had about 1,500 students and a few core programs established in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Nursing and Business. Richard Penny, vice chancellor of advancement and external relations, says the school needed a leader who could guide the university in taking next steps. “Kenyon inherited a young, growing institution that was really at an inflection point,” he says. “He took it from being this kind of unproven teenager who might have great potential, but also might have gone the other way. Now we’re seen as the fastest growing and in many regards the leader of the five branch campuses in the state.”
More Students, More Programs Despite Declining State Funds

In part, Chan links his success to the collapse of the state budget in 2008. “We lost so much state funding, but at the same time it allowed us to be more creative about how we enroll students,” he says. When the school’s funding from the state legislature dropped precipitously, Chan felt free to enroll more students. “If I was still being regulated by the state, they would only give me fifty or a hundred additional new students per year,” he says. “When the [economy] just crashed they could no longer dictate how many students I could take, so I started taking in 500 or 700 students a year or more.”

Currently the school has enrolled 4,100 students. To make up for the loss of funding from the state, student tuition, which is set by UW Regents for all the UW campuses, has risen dramatically.

Chan says the drive to increase the number of students on campus fueled growth in all other aspects of the school especially with regards to academic offerings. “When I arrived, the university had wonderful academic possibilities, but it wasn’t enough variety for the students as we began to grow,” he says. One initial step was to offer different degree options within the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Another was to recognize the region’s need for graduates in areas of science and technology.

“We spent an enormous amount of time and treasure to develop our science and engineering programs,” Chan says. “They have been a major part of the growth; they were immediately oversubscribed by students and that led to a considerable amount of enrollment.” He also predicts the new health studies degree in the nursing program will also be very popular with students.

Susan Jeffords, vice chancellor for academic affairs, says that Chan’s leadership encouraged the faculty to take up this work. “I think one of the really important things that Kenyon did was to share with the campus how important the student voices are to listen to and how much we needed to begin to reach out and respond to the requests that students had for different areas of study,” she says. “And true to form for a faculty who care so deeply about student learning, the faculty here really embraced that challenge and ended up starting more than twenty new degrees.”

Chan also encouraged the faculty to think about ways to get students out into the community, learning through hands-on experience in the real world. Over his tenure, opportunities for students to participate in local and global community-based learning and research projects have become a defining feature of a UW Bothell education. “We’re trying to give all of our students some version of a high-impact experience...”

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— Tyrell Edwards
Master of Cultural Studies, (IAS ’13)
learning experience,” says Gray Kochhar-Lindgren, associate vice chancellor for undergraduate learning. “Kenyon is very interested in those kinds of experiences that are immersive and interactive and related to real world problems.”

Altogether, the school now offers more than thirty undergraduate and graduate degree programs. In 2012, UW Bothell saw the creation of its first two schools within the UW system in the creation of the School of Business and the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. In 2013, the School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) was approved, along with the appointment of three new deans to head the new schools.

**Giving Students a Voice and a Place**

Throughout all of this growth in academic programs and offerings, Jeffords credits Chan with keeping the faculty focused on the voices of the students. “He has always insisted that all of us remember the needs of the students, the interests of the students, the questions they have, the work they’d like to do,” she says. “He was constantly reminding us to listen to what students wanted us to do.”

“One of the big outcomes has been the increasing number of students who came and the increasing diversity of students who came to study here,” Jeffords says. “I think everyone feels that each day they come on campus. It is the joy of having all of these students who are studying here and who want to be part of this community.”

Increasing student diversity was an important goal for Chan. “For me, making this place completely accessible and making the climate, once students get here, comfortable for them to succeed, are critical,” says Chan. “While I brought that to the campus, this campus was already committed to that as well. This area, the very local area, is not the most diverse in the world and yet our student body is one of the most diverse in the state.” Chan credits the school’s high rate of first-generation students to its emphasis on recruiting from all areas of the state.

Once students are on campus, Chan has emphasized the need for a strong sense of community and belonging. “When I talk to freshman students I tell them they’ve got to own this place from the day they arrive,” he says. “They are only here a short time; if they don’t own it from the first day they’re here, they will not get the benefit of the place, and they’ll always feel like an outsider. All students feel that way, but particularly our students who have had no family experience with this.”

George Northcroft, regional administrator of the General Services Administration Northwest region and a member of the school’s advisory board, notes there has been a huge growth in student associations and organizations. “That’s been really important, getting the students engaged,” he says. “The students really believe that they’re part of building something new. You can see it when you’re on campus; there’s that vibrancy there and because it’s a smaller campus you can feel like you’re more connected.”

