



## A YEAR OF BOUNDLESS IMPACT

Thanks to your extraordinary support, this has been a banner year at the University of Washington. Our community of students, faculty and staff is pursuing both ideas and ideals as we take bold action to create a world of good. And none of this ambitious work would be possible without you.

Your giving contributed to a record-breaking year for private support to the UW: more than \$482 million. Your tremendous show of confidence in our University demonstrates in a magnificent way your abiding passion for the purple and gold. Yet, more than a ringing endorsement, your intentions in giving are at the center of the UW's vision to be the greatest public university in the world, as measured by our impact on our students' lives, on our region and on people around the world.

In the past year, we carefully stewarded your gifts to create 41 new undergraduate scholarships, 57 post-baccalaureate fellowships and awards, and 81 other funds that directly benefit students. Your generosity also led to establishing four new professorships and three new chairs, deepening our faculty expertise and propelling cutting-edge research.

Some of that research will take shape as innovative companies that spin out from UW-based technology. The University launched a record 18 new startups in the past fiscal year, and we were named the country's top university business incubator of 2014. These new companies not only boost the economy, but benefit our community as we connect entrepreneurs, researchers and students for the greater good.

The UW reached a new milestone last November when we received the largest bequest in our history. Alumnus Jack R. MacDonald's trust granted an extraordinary \$56 million gift to the School of Law, its largest ever in 114 years. Jack's gift will support faculty, programs and student scholarships for generations to come.

All of your undaunted support is instrumental to the success of UW students and faculty as they learn, discover and engage. I am humbled and honored by your generosity, and I eagerly anticipate the coming year as, together, we turn possibilities into reality.

With deep gratitude,

**MICHAEL K. YOUNG**

UW President



## A STUNNING SHOW OF SUPPORT

We are profoundly grateful for your truly generous support of the University of Washington. Together, we are daring to take on grand challenges at the UW that make our world a better place and enhance the lives of students, faculty and staff, as well as our global and local communities. In just the last year, scholarships supported 7,700 students to pursue their education. Private support buoyed the Clean Energy Institute to discover new solar technologies. Investments in the Institute for Protein Design inspired innovations in Ebola and cancer research. And support for the Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences further unraveled the mysteries of early childhood development.

Put simply, your stunning support connects our hearts with our minds, fortifying the UW's impact around the globe; the world is taking notice. This year, we were ranked 10th best university in the world in the Academic Ranking of World Universities. At home, the UW tied for No. 3 in a national study measuring the best return on investment for a college education.

These rankings reinforce what we already know: The UW is an intellectual force of ideas and ideals. But you are at the soul of our ambition. Your passion for our people and this place writes the future for generations of success stories. And there are hundreds to tell from the past year. Stories of drive, courage and compassion — true hallmarks of Huskies.

This report highlights just a few of the stories that share a common, purple thread illustrating the tangible impact of your support for people who are daring to do more and make a difference, from an undergraduate whose Husky study abroad experience spans three continents to a vascular surgeon who is pioneering new life-saving techniques.

