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From the Chair: Alumni set in motion opportunities for students



Job one for faculty and staff in the Department of Communication is to create opportunities for students. These include opportunities for intense learning, for professional growth, for cross-cultural experiences, for innovation. We have found that students will push themselves to new heights when they are challenged with transformational opportunities. As a professor and Department chair, I thrive on the creation of these moments. I seek to create them when I teach, and we do all we can to support faculty, staff, and students when they develop them. We have three exciting developments, created with feedback from alumni, I'd like to share

with you: a weekend in Los Angeles, creation of a debate program, and a series of workshops called Career Kickstart. Learn more about how alumni are supporting these opportunities. [Read more from Department Chair David Domke.](#)

‘Hello, Dawg Fans!’: Lou Gellermann relishes UW memories



For decades, each game-day looked the same. The siren sounded, fans rose to their feet and the voice of Lou Gellermann (BA, 1958) echoed throughout Husky Stadium. “Hello, Dawg Fans!” he’d cry out. “Hello, Lou!” they’d heartily reply. The game began. “Boy was that a rush,” Gellermann said, his eyes lit up. Now in retirement, Gellermann, 76, cherishes those old memories. “When you’re sitting at the top of 72,000 people and they react to something you say or do, well, it’s moving,” he said. While most students and faculty come and go over the years, Gellermann spent the better part of his life at UW. Long before his 40-year stint as the P.A. Announcer for Husky Stadium, Gellermann was a Communication student, a member of the men’s rowing team, as well as the men’s swim team. [Read more.](#)

Pearce puts down roots in Northwest to teach mobile communication



Katy Pearce, assistant professor, joins the University of Washington Department of Communication team, teaching mobile communication to both undergraduate and master’s students in the Master of Communication in Digital Media (MCDM) program. Pearce’s classes look at the social impacts of mobile communication. For instance, the impact mobile phones have on relationships, families and work places, and more broadly, on society and the world. Her research focus is on technology use in the former Soviet Union. [Read more.](#)

Miss Indian Nations advocates against alcoholism, teen suicide



While double majoring in Communication and American Indian Studies, Shanoa Pinkham represented her tribe holding two titles at one time – [Miss Yakama Nation](#) and [Miss Indian Nations](#).

Growing up in Lynnwood, Pinkham did not have a lot of connection to her [Yakama tribe](#) until her family moved onto the reservation for a couple of years when she was in middle school. Pinkham said, “My parents told (my siblings and me) that we needed to know who we were and learn that side of ourselves.” [Read more.](#)

Native Voices documentaries air on UWTV

In its Sunday series, [Voices of the First Peoples](#), UWTV showcases films created by American Indian filmmakers, many of them produced through the Native Voices program at the University of Washington, as well as other award-winning PBS films. The films explore themes of identity, survival, racism and exploitation, children, history, community, and activism, opening a window into First People’s issues, culture and history. The series is hosted by Daniel Hart, co-director of Native Voices Master of Communication, and Charlotte Cote. It airs on UWTV Sundays at 7 p.m. [Read more department news.](#)

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