Introducing the Class of 2017

A first-year class of more than 650 students moved onto campus on Friday, Aug. 23, where they will spend 10 days getting to know each other, the campus, and the city of Tacoma before classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3. They come to campus from more than 400 high schools in 38 states and four countries, and a lucky few will call Commencement Hall, our newest residential facility, their new home. (Take a tour of Commencement Hall during Homecoming and Family Weekend, Oct. 26–27.) Members of the Class of 2017 are outstanding scholars, athletes, and leaders, and we are honored that they chose Puget Sound as their home for the next four years.

Join us at LogJam!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.

We hope to see campus neighbors at LogJam!, an annual celebration welcoming the entire Puget Sound community back to campus. The family-friendly event is free and includes a barbecue, followed by a free screening of Monsters University on the big outdoor screen. Festivities take place on Todd Field, adjacent to the Thompson Hall parking lot at North Union and 14th. We hope you are able to join us!

Save on campus events. Included in this issue is a temporary special discount card, which gives you a discounted neighbor rate at concerts, lectures, and athletic and special events. Contact Belinda Timpke at 253.879.2902 to have your 2013–14 card mailed to you today.
Puget Sound highlighted in Best Colleges list

University of Puget Sound is one of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features Puget Sound in the 2014 edition of its annual college guide, The Best 378 Colleges, which selects schools chiefly for their outstanding academics.

Puget Sound also made the honor roll in three Top-20 listings: “Most Accessible Professors,” “Best College Radio Station,” and “Best Science Lab Facilities”—a new category this year.

Puget Sound is also pleased to have been recognized within the past year as one of 40 College That Change Lives in a publication geared to helping prospective college students and their families find colleges dedicated to student success.

Logskeepers keeping pace

5K Puget Pacer walk/run and silent auction scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21

It’s time for the annual Puget Pacer! Come enjoy the beautiful University of Puget Sound campus while supporting the Community Involvement and Action Center’s three youth programs: Kids Can Do!, ETC Tutoring, and Kids4Music. Stop by the silent auction and bid on great items from local and national donors, lace up your running shoes, or do both! Visit pugetsound.edu/pugetpacer to register or for more details, including schedules and auction prizes.

One [of a Kind] milestone

We passed a historic milestone in philanthropic giving this summer: contributions to our One [of a Kind] comprehensive campaign surpassed the $100 million mark.

Generous gifts have come from alumni, trustees, parents, faculty and staff members, students, corporations, foundations, and neighbors! These gifts have already made a significant impact in supporting the university’s students and faculty, including the endowment of two scholarship programs that offer full tuition, room, and board; the opening of the center for health sciences at Weyerhaeuser Hall; and the completion of Commencement Walk. Spurred in part by a generous matching gift, fundraising is currently underway for a new athletics and aquatics center.

The $125 million campaign is the largest fundraising effort in the college’s 125-year history, almost twice the size of the previous campaign that was completed in 2000.

For stories about what the One [of a Kind] campaign has accomplished, visit www.pugetsound.edu/one.

Wheelock Student Center renovation and expansion

If you live on the east side of campus or travel along Alder regularly, you will likely notice construction of a two-story, 18,000-sq.-ft. addition to Wheelock Student Center. The project includes improvements to the existing kitchen, servery, and dining spaces, greatly enhancing the customer experience and improving traffic flow during busy meal times. A new passenger elevator and restrooms that will serve the entire building, as well as building wide fire alarm and sprinkler system upgrades, are also key elements of the project.

The entire project is set for completion by fall 2014. In the meantime please note that all areas of Wheelock (including the bookstore, Diversions, The Cellar, the main dining area, and rotunda) will remain open throughout construction, although there will be intermittent closures of some spaces and entrances. The Wheelock parking lot will have reduced capacity until the project is completed, as it will be used for temporary operations and staging during construction.
Washington Supreme Court holds open sessions on campus
THURS., SEPT. 19, 9 A.M. AND 1:30 P.M., SCHNEEBECK CONCERT HALL

The public is invited to hear three court cases brought before the Washington Supreme Court here on campus. The cases are being heard in Tacoma so the public may observe justice in action and pose questions to the nine judges, led by Chief Justice Barbara Madsen. This “traveling court,” which occurs several times a year in locations around the state, is part of the Supreme Court’s policy of providing open access to local communities. Attendance is free and no tickets are required.

In addition several of the judges will participate in a panel discussion on “Legal Issues in Diversity,” Sept. 18, in Rasmussen Rotunda. The judges and moderator will explore recent controversial legal judgments relating to gay marriage and affirmative action in college admissions. Attendance is free, but tickets are required. Contact Wheelock Info Center at 253.879.6013 for more information or to reserve tickets.

Join the North End Neighborhood Council for annual candidates’ forum
MONDAY, OCT. 7, 6 P.M.

The North End Neighborhood Council will host a candidates’ forum in Trimble Forum Oct. 7. Candidates on the ballot this fall will take part in a moderated discussion on topics relevant to North End residents.

The council, part of the city of Tacoma’s Neighborhood Council Program, offers a way for community members to band together to improve their immediate surroundings through partnership with each other and the city. The council meets regularly on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m., in Thompson Hall, Room 193, at University of Puget Sound. Please visit www.nenc.org for more information.

Community Music begins fall registration

Puget Sound’s Community Music Department is pleased to offer a number of classes for musicians of all ages this fall.

Kindermusik (ages 18 mo.–7 years) meets on Saturday mornings, Sept. 7–Dec. 14, with a registration deadline of Aug. 26.

Musical Theatre classes meet Thursdays, Sept. 19–Jan. 16, with a registration deadline of Sept. 12. Selections from Annie (ages 6–8) will be rehearsed from 4–5 p.m., and selections from Grease (ages 9–13) will be rehearsed from 5–6 p.m.

Private individual instruction is also offered for everything from the bassoon to the tuba. Please help us welcome our new percussion teacher, Jeff Lund, who is currently accepting new drum students. Jeff holds degrees in percussion performance from Central Michigan University and Central Washington University, and has worked previously with Tacoma Youth Symphony, Capital Youth Symphony of Olympia, and Stadium High School, among others.

The registration deadline for classes is fast approaching, so please call the Community Music Department at 253.879.3575 or visit pugetsound.edu/community music to sign up today.

Helping students to be good neighbors

With 650 new students arriving on campus and learning their way around, and close to 2,000 students returning soon, there is a surge of activity in and around the neighborhoods bordering campus. At the beginning of every academic year, we like to remind our neighbors about a number of resources Puget Sound offers for addressing concerns about issues that arise off campus.

Neighbor concerns should be referred to Rachel Cardwell, community engagement manager, at 253.879.3530 or rcardwell@pugetsound.edu. As a general rule, neighbors should speak with students about their concerns before the complaint process is initiated, however, exceptions can be made for highly serious concerns and/or when neighbors have legitimate reservations about contacting students directly. For more information visit pugetsound.edu/community/in-the-neighborhood.
Puget Sound Students Work

Hire University of Puget Sound students and recent graduates!

Post your one-time, part-time and full-time jobs and internships at: pugetsound.edu/HireStudents

- Got weeds? Need a baby sitter or dog walker? Moving? Having trouble with your computer? Students can help!

- Seeking talent for your place of business? Put students’ creative, communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and leadership skills to work in your organization!

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