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## SUMMER 2012

### Growing and innovating because of you



I have terrific news on several fronts. Too much good news, in fact, for me to do it all justice in this Chair's Note. So let me just hint for the moment about some things coming down the pike in future months: we are going to grow (some more) and we are going to innovate (some more). It's been a tough several years financially for higher education, but we have not taken a single step backward in our program. This is only possible because of the support — in all kinds of ways — of many of you receiving this newsletter. Thank you. [Read more.](#)

### Pat Cranston: Pioneering professor reflects on her 40-year career at the UW



When Pat Cranston first came to the University of Washington in 1954, she was a pioneer in more ways than one. The future recipient of the Women in Communication's Lifetime Achievement Award, Cranston was at the time a young professor hired to work in the then-School of Journalism's radio-television track. Armed with a master's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin, Cranston went on to become the School's first tenure-track woman professor, and one of the first to teach broadcast journalism at the UW. [Read more.](#)

### Introducing the Communication Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2012



The UW Department of Communication will induct the following alumni into the Alumni Hall of Fame on Oct. 16:

- **Ann Darling: Ph.D., 1987**  
*Award-winning professor and researcher, writer, editor, community leader*
- **Lorraine Howell: B.A., 1982**  
*Author, teacher, producer, transformative communications professional*
- **Katie King: B.A., 1983**

*Writer, editor, digital media leader, journalist, producer, teacher*

- **Elaine Ikoma Ko: B.A., 1975**  
*Community builder and civic activist, mentor, leading communication executive*
- **Doug Ramsey: B.A., 1956**  
*Award-winning author, journalist, lecturer, exceptional American jazz scholar*

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