



Student Activities & Union Facilities

UW Standard of Excellence

Student Activities & Union Facilities (SAUF) values students as integral members of the campus community and supports their development through community and student involvement.

We pride ourselves on our ability to provide personalized, proactive advising and service to the University and greater Seattle communities. Annually, SAUF's two student unions host over 4,500 events initiated by 670 student organizations, graduate and undergraduate student governments, University departments and off-campus organizations.

SAUF is committed to providing safe spaces for students to explore and celebrate their identities, values, transitions and traditions. We adhere to high ethical standards in teaching experiential leadership, conflict mediation, interpersonal communication, fiscal management and group dynamics.

Academic Community

We enhance academic learning by creating environments where student leaders and SAUF student employees shape their learning environments through their involvement and leadership in student governance and University employment.

Play and relaxation are vital to the health and wellness of individuals, groups and the University community. Signature events such as HUB Lawn-a-Palooza, HUB Crawl and recreation tournaments are specifically designed for relaxation, play, and a connection to campus.

World Leaders in Research

We strive to keep current on recent trends and developments in higher education and student affairs through continuous professional development, benchmarking of programs and services, and active participation in international, national and regional professional associations.

We cultivate an environment where students create tangible events and programs using the theoretical knowledge base they gain through their own academic work and research.

Celebrating Place

We help build intersecting communities where the exchange of ideas and exposure to diverse people, thought, cultures and experiences can freely occur. We provide environments where the campus community can relax, share a meal, connect with others, and gather in an informal atmosphere.

We offer facilities, programs and services that allow students to create their own unique University of Washington experiences. SAUF hosts several of the largest traditional events and functions on campus.

Spirit of Innovation

We encourage collaboration across groups and departments to help create new campus programs and develop innovative twists on existing traditions. We challenge students to think about new ways to reach diverse populations.

We encourage students to try new ideas and programs and experience their successes and failures as learning opportunities.

World Citizens

We empower students to have a positive impact on the University and beyond by providing opportunities for personal growth and the cultivation of real world skills. Along with leadership roles within student government and registered student organizations, nearly 150 students are employed in essential SAUF operations and programming positions within SAUF.

Through programs such as UW Leaders and "Leadership Dialogues," we provide opportunities for students to practice responsible leadership and good citizenship, and through student governance, we encourage students to engage in public debate and participatory democracy.

Being Public

We work collaboratively with the campus community and local organizations to offer a vast array of cultural, social, recreational, arts and educational programming for the University and greater community.

We create and maintain our spaces, services and programs to foster community engagement, and offer opportunities for others to experience, appreciate, celebrate, remember and revere their interactions with the University of Washington and the Northwest.