



Outlook

[Newsletter inside!] How many alums have a Leap Day birthday?

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Dear Daniel,

It's Leap Day!

Did you know only 19 of UW Bothell's 32,000 alumni were born on Feb. 29? That's a percentage so small it's not even worth getting out a calculator to calculate. Unfortunately, they only have a birthday every four years, but maybe it also means they get four times the presents.

Does having a birthday every four years mean that you only gain a year in age over that time, too — like a reverse version of dog years? If so, the UW Bothell alumnus born on Feb. 29, 2000, is our youngest ever alum. He's turning 6 years old today!

Check out more UW Bothell birthday facts at the end of the newsletter.

ALUMNI NEWS



Makers Fair 2024 // Thank you makers, bakers and gift takers

On Valentine's Day, we had a fun time at UW Bothell hosting our first makers fair. More than 70 vendors, including UW Bothell alumni and students, were on hand to sell everything from anime art to zoological zines.

Ahead of the fair, we gathered a few UW alumni vendors to speak about being business owners. Find them on Instagram:

[@Kaimoniq](#) Kyra Bautista, '19

[@nerdwax.candle](#) Michel Paves, '05

[@magmemoriespb](#) Manav Gill, '23

[@thecatsmeowbakingcompany](#) Sara Whalen, '04

Special thanks to Jonathan Cluts, '94 for moderating our alumni panel!





NOMINATIONS OPEN ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Alumni awards // Nominations open

Are you excited about awards season? No, not the Oscars! We're talking about UW Bothell's annual Alumni of the Year and Distinguished Alumni awards. Both awards highlight alumni making an impact in their careers and living UW Bothell values.

Nominate a friend, an alum you admire or even yourself. We promise not to play any music over the awards speech.

ALUMNI AWARDS



30 SECONDS WITH AN ALUM



MANAV GILL

'23 HEALTH STUDIES

OWNER OF MAG MEMORIES PHOTO BOOTH

Manav's photo booth was at our recent makers fair. You can find him on Instagram [@MAGmemoriespb](https://www.instagram.com/MAGmemoriespb)

Hometown: Kent, Wash.

First job: Soccer coach for a Seattle Sounders summer

camp.

Why start your own business? It was the idea of not working a 9-5 my entire life. I want to have fun, I want to travel, and I want to play soccer while not worrying about work!

Why a photo booth? I wanted to create a business that could expand to different areas and cater to any event. I believed that taking pictures was one thing that everyone does, and it captures memories that last for years.

Favorite photo booth event: The very first event we did for a wedding reception. I didn't know what I was getting myself into, but the night was super interactive and fun with the host extending our time by an hour. The vibes were immaculate, and since I didn't expect anything, it was an event to remember.

Any advice for your younger self? Be adventurous and take risks. Life is all about taking risks to find yourself and to find what you're best at.

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ALUMNI STORIES

**Ayva Thomas, Community Psychology '17,
Cultural Studies '19**

"My work with students is what brings me the most joy, and I think that's where the heart of the work is. I learned very early on that this work can't happen for kids — it must happen with kids."



Learn about Ayva's work in racial and educational justice for Northshore Schools and how her time at UW Bothell influenced her career.

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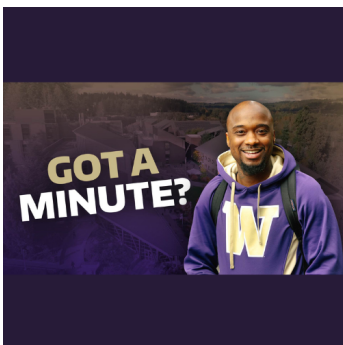

Alex Margarito, Chemistry '19

"I am that teacher of color I never had, breaking down barriers and showing students like me that they do belong and can succeed in STEM careers."

Learn about how Alex inspires local students as a high school science teacher.

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HUSKIES ONLINE



UW Bothell in 60 seconds

Do you want to learn more about UW Bothell, but you only have a minute to spare? Watch our 60-second tour on Instagram. Get the latest facts on our educational programs, diverse student body and commitment to sustainability.

Don't forget to share with your friends.

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UWAA FEATURED BENEFIT



Sunkiss Color Changing Drinkware

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BIRTHDAY FACTS AND TRIVIA

Did you scroll past the entire email just to read more birthday facts? If so, go back and read at least one article, then you can feast on these facts:

- The most common birthday at UW Bothell is Aug. 6.
- The most popular birthday month is August. Data nerds, this is in line with national trends! What could be 9 months before August...
- The third rarest UW Bothell birthday is Dec. 25. Christmas Day! This is usually the second most rare birthday nationally — most likely due to lower staffing in hospitals, less Cesarean sections being booked and families not wanting to have a baby on a holiday.
- Lastly, did you know that in a room of 23 people, there's a more than 50% chance that two people will share a birthday? It's called the [Birthday Paradox](#).

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