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# SUMMIT PROGRESS REPORT

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TEN INTERCONNECTED THEMES, FOUR PRIORITIES:

- **PARTNERSHIP WITH JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**
- **STRENGTHENING P-12 EDUCATION**
- **INNOVATIONS IN NONPROFIT SECTOR SUPPORT**

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## PARTNERSHIP WITH JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD

UW Tacoma is taking the lead in serving as liaison between Joint Base Lewis-McChord and all three University of Washington campuses.

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### VETERAN-FRIENDLY CAMPUS

Sustaining and enhancing a vet-friendly campus. UW Tacoma has recently opened a new Military and Veterans Center on campus and has been named a “military-friendly school” nationally for the third year in a row by MilitaryFriendlySchools.com.

### NEW!

#### ON-SITE CAREER AND ACADEMIC COUNSELORS FOR DEPARTING MILITARY

Embedding career and academic counselors in the Transition Service Centers to raise awareness about the broad array of public college and university options—even those outside of the University of Washington Tacoma.

### NEW!

#### ENTREPRENEURIAL INCUBATOR FOR VETERANS

Building an Entrepreneurial Incubator for Veterans (EIV) to support a social and behavioral sciences approach to building community-focused enterprises as well as traditional fields of engineering, computer science, environmental science, and life sciences realms. UW Tacoma has made an initial investment in staffing the EIV to energize its launch and ongoing development. New EIV Director, Dr. Phil Potter, will foster the development of talent from near and far motivated to complete their degrees while also creating varied, relevant businesses positioned for local, regional, and national success.

### NEW!

#### CYBERSECURITY & LEADERSHIP DEGREE

Creating a unique program collaboration between the Institute of Technology and the Milgard School of Business to offer a new master’s degree program in Cybersecurity and Leadership, developed at the request of the Washington National Guard. The program will begin in July 2013.

### NEW!

#### UW TACOMA STUDENT INTERNS

Committing to maintaining a presence on base at headquarters and in the Transition Service Center, these interns already serve as a vital link between UW Tacoma faculty and Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

**10%**

of UW Tacoma students  
are veterans or active  
duty military



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## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

With a focus on environmental preservation and the region's considerable natural assets, UW Tacoma leads an effort to establish an economic development competitive advantage through cutting edge local and international leadership, and accompanying business and social entrepreneurial innovations.

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### CENTER FOR URBAN WATERS

Dr. Joel Baker, Port of Tacoma Endowed Chair and director of the Center for Urban Waters and Puget Sound Institute, has led the development of one of the best equipped and staffed environmental analytical facilities in the Pacific Northwest. The building was also the first in Washington state certificated as LEED Platinum for innovative green building practices. The center now employs 20 people in highly-skilled research and support positions. At the Center for Urban Waters, UWT's involvement with the Puget Sound Partnership has continued to grow and deepen in pursuit of developing and applying the best possible science to Puget Sound clean-up and protection.

#### **NEW!**

### CLEAN WATER TECHNOLOGY IPZ

In partnership with WSU extension, city, county, and state economic development organizations, City of Tacoma, and The Russell Family Foundation, UW Tacoma recently became part of Tacoma's Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) in Clean Urban Water Technology. This prestigious IPZ designation recently attracted \$3.6 million in state grant funds (\$2.8 to UWT; \$800K to WSU) to provide labs within a shared-use facility where university and private sector scientists and engineers collaborate to develop, evaluate, and bring to market innovative clean water technologies.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENT RESEARCH

Our strong Environmental Science program focuses on undergraduate applied research opportunities (i.e. field trips to location around Puget Sound to determine Red Tide threat levels) promoting environmental sustainability and the health and preservation of Puget Sound.

#### **NEW!**

### SOUND CITIZEN

The Center for Urban Waters has also taken over responsibility this past year for SoundCitizen, an innovative research program that brings together communities, undergraduate students, scientists, and educators to combine scientific discovery with environmental education. SoundCitizen believes that community participation in science can be of high quality, resulting in publishable research involving volunteers of all ages and scientific expertise. Thousands of K-12 students across the community annually participate in SoundCitizen projects and events.

# \$3.6 million

State funding received in April 2012  
for clean water technology labs



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## STRENGTHENING P-12 EDUCATION

UW Tacoma has provided five years of bridge funding to develop the Center for Strong Schools to increase the research capacity of UW Tacoma to assist public schools in meeting their goals. UW Tacoma has also partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound to provide scholarships and paid internships for kids who are interested in pursuing a college degree at UW Tacoma.

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### DATA DASHBOARDING

Using data dashboarding as a tool to assess school climate and safety issues, spurring continuous improvement in student-centered teaching and learning to achieve accountability, and encouraging broad partnerships to support all children from birth through K-12 to college and their first career.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS IN BEHAVIORAL DYNAMICS

Leading the provision of groundbreaking professional development for teachers in low-income schools and neighborhoods across the region focused on managing classroom dynamics and time loss due to behavioral issues in the classroom to maximize teaching and learning opportunities. This holistic and comprehensive effort also entails consolidating duplicative school improvement initiatives to promote new efficiencies.

### PATHWAY TO PROMISE

University of Washington Tacoma is partnering with PreK-12 districts and schools and other community-based organizations not only to create a “pathway to promise” pipeline to University of Washington Tacoma and higher education, but also to close the academic achievement gap, raise the bar for students and families, and steadily increase the educational attainment rate for Pierce County and beyond.

