Student Life & The Husky Experience 2015 - 2016

STUDENT LIFE
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
Supporting the Husky Experience and student success through engagement and access, diversity and inclusion and more:

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends,

Our work in the Division of Student Life is based on a fundamental belief in the transformation of our students, of ourselves, and of society. We accomplish this through an education framework, believing that our work is a critical component of educating the next generation of leaders.

Our work is grounded not only in the values of the University of Washington, but also in the values of inclusiveness, social justice, compassion, service, global citizenship and community.

We promote the Husky Experience by delivering programs and services which support student success; provide opportunities for student engagement and leadership; support diversity and inclusion; and facilitate opportunities for students to bridge their in- and out-of-classroom learning.

The 2015-2016 academic year was a busy one in Student Life with the launch of new programs and new units to serve students. We continue to innovate to create opportunities for growth, wellness, achievement and success of students, helping them to develop and articulate a transformative Husky Experience. The accomplishments of the staff in the Division of Student Life are many, as evidenced in the breadth and quality of programs in the following pages where we share some highlights from this past year.

On behalf of all of us in Student Life, I thank you for your engagement and support. We all look forward to another great year of collaboration.

Sincerely,

Denzil Suite
Vice President for Student Life
Being there for our veterans: Called for by students, the Office of Student Veteran Life opened in January 2016 with the hiring of Samantha Powers, an Air Force veteran herself. Funded by the Student Activities Fee, this office focuses on supporting veterans — providing services, building community and representing their needs across the UW.

To be wild is to experience life outside your comfort zone. Recreational Sports Programs has created a path into nature for UW students by launching UWild in spring of 2016. The program combines outdoor education, organized adventure trips, student clubs and the brand new Gear Garage to help UW students inspire the wild in themselves.

The inaugural Husky 100 award celebrates the 100 students who most exemplify the results of a transformative Husky Experience.

A first step toward a new tradition, the 2016 Parent and Family Weekend welcomed over 1,500 attendees representing over 500 family groups to explore the Husky Experience through student performances, athletic events and open house events hosted by campus partners throughout the University.

Career readiness is at the core of the Husky Experience, so we stay ahead of the curve. The newly launched Internship Project aims to prepare students and employers for meaningful internship experiences. The Career Center also collaborated with the College of Engineering on the new Career Center @ Engineering.

Following the guidance of the 2014 Retention Study published by the Office of Educational Assessment, the new Manager of Student Success works to retain at-risk students by connecting them to campus resources. This is just one way we are supporting students in pursuing their degree.

The West Campus housing expansion is complete! With the opening of Maple and Terry residence halls in 2015, this bustling new urban neighborhood is home to nearly 6,000 students. This section of campus offers a fitness center, Area 01, demonstration kitchens and on-campus gardens in collaboration with the UW Farm.
ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

**925** Student Organizations

**4,625** Officers on file with the Student Activities Office

**148** Major student events were hosted by students in the HUB Ballroom and Lyceum

**332** Students hold leadership roles within Residential Life

**70** students connected across cultural boundaries in Unite UW, an on-campus exchange program between domestic and international students. Unite UW will expand in 2016-2017 to serve more than 200 students.

**8** Student Cadets serve and engage the UW student community while learning about the profession of law enforcement with the UW Police Department

**27** Sororities

**38** Fraternities

Nearly **4,600** student members with over 500 officers in leadership roles in Greek Life. Advising and mentorship is provided by staff in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and in the Student Activities Office.

**$23,000** in donations raised for B+ Foundation during Greek Week

**43** Students were matched with staff, faculty and alumni through the Queer Mentoring Program at the Q Center.

**1,800** students find campus jobs throughout Student Life working as graphic designers, office administrators, fitness instructors, program managers...the list goes on!

**4** Husky Neighborhood Interns organize opportunities for students to work with permanent residents living in the N45th community to address neighborhood issues, from street clean ups and neighborhood safely walks to collecting over 500 lbs of food.

**200** students work for Student Publications as journalists, editors, photographers, even radio hosts.

**NEWS**

Students from The Daily and HUA Voice traveled to Beijing to cover the first-ever NCAA regular season game held in China.
Home Sweet Home
We know that for students to be successful, their basic needs must be addressed. Housing and Food Services provided housing for 7,781 living on campus in education-enriching environments.