Recent graduate student Tyrell Edwards says Chan shows genuine interest in students and in their goals. “I’ve had an amazing relationship with Chancellor Chan during my years here as a student. He’s a very genuine person; he’s easy to access,” Edwards says. “Chancellor Chan has helped students see their vision put into action.”
CONSTRUCTING THE CAMPUS

Another key feature of Chan’s tenure was the enormous push to add facilities and use existing resources more efficiently to meet the demands of a rapidly growing campus. Chan says that when he arrived on campus, building capacity was already tight at about 75 square feet per student. “Facilities were a major part of our growth,” he says. “We’ve added about 340,000 square feet of facilities in the last six years.”

To do this massive expansion, the school took a hybrid approach by converting existing facilities on campus, leasing space in commercial buildings close to campus, purchasing adjacent property to the campus with buildings onsite, and also building new structures, according to Penny.

Using this approach, the school acquired Husky Village, a residence hall for 220 students, UW Bothell Beardslee (UWBB) for offices and laboratories for the School of STEM, the Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory to showcase the North Creek Wetlands and provide space for environmental education, and a new sports complex with multi-use fields. Plans are underway for a student activity center to be built near the sports complex. And currently under construction is a new 70,000 square-foot science and technology building slated to open in 2014.

Penny credits Chan with skillfully shepherding the school through all of this growth and expansion, including his collaborative approach with faculty and staff in planning. “The faculty were called upon to do great things and accept a lot of responsibility,” he says. “With a leader that was less adept at involving others in a common vision, this could have gone sideways, and instead [Chan] was able to bring everyone in the community together.”

Marilyn Cox, vice chancellor for administration and planning, says Chan has consistently championed the university’s core values, including environmental sustainability. “Kenyon pushes us to look at everything we do, including all of our facilities as well as all of our business practices through the lens of sustainability,” she says.

Under his leadership, UW Bothell completed a major $2 million retrofitting project for all the existing buildings on campus to make them more energy efficient. These improvements will reduce the carbon footprint of the campus by more than 920 tons annually, and will cut energy bills by about 23 percent.

With existing buildings as energy efficient as they can be, the campus has recently turned towards personal responsibility in sustainability practices. There are more recycling and composting cans on campus and many of the paper towel dispensers in bathrooms have been replaced with hand dryers. Cox notes that the campus is also completely herbicide and pesticide free. “We have adopted a culture of continuous environmental improvement on this campus under Kenyon’s leadership,” she says.
While Chan certainly takes pride in the great expansion in facilities and environmental sustainability, these aren’t what he’s most proud of. “I think I’m most proud of the accomplishments of the faculty and staff over the last six years,” he says. “If you look at the expansion of faculty research and their teaching fellowships and the innovations the faculty have made in their teaching and research, it’s as impressive as adding 340,000 square feet.”

Likewise, he notes the accomplishments of the students. “If you look at the kinds of national excellence that our students are demonstrating — winning Coro Foundation fellowships and Fulbright Awards and being incredibly successful in these national software competitions — that’s really the accomplishment over the six years. It’s not really the 340,000 square feet,” he says. “It’s easier to see a building, but the biggest accomplishment is the success of the students leaving here.”

Mike Collins, a graduate of UW Bothell in 1994 and the recipient of this year’s UW Bothell Distinguished Alumni Award, says that Chan leaves behind an impressive legacy. “He’s done so many great things,” he says. “Watching these things happen with the sports field and the Veterans Archway and the new STEM building and the new programs they put into place, it’s just a huge legacy and it’s been fun to be a part of it.”

Chan has high hopes for the future of the school. “It will continue to be a very vibrant place, but also with more facilities and bigger,” he says. “If I were to imagine this place in a decade it will be 7,000 or 8,000 students, with 5,000 or 6,000 in residence; it will still have strong diversity in all of its ways, and the students will be winning every national competition you can imagine. We’ll have Rhodes Scholars and they’ll win robotics competitions, they’ll win business competitions and they’ll influence how health care is structured here in the Northwest.” It’s a dream that’s not that farfetched. It’s one he’s helped set in motion.

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More than 1,400 students received bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the 22nd annual UW Bothell commencement ceremony, held June 16 at Hec Edmundson Pavilion, Alaska Airlines Arena, at the University of Washington Seattle campus.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Oscar Arias, two-time President of Costa Rica and Nobel Laureate. Arias is credited for successfully convening the presidents of El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua in 1987 to agree to a peace agreement.

“I too am a member of the Class of 2013,” he told graduates after receiving an honorary degree from the University of Washington for his contributions to world peace. Arias asked graduates to teach the world how to bind the nation’s borders, to alleviate human suffering, and to teach the world how to use the power of technology to make a difference.

This year’s commencement ceremony was the biggest on record, but also the greenest. Graduates wore regalia made from 100% recycled post-consumer plastic bottles, saving about 20,000 bottles from reaching landfills.