#### NEW!

### EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DOCTORATE

In Summer 2013, UW Tacoma will begin enrolling for a new doctoral program (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership for principals and superintendents to encourage their professional and leadership growth.

#### NEW!

### GREAT FUTURES SCHOLARS

The Great Futures Scholars partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound is not only helping high-achieving students who might not otherwise be able to afford college, it is creating a network of tutors who can inspire kids coming up through the clubs. The scholars, selected from the Youth of the Year competition, spend three years during their college career mentoring at the clubs to keep kids academically focused and considering college.

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Number of Tacoma ninth graders (out of 100) who will graduate from college within six years



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## INNOVATIONS IN NONPROFIT SECTOR SUPPORT

Many community members voiced concerns about the recent loss of Tacoma's longtime Non-Profit Center, and asked UW Tacoma to help support a healthy and knowledgeable nonprofit ecosystem in South Puget Sound.

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### **NEW!**

#### **NONPROFIT FINANCE FUND**

In partnership with The Russell Family Foundation, Sequoia Foundation, and The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, the KeyBank Professional Development Center offered a set of four workshops presented by the highly reputable Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) on nonprofit financial management to nonprofits located in Tacoma. Hosted on site at University of Washington Tacoma in November 2012, the workshops were attended by participants from 17 organizations. Following the workshops, NFF conducted follow-up calls to discuss outcomes and proposed to continue to work with UW Tacoma and its partner funders to provide financial capacity building assistance to the nonprofit community to improve literacy, decision-making, and/or planning related to financial management.

### **UNDER DEVELOPMENT!**

#### **SOUTH SOUND RESEARCH CENTER**

Creating the South Sound Research Center to enhance knowledge, provide evaluation, data/metrics/digital design, contract research, and sponsored research for the purpose of community capacity building.

### **NEW!**

#### **NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE**

A new Nonprofit Management Certificate Program is a comprehensive one to two year program designed for nonprofit professionals. The KeyBank Professional Development Center also offers the award-winning Fundraising Management Certificate Program.

**6,000+**

Number of students enrolled in professional development courses at UW Tacoma's KeyBank Center



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# SUMMARY

The University of Washington Tacoma that we envision is an innovative, transformational, economic engine for the South Sound.

## DOCUMENTS FROM THE 2012 SUMMIT

(CLICK TO DOWNLOAD)

- ORIGINAL BRIEFING MATERIALS
- FINAL SUMMIT REPORT

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## STUDENT PROFILE - AUTUMN 2012

- 3,919** Total headcount
- 79.0%** Attend full-time
- 12,944** Degrees and certificates awarded since 1990
- 18:1** Student-faculty ratio
- 59.0%** Female
- 41.0%** Male
- 9.9%** Freshmen
- 12.5%** Sophomores
- 63.6%** Juniors, seniors, 5th yr. and nonmatric. students
- 14.0%** Graduate students
- 59.3%** Freshmen whose parents do not have college degrees
- 35.3%** All undergrads whose parents do not have college degrees
- 9.5%** Students receiving VA benefits
- 45.5%** Students receiving State Need or Pell grants
- 51.8%** Caucasian/White
- 15.6%** Asian American
- 8.5%** African American
- 7.8%** Hispanic
- 2.0%** American Indian
- 1.9%** Hawaiian/Pac. Islander
- 8.9%** Not indicated

## TOP HIGH SCHOOLS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN

- 5.0%** Mt. Tahoma Senior H.S.
- 3.5%** Todd Beamer H.S.
- 3.5%** Gov. J.R. Rogers H.S.
- 3.2%** Bonney Lake H.S.
- 3.2%** Stadium H.S.

## TOP TRANSFER INSTITUTIONS

- 18.5%** Pierce College
- 15.3%** Tacoma C.C.
- 8.5%** Green River C.C.
- 7.2%** Highline C.C.
- 3.9%** South Puget Sound C.C.

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Business Administration (B.A.B.A.)
  - Accounting
  - Finance
  - General Business
  - Int'l Business
  - Management
  - Marketing
- Computer Engineering and Systems (B.S.)
- Computer Science and Systems (B.S./B.A.)
- Criminal Justice (B.A.)
- Environmental Science (B.S.)
- Healthcare Leadership (B.A.)
- Information Technology and Systems (B.S.)
- Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (B.A.)
  - American Studies
  - Arts, Media and Culture
  - Communication
  - Environmental Studies
  - Ethnic, Gender and Labor Studies
  - Global Studies
  - Hispanic Studies
  - History
  - Law and Policy
  - Politics, Philosophy and Economics
  - Psychology
  - Writing Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)
- Social Welfare (B.A.)
- Sustainable Urban Dev. (B.A.)
- Urban Studies (B.A.)

## GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Accounting (M.Acc.)
  - Business Administration (M.B.A.)
  - Computer Science and Systems (M.S.)
  - Cybersecurity and Leadership (M.C.L.)
  - Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)
  - Master of Education (M.Ed.)
    - Educational Administrator
    - Secondary Education
    - K-8 Teacher Education
    - K-8 Special Education
  - Interdisciplinary Studies (M.A.)
  - Nursing (M.N.)
  - Social Work (M.S.W.)
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