“Living in an environment that is conducive to academic success through quiet hours and social events to relax after tough school days has really made my residents well-balanced and happier.”

A Resident Adviser

Hungry?
During the academic year, UW Dining serves over 30,000 customers a day! They make sure a convenient meal is always available, with nearly 7,000 students participating in the dining plan system.

Traditions
Student success at the UW is bookended by two important traditions hosted by the Office of Ceremonies: Convocation and Commencement. Convocation is the UW’s official welcome for students and family members, while Commencement celebrates the achievement of students’ academic pursuits.

“I absolutely loved the convocation and the picnic. They really made me feel like part of the Husky family and were a great way to start my time here.”

UW Student

Finding Funds
Student Life Advancement, in partnership with colleagues across Academic and Student Affairs, raised $16,135,523 to support student scholarships and programs between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

UW hosts one of the largest commencements in the country. In 2016, 5,668 students walked in commencement and more than 35,000 people came to celebrate their accomplishments!
A helping hand
The Counseling Center provided 7,765 hours of direct service to 1,942 unique UW students. Over the last four years, the number of students reaching out to the Counseling Center has increased by 60%.

Making better choices
94% of student respondents to the Community Standards and Student Conduct Satisfaction Survey responded that meeting with a conduct officer during an informal hearing and completing subsequent sanctions helped them develop strategies for future decision making.

Live well
Health and Wellness offered individualized support to 700+ students. They offer assistance with issues related to distress, academic success, alcohol and other drug use, suicide, sexual assault and relationship violence. 60 Peer Health Educators reached 2,000+ students through trainings and event appearances.

Supporting learning
Disability Resources for Students worked with 2,100 students to identify appropriate accommodations for their learning environment. Today, DRS is serving 81% more students than four years ago.

The University of Washington Police Department serves the UW Community with P.R.I.D.E. With a community-focused model they provided 44 safety presentations in the residence halls, Greek community and with student organizations.

The finish line
Recommended by the Retention and Graduation Rates Task Force, a pilot program targeting the retention of 69 reinstated students began in autumn 2015. Out of these students, 73% continue to make satisfactory progress towards graduation.
Our commitment to Diversity and Inclusion:

Our ability to successfully educate the next generation hinges on our capacity to foster a diverse and inclusive community — one that is willing to tackle difficult issues of power and privilege, race and identity, social norms and structural oppression, together with respect for one another and a shared vision of a more equitable world.

Some of the ways we do this include broadening access to the classroom and learning environment for students with disabilities, student veterans, international students, and LGBTQ students.

We foster opportunities for students to expand their worldview through structured programs and student organizations. As a partner in the Race & Equity Initiative we are dedicated to working with students, campus and community partners, and other leaders to further shape a more caring and inclusive UW community.

_Denzil Suite_
_Vice President for Student Life_

Building Connections

The growing Unite UW program promotes cultural exchange through on-campus engagement

“Unite UW is a great way to break boundaries we have between domestic and international students that are hard to break otherwise.”

_Dylan Creed, Junior, Environmental Studies_

Ensuring accessible learning

Disability Resources for Students (DRS) partnered with 2,821 faculty and staff to make 4,498 classes accessible to students with disabilities.

Only 15% of students with disabilities have a disability that is visible to others. The remaining 85% have invisible disabilities.

DRS creates a more inclusive experience, connecting students with academic coaching, learning disability evaluations, assistive technology and technology training, and peer mentoring for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

“DRS has worked diligently to develop partnerships on campus and in the community to expand access to non-accommodation services and promote inclusiveness for students with disabilities.”

_Bree Callahan, Director, DRS_
Veterans life
Student Veteran Life is creating safer spaces for a group that can be on the margins — and at a higher risk of non-completion.

“As a student veteran leader at UW Seattle and UW Bothell, I have seen first-hand how important it is to have accessible spaces with centralized resources for veterans so that they can heal together, and exist in an environment where they feel safe to be themselves around their brothers and sisters.”

