



OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT  
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Dear Daniel,

Late September can feel like a bittersweet time of the year. The weather starts to change, and it's hard to believe that the summer is over. But the end of summer also means the start of school for many of our students, and the great energy they bring to our campus community. We are so glad to be welcoming 5,300 students to campus this fall — including 1,200 first-year students as well as 600 students who will be living in our new residence halls.

And, to kick off a new academic year, we are launching our new newsletter format: Bothell Husky Happenings will be delivered to your inbox every other month with the latest events, accolades, alumni stories and opportunities to engage. During the alternating months, you'll receive UW Bothell Blitz — a quick note from our team with links to our top-recommended events or programs. We hope this new format won't overflow your inbox but still keep you informed and involved.

ALUMNI NEWS



UW Football Tailgate Nov. 2

Warm up with UW Bothell

Join us at our annual Homecoming tailgate for UW's game against #11 nationally-ranked USC. We'll keep you warm with soup, chili and hot toddies for your cold bodies. Each \$25 ticket includes food, drinks and a UW Bothell beanie.

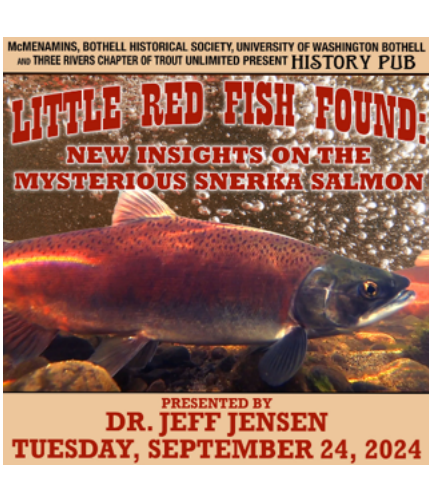
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Dawg Dash 5k: Oct. 13

If you want to beat your next UW Bothell Husky 5K time, you better start training now! Why not join our team for the UW Seattle Dawg Dash? Tickets from the event go towards the UW Alumni Association scholarship fund and we'll have free swag at the end of the race for anybody who joins our team.

JOIN OUR TEAM NOW >



Learn about salmon: Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

It's salmon season. Join Dr. Jeff Jensen at the McMenamins Anderson School in downtown Bothell as he gives a talk about the mysterious snerka salmon. Tickets are only \$5, and doors open at 6 p.m. so you can get food and drink before the talk. Stop by our Alumni table and pick up a free UW Bothell flag.

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Can't learn enough about salmon? Join our [Salmon Watch 2024](#) event on campus on Oct. 15, from 4-6 p.m., and visit our new ["about salmon" webpage](#).



I ♥ UW Bothell luncheon: Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The I ♥ UW Bothell fundraising luncheon is back on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Bellevue Westin. Together, we will celebrate our unique campus and the impact of our inspiring students. There are many opportunities to get involved as a sponsor, table captain and/or attendee!

GRAB A SPOT AT OUR ALUMNI TABLE >



Support our first-gen students

On Nov. 7, our campus will be celebrating first-gen students during the National First-Generation College Celebration. As part of the recognition, we want to share words of advice, inspiration and encouragement from prior first-gen students. Can you help?

We're looking for self-recorded videos or words of support with an attached photo — or you can visit our campus to be recorded by a professional.

Sign up or share your message by clicking below. When you participate, we'll send you a purple UW Bothell flag!

SUPPORT FIRST-GEN STUDENTS >

LOVE AT FIRST BITE



Tanya Kumar - Economics & Public Policy, '18  
Vishnu Madhavan - Accounting, '17

Vishnu was visiting campus to transfer to UW Bothell's School of Business, and he knew about Tanya from friends. He also secretly fancied her. Then they just so happened to bump into each other outside of the Subway on campus (RIP) and agreed to meet up later that day in the Campus Library. As they parted, their eyes met and time seemed to stand still — for them both. Vishnu said it felt like they stared at each other for a long time "but in reality it was probably like two seconds." Later, they had the first of many Library dates.

After Vishnu transferred to UW Bothell, one of their favorite activities was to get cookies warmed up at Subway to eat between classes. They also loved to visit nearby Bothell Landing park for walks. That was where Vishnu first told Tanya he loved her and years later where he proposed surrounded by family and friends.

This summer, Tanya and Vishnu came back to UW Bothell to get married before having a larger ceremony in Dubai. What better place to commit to each other than where it all began? Of course, Subway is now long gone, so for their wedding they had the next best thing: PotBelly Sandwiches.

*Did you meet your partner at UW Bothell? Share your love story with us by replying to this email!*

ALUMNI STORIES



Felicity Abeyta  
Society, Ethics & Human Behavior, '03

"My life's mission has always revolved around serving communities in need — a value instilled in me by my mother, whose life was cut short by health inequities. Her legacy fuels my commitment to paving the way for others."

Read how Abeyta serves the Latinx community as an academic adviser.

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Felicea Osorio  
Society, Ethics & Human Behavior, and  
Science, Technology & Environment, '09

Kelly Bright  
Media & Communication Studies, '12

David Edwards  
Law, Economics & Public Policy, '15

Congratulations to the alums named in 425 Magazine's latest 40 under 40 list. These alums are keeping it local by supporting Eastside businesses.

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Dr. Chelsea Craig  
Education, '20

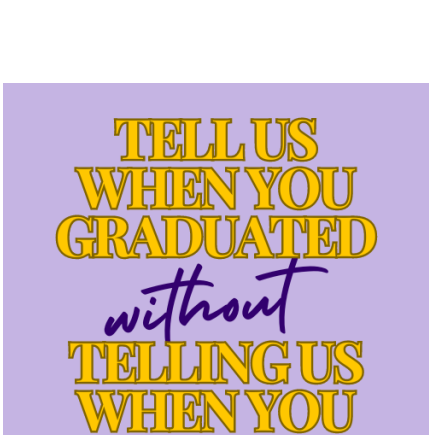
Kelly Balzer  
Education, '12

Melissa Riley  
Education, '13

Hear from alums of the Leadership Development for Educators program about how the newly relaunching program helped them to become leaders focused on advancing educational justice.

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SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



HOW CREATIVE CAN YOU GET?

Tell us when you graduated without telling us when you graduated. Share your comments now on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

"When I graduated everybody celebrated by planking in their cap and gown. We were so cool..."

UWAA FEATURED BENEFIT



Run 2 Be Fit

UWAA Members get 15% off tickets to Run 2 Be Fit 5k races!

Run 2 Be Fit is a family-owned business that hosts fun-themed 5k races in the greater Seattle area owned by **UW Bothell Alumna Grace Martinez '04**. The races are family-friendly and tailored to new and experienced runners and walkers. Themes range from unicorns to Star Wars, Bigfoot, holidays and more! We are building a community, one runner at a time!

Not a member? [Join today!](#)

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