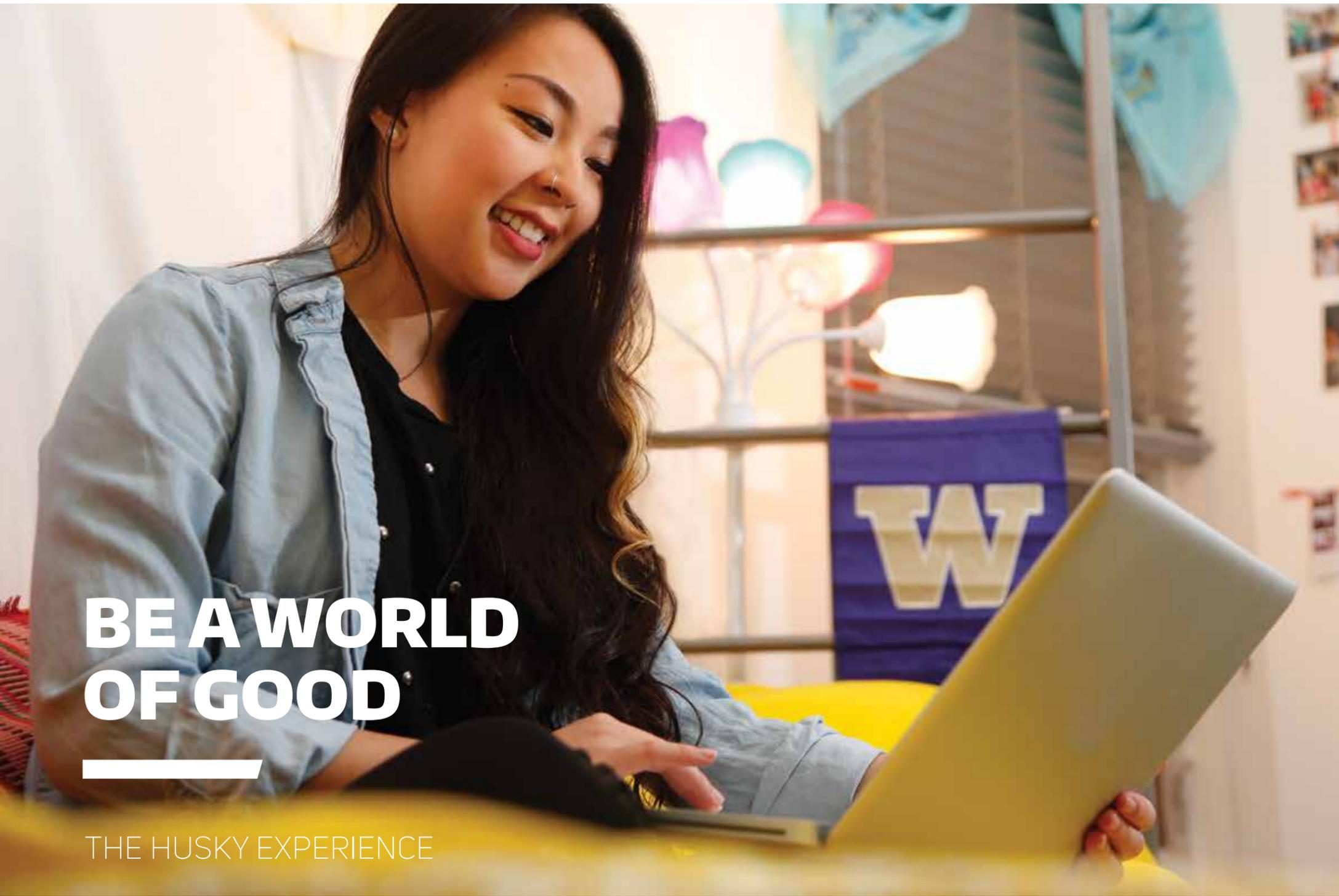
As we reflect upon our extraordinary year, your passion for this institution and your relationship with us fortifies the Foundation's mission. We are honored by your commitment. We are humbled by your generosity. We thank you for being part of the University of Washington's story — past, present and future.

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# BE A WORLD OF GOOD

THE HUSKY EXPERIENCE

**LOUIE VITAL**  
JUNIOR

**LOUIE VITAL DIDN'T EXPECT** to come across Huskies living in León when she studied in the Spanish city last August. Nor did she anticipate meeting UW alumni in a Philippines nightclub a few weeks prior. But in the course of back-to-back study abroad programs, the Marysville native realized the extent of her globe-spanning Husky connections. "I had that network as a freshman," she says. "It's why I've been able to do everything I have in the last two years."

Louie spent the first part of summer 2014 in the Philippines, where she investigated the lasting effects of colonialism. Next, she was off to León to study with the College of Arts & Sciences' C21 Fellows Program, in which students across a range of disciplines — from biology to informatics — are redefining 21st century liberal arts education. "We were given a beautiful environment in which to flourish," says Louie of the scholarship-supported trip.

She's come a long way from her early days as self-described "lonely commuter student" to fully engaged Husky. Her world opened up dramatically when she moved onto campus and threw herself into volunteerism and academics. It wasn't long before Louie had won a Mary Gates Research Scholarship and embarked on an ambitious project: an examination of swine flu and xenophobia. After navigating a steep learning curve, she presented her findings alongside 1,000 of her peers at the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Louie plans to study abroad again (India is on her list), and dreams of becoming a U.S. diplomat to the Philippines. Back on campus, she's a resident adviser to 60 undergrads in Mercer Court. Hanging proudly in her window is the Husky flag she carried to the Philippines and León. "It made me feel like a global citizen," she says of the journey. "I'm a Husky at a world-class institution."



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Political Science  
Communication  
Comparative History of Ideas

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*"The UW is the best thing that ever happened to me," says Louie, who — through her passion for academics, leadership and study abroad — is forging a lasting Husky network at home and around the world.*