

MARCH 2020 REPORT

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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT: EXPERIENCE

Over two weekends at the end of February, over 40 alumni, parents, and UW leaders and staff served as hosts to small groups of UW students for the UWAA **Dinners with the Pack** program. This alumni-student program is intended to connect current UW students with alumni in the Seattle-area for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. A UWAA Student Ambassador attends each dinner and serves as a facilitator for the other students, many of whom are new to this experience. Several of the dinners are themed, but many are simply individuals who begin the evening as strangers and leave feeling more deeply connected to their Husky community.



This was a lovely experience with the unexpected benefit that our sophomore daughter met people she might not have otherwise. I want to commend UW for this innovative and well organized program that helps students find community.

- Parent host

CURRENT INITIATIVES AND EVENTS

UW Impact advocates took action on a state budget item last week. Our most recent action alert resulted in nearly 500 emails to state legislative officials, alerting them to the state's plan to sweep a significant amount of tuition revenue to fund a new financial system for the Office of Financial Management.

The UWAA Board of Trustees is currently active in its annual nominating process. If you know someone with a passion for higher education and a commitment to contributing to the public good, nominations may be submitted online at UWalum.com/board.

Given the current situation related to the COVID-19 outbreak, the UWAA is following the UW's recommendations and will not be hosting large group gatherings or events for the remainder of the month of March. The annual **Dawg Days in the Desert** programming has been canceled for this year as well as the **Spring Career Treks** for students in Denver, San Francisco, and New York. We continue to monitor the situation closely and will resume programming when it is advised to do so.

UPDATES

In early February, UWAA executive director Paul Rucker served as faculty chair of **CASE's VP Boot Camp for New Vice Presidents**. This annual experience is an opportunity for new vice presidents in the advancement profession to come together for an intensive professional development experience.

On February 26, the UWAA supported the Graduate School's **"An Evening with Karamo Brown."** The sold-out event took place at Meany Hall and featured a pre-event reception and moderated discussion with Karamo Brown, a Three-time Emmy Winner and Culture Expert on the Netflix reboot of Queer Eye.