

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON,
WE CHALLENGE, MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE
THE THINKERS, DOERS AND LEADERS OF
TODAY — AND TOMORROW.

2015 saw the longest single-year legislative session
in our state's history — 176 days, to be precise.
But sometimes, great things take time, and this session
produced something truly remarkable.

For the first time in modern memory, the Legislature
reduced tuition at the public baccalaureate universities
and community colleges, making college more affordable
for thousands of Washington students. And, just as important,
this reduction will not affect the quality of our students'
education — the Legislature replaced the reduced revenue
with substantial new public investment.

This action was historic, and unprecedented nationally. Much
credit is due to the visionary elected officials who fought to
make this happen, but an equal amount of recognition
goes to the students, faculty, alumni and friends of the UW
who have worked tirelessly since the Great Recession
to make public higher education a priority in our state.

With the resources granted by the Legislature, the UW
is improving access, sustaining excellence and fueling
innovation here in the state of Washington. But there is still
much more to be done, and we need all of you — our
remarkable students, world-class faculty, dedicated alumni,
and many other friends and advocates — to continue to support
the UW as we work together to create a world of good.

STAY ENGAGED

We are grateful to those who advocated on behalf of the University of Washington, and to Gov. Jay Inslee and the Legislature for their reinvestment in public higher education in 2015. The reduction in tuition was historic, and our legislators' leadership and vision will markedly benefit UW students for years to come.

As we continue to serve our region, state and world, we ask students, faculty, alumni and friends to continue leading efforts to:

- > Increase funding for the State Need Grant, making public education more accessible for Washington state's low-income students
- > Encourage elected officials to continue to make investment in public higher education a top budget priority
- > Secure additional funds for programs and buildings that are home to the transformative ideas of the future

WE NEED YOU.

Get involved with UW Impact, the UW Alumni Association's legislative advocacy program. A network of passionate UW alumni and friends of public education, UW Impact encourages advocacy, helping keep our community informed and engaged.



LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT
IN OLYMPIA AT UWIMPACT.ORG.

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BUILDING A BOUNDLESS FUTURE

The UW is a nexus of culture, creativity, research and innovation. As a public university, we rely on state investment, but we also invest in the state: 70 percent of UW graduates remain in Washington, playing a major role in shaping the region's economic and cultural future. And that future just got brighter.



INVESTING IN THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEANS INVESTING IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON



MEILI POWELL
Junior from Seattle

ADVANCING ACCESS

Future teacher Meili Powell has volunteered for the Dream Project since her freshman year. A former Dream Project mentee at Ingraham High School, Powell didn't hesitate to become a mentor herself, advocating for expanding access and helping aspiring college students navigate the complex admissions process.

"It was my experience with the Dream Project that inspired me to pay it forward in my community by becoming a mentor," Powell says. "Working with the Dream Project has given me a broader perspective of public education."

About the Dream Project

The Dream Project connects UW student-mentors with first-generation and low-income students in King County high schools, making the college admissions process less daunting. In addition to assisting high school students with SAT prep, applications, essays, financial aid and scholarships, the Dream Project also teaches UW students about issues of access, social mobility and educational opportunity.

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U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
RANKED THE UW THE NO. 11
BEST GLOBAL UNIVERSITY.



DANIEL SCHWARTZ
Boeing-Sutter Professor of Chemical Engineering

SUSTAINING EXCELLENCE

Daniel Schwartz is driven to discover ways to make efficient, environmentally friendly energy into reality. As the director of the UW's Clean Energy Institute and a board member of the Washington Clean Tech Alliance, Schwartz is developing economically and environmentally sustainable energy solutions for the state and the world.

"Top students, faculty and local partners are keen to tackle the grand challenge of an affordable and scalable clean-energy future," says Schwartz. "We need to continue to take on this challenge, and that stretches all the way from the science lab to the business community."

About the Clean Energy Institute

With significant support from the Legislature and Gov. Jay Inslee, the UW's Clean Energy Institute was founded in 2013. Thanks to the state's investment, as well as additional federal and foundation support, the Institute is combining scientific research and technology — integrating solar energy into the electrical grid and building a green future.

Shaping our shared future

The Puget Sound region is a bustling hub of technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, with a sharply rising demand for STEM graduates. To meet these needs, the UW is planning to build a new Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) building, providing the space to double the number of CSE graduates — and cultivate the tech leaders of tomorrow.



VICTORIA CHAMBERS
Senior from the Yakima Valley

FUELING INNOVATION

Victoria Chambers spent her summer creating virtual games that help children recover more quickly from injuries and disorders that result in loss of hand movement. As an Innovation Scholar at MultiModal Health, Chambers combined her background in early childhood and family studies and psychology with a passion for innovation — improving the healing process for children and their families.

"Physical limitations affect children's learning by a surprising amount," Chambers says. "Thanks to MultiModal Health, we can approach this problem creatively, across disciplines, and innovate new games that help children get better faster."

About MultiModal Health

With its beginnings as a UW-grown startup, MultiModal Health uses technology to improve arm and hand rehabilitation. By combining therapist-designed exercises with automatic measurements and assessments, MultiModal Health helps patients track their progress, making therapy exercises more engaging — and effective.

32%

OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM
WASHINGTON ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
THE HUSKY PROMISE, WHICH
COVERS THE COST OF TUITION.

Closing the gap

Even with tuition reductions, many students still rely heavily on funding from the State Need Grant, which provides additional financial aid to those who need it most. More support for the State Need Grant is imperative — without it, many students in our state face staggering financial challenges as they work toward their degrees. Currently, despite being eligible, more than 27,000 students do not receive Need Grant funding because of insufficient state funds.

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REUTERS RANKED THE UW
THE MOST INNOVATIVE PUBLIC
UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD.

A state of innovation

The UW's Innovation Imperative, a commitment to bolstering and expanding the innovation ecosystem at the University and in the community, is a catalyst for the economy of our region, state and beyond. Under the Imperative, the UW has spearheaded the Global Innovation Exchange, a pioneering partnership with China's Tsinghua University and Microsoft; CoMotion, a UW-based hub of collaboration that expands the UW's impact on the region; and the Innovation District, which connects the UW to the surrounding community.