Several individuals received honors during the 2013 Commencement ceremony.

**President’s Medalist**

Eleanor Marsh  
The President’s Medal recognizes the graduating senior with the most distinguished academic record and demonstrated achievements and success.

Eleanor Marsh graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing with a 3.94 GPA. Marsh graduated from Shoreline Community College with an RN degree in 1986 and has worked as a nurse in various capacities since then. She decided to return to school to pursue her BSN after years of watching patients in underserved communities struggle to gain access to effective, quality health care.

In the fall of 2013, Marsh will begin a master’s program in community health nursing at the University of Washington.

**Emerging Leader Award**

Tyrell Edwards  
The Emerging Leader Award recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, has an excellent academic record and shows clear indication of outstanding future leadership.

Tyrell Edwards received a master of arts degree from the cultural studies program in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. In April, Edwards received a Fulbright award from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

At UW Bothell, Edwards founded an international student facilitators group that helps international students transition to life in the U.S. and to campus life. Edwards has also been active in student government and assorted campus committees. He started the Husky Pantry, which provides food staples to students who live in Husky Village.

**Distinguished Teaching Award**

Ron Tilden  
Ron Tilden was recognized as the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Teaching Award. Tilden has been a lecturer in the UW Bothell School of Business since 2007. He joined the faculty after a successful career in financial management in the technology sector.

At UW Bothell, Tilden played an integral role in launching the accounting degree option that accepted its first students in 2008. He also worked with students to launch Beta Alpha Psi, the highly successful honorary accounting organization which placed first in national competition in 2012.
Mike Collins ‘94, recipient of the 2013 UW Bothell Distinguished Alumni Award, remembers fondly the school’s earliest incarnation when he attended evening classes at an office park in Canyon Park. “It was a whole different environment back then,” he says. “It was a much smaller school than it is now. It was like a big family.”

Like many of his fellow students, Collins was juggling a busy life, working while attending school in the evening. But unlike his peers, Collins had come to UW Bothell to rebuild a life that had been shattered by a recreational ski accident that left him permanently in a wheelchair.

No longer able to perform his job of 23 years as a conductor on the railroad, Collins says he came back to school to complete a degree he had started decades earlier at UW. “I had to reevaluate my priorities and decide what I was going to do for working and making a living and enjoying life,” he says. “That was part of my reason for getting back to Bothell, so I could decide what I wanted to be when I grew up and get a degree to make that happen.”

Before Collins graduated he had a job offer in Olympia. And while he worked to create a new life for himself and his family, he also discovered a new passion. “I got into advocacy not long after I was injured, and I started running up against a lot of obstacles in everything from housing to transportation,” he says. “I realized that this is what everybody who had a significant disability was dealing with.”

In June 2007, Collins began serving as the Executive Director of the National Council on Disability (NCD) in Washington, D.C. But eventually he returned to Washington State where he has a long history of significant advocacy work.

He is currently a member of the UW Bothell Alumni Council and the advisory board for the National Center for Personal Assistance Services at UCSF. He is also a peer mentor for the Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System and a contributing editor for New Mobility magazine. He is currently completing work with a technical standards committee of the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America, which developed standards for emergency stair travel devices used by individuals with disabilities.

Collins didn’t plan to become an advocate for people with disabilities. “I was introduced to it by force,” he says. “I didn’t choose it, but I was a convert the first time I was told I couldn’t ride on a certain bus because it didn’t have a lift or I couldn’t rent an apartment in a new complex because none of them were accessible.”

“Mike is an amazing person who exemplifies the spirit of community engagement that UW Bothell is all about,” says Sean Marsh, associate director for advancement and alumni relations at UW Bothell. As an active participant in the UW Bothell Alumni Council, Collins has played an integral role in the growth and success of the Husky 5K Run. He has also provided crucial leadership to the UW Alumni Council, resulting in additional programming and an increased ability to raise scholarship funds for current students.

As an alumni council member, he enjoys seeing UW Bothell students traveling the world, working to make a difference. “These young people are going to do this throughout their lives because they’ve been exposed to it here,” he says. “It makes me proud, and it makes me realize they’re doing the same thing I did, and they will continue to do it.”

Mike Collins with this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award.
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UW NIGHT AT THE MARINERS
FRIDAY, JULY 12
Pre-game Party at Pyramid Brewery 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Mariner game 7:00 p.m.

NATALIE K. LANG GOLF TOURNAMENT
SUNDAY, JULY 14
Willows Run Golf Course | 10:00 a.m.

UW VS. ILLINOIS VIEWING PARTY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
The Dub Pub
Party Starts 12:00 p.m. | Game Time 3:00 p.m.

CONVOCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Mobius Hall

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OCTOBER 3-4

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