Ben Wiselogle ‘16, Master Public of Administration

The Q Center
Affirming, brave, liberatory, celebratory — that’s the environment the Q Center strives to facilitate for student, faculty, staff and alumni of all sexual and gender orientation, identities and expressions.

“While participating in student groups at the Q Center, I have seen its transformative power through community. It’s a resource that has helped me feel less alone. It has been my home away from home. It’s a human right to be treated with dignity and love — no one should feel undeserving. With all I have been given I want to give back.”

Anonymous Student

Sharing cultures
Registered Student Organizations are a popular way for students to form affinity groups and access resources and benefits from the University.

“This year we had over eighty cultural and international Registered Student Organizations. These groups enhance our campus spirit de corps. They share creative perspectives, challenge our norms, and proudly host events and cultural programs for the UW community that help all Huskies understand the world and each other in positive ways.”

Rene Singleton
Assistant Director
Student Activities
Open since fall 2015, **Area 01** is a community-focused interdisciplinary learning destination where students can practice the theories they learn in the classroom or explore their personal passions with tools and technology on their own time and at their own pace.

**Living the Husky Experience**

1,335 students are in **Living Learning Communities**, spaces created to bring students together who share interests in topics or issues such as art, food exploration, business, or are Honors, business or pre-health students. Living Learning Communities allow students to live alongside others who want to dive into their Husky Experience with focus and intention.

**Career prep**

401 **Career Center** workshops helped students bridge the gap between coursework and career interest. Career Center staff also taught three different **courses** on career exploration, planning and preparation — for academic credit!

**Mentoring**

In the 2015-2016 academic year, 26 staff across Student Life mentored students earning the **Husky Leadership Certificate**.

**Recognizing the Husky Experience**

The new **Husky 100** award recognizes students who exemplify the ability to connect the dots of their Husky Experience — inside and outside the classroom.

“**Working at the IMA UWild Crags Climbing Center helped develop my time management, communication and leadership skills, which I applied in and outside the classroom — whether working on a final group project at the library or collecting field data for a lab in remote regions of the state.**”

Nate Redon, Senior
Environmental Science & Resource Management
UW Police Station
The new UW Police station is here! Fifty years in the making, the UWPD opened a new state-of-the-art headquarters to the community on August 12, 2016. The move to a central campus location will allow for continued integration and engagement with our community, decrease response times and allow our community better access to its police department.

Parent and Family Weekend
Mark your calendars! Parent and Family Weekend is set for April 7-9, 2017. Help us welcome Husky families to campus and celebrate the Husky Experience for all!

The Alaska Airlines Career & Internship Center
The value of a UW degree is linked to value of UW graduates in the workplace. Alaska Airlines is investing in our value with the newly named career center located in Mary Gates Hall.

Be Boundless — For Washington, For the World
Our engagement will center on transforming the student experience, driving the public good, expanding our impact, and empowering innovation. The public launch of this effort begins with the Together event on October 21, 2016.
The Brotherhood Initiative
Leveraging the expertise of the College of Education along with Student Life, the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity and Undergraduate Academic Affairs — the Brotherhood Initiative aims to increase the enrollment, retention and graduation rates for males of color at the UW.

Digital first at dailyuw.com
To give students more opportunity to work in digital/mixed media journalism, The Daily is transitioning from a daily print newspaper to an online news source distributed in print twice a week.

Healthy Minds Study
Student Life will partner with the Jed Foundation to administer the Healthy Minds Study, a survey of university populations that focuses exclusively on mental health and related issues. The study puts special emphasis on understanding mental health symptoms, service utilization and help-seeking behavior, including factors such as stigma, knowledge and the role of peers and other potential gatekeepers. This study would not be possible without Forefront who connected the UW with the Jed Foundation and the supporting donor.

UW Campus Food Pantry
As the cost of a college education and the cost of living continue to go up, an increasing number of Huskies are forced to make choices between nutritious food and their other pressing needs. Piloted in spring 2016 the UW Campus Food Pantry will begin regular service to the UW in 2016-2017, providing no-charge food assistance to anyone with a UW ID.

“I get $194 a month of food stamps. The food stamps run out by the third week of each month. The last two weeks of each month are difficult.”
Anonymous Student