“For me, the HUB has been a centering point of campus for as long as I have been here. It has been a critical part of my UW experience.” This comment by Ali Salahuddin (2020-2021 HUB Board of Representatives Vice Chair; HUB Resource Center student employee) epitomizes what our staff strive to accomplish every day. Throughout this past year, while operating within a global pandemic, Husky Union Building (HUB) staff rose to the circumstances and adjusted not only how we provide programs and services, but also at times, completely reinventing our work to serve the needs of students.

Student Activities adjusted staffing hours to meet a now global group of active student leaders who were planning virtual events from time zones around the world. In support of a growing need for online programming, Event & Information Services launched two virtual event platforms, which served as the foundation of a very successful series of student organization activities fairs. The HUB established the University of Washington’s (UW) official esports teams, competing in several events, including finishing in the top two across multiple games in the Pac-U (a joint esports initiative among Pac-12 schools). And the Resource Center debuted a podcast program featuring various student organizations that served as one of the catalysts for a new broadcast room that will be launched in the fall.

These examples grew from the creativity and resilience of HUB staff and student leaders such as Robin Cheung (2020-2021 HUB Board of Representatives Chair), who shared, “Amidst a global pandemic that sought to sever the connections among our communities, I was so proud to facilitate a vibrant discussion on how the HUB could best serve students moving forward. Despite the cold medium of online meetings, I was ecstatic to watch as students and faculty lit up our meetings with a bouncing discussion over different ideas and improvements for the HUB. The excitement of our Board of Representatives in finding ways to improve the student experience exemplified how the HUB facilitates vibrant connections among stakeholders to build the common good for the community.”

Of all the HUB’s successes this past year, none overshadow how our building became one of the very first to re-open to the UW community as an informal learning center. Listening to students in their need to access a place to study, attend virtual classes, and have a break from isolation, our facilities and operations staff came to campus every day so our students knew they had a place they were welcomed and cared about. Eva Hudak (2020-2021 HUB Board of Representatives; ASUW Student Senate) stated, “Multiple times in the past year, the HUB was the place where I got to meet groups of people I’d only ever seen over Zoom, in person for the first time. Even though everyone was masked, it was so good to actually get to talk to people and see them in real life.”

The University of Washington is filled with outstanding staff and students and the HUB has remained committed to being a centerpiece for these people to be and do their best every day. Although we look forward to returning to a more complete in-person student experience, this past year has proven we will always seek ways to enhance UW community, provide a dynamic event center, and foster student engagement in the most innovative ways.
The HUB welcomed back the UW community in September 2020, providing an informal learning space for students, staff, and faculty to utilize during the remote year. With the implementation of COVID safety measures, the HUB became a place to comfortably access WiFi for classes, studying, and work. The reopening fostered a supportive environment for the UW community and enhanced the Husky Experience under unique circumstances.

RESOURCES/CONSUMPTION

559,808 kWh
ENERGY CONSUMPTION

5,298 CCF
NATURAL GAS

205,996 CUBIC FEET
WATER
SUMMER–WINTER

10.24 TONS
WASTE
SUMMER–WINTER

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY
FALL FEST
NOVEMBER 16-20, 2020
ACM held a week-long event to build community and raise funds for the University District Food Bank. They hosted a virtual game night, trivia, and a virtual escape room.

ASUW STUDENT FOOD CO-OP
HUMBLE FEAST
NOVEMBER 22, 2020
Humble Feast brings the UW community together annually to enjoy a meal prepared by fellow students. This year, the ASUW SFC partnered with the UW Farm to provide boxed meal kits with locally and ethically sourced ingredients for students to participate in a virtual cooking event.

CUSTODIAL TEAM
HUB STAFF
The Custodial Team is the backbone of keeping the HUB clean and safe. As essential workers, the HUB custodial staff has been onsite throughout the academic year providing a clean, disinfected facility for the UW community and made it possible for the HUB to operate as an informal learning space during remote learning. Their hard work made the HUB a welcoming and accessible place for the UW community during unprecedented times.

Members of the current custodial team consist of employees with 5 to 45 years of experience and together, they have formed a tight-knit community based on perseverance, dedication, and connection. Kurt Oglesby, the HUB Facilities Maintenance Manager added, “This team views the HUB as a home away from home, and students and coworkers as extended family.”
The D Center is UW’s Disability and D/deaf cultural center, honoring and recognizing the lived realities of disabled and/or D/deaf folks on campus and beyond. Over the past year, the D Center came together to persevere in their commitment to celebrating and honoring disability pride and in creating a more inclusive campus culture. With a switch to virtual programs and events, the D Center created a new blog, “Disability Connections,” focusing on the lived experiences of students, staff, and faculty with disabilities at UW.

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The symposium was a three-day virtual conference for underrepresented undergraduate students to engage in professional development and present their original research. Hosted by the OMA&D Student Success Team, this event brought in 105 UW students and 90 students from different universities across 11 states.

For the first time in 26 years, the event was held virtually and HUB staff worked cooperatively with the planning team to ensure they achieved their goals. Todd Sperry, Assistant Director for the McNair Scholars & Early Identification Programs shared, “The HUB team was extremely helpful and responsive to our needs in creating a fantastic symposium. One month prior to our event, we had to switch online platforms and the HUB team stepped in and did a wonderful job in expediting our transition to a new platform.”

During the symposium, students participated in online workshops, panel discussions, and networking events -- learning from their peers and professionals. “Throughout the 3-day event, the HUB team was present online, working to solve problems and take care of last-minute challenges to ensure that the students had the best possible virtual experience,” said Sperry.

The primary goal of the symposium is to prepare undergraduates for graduate school admission. In addition, the annual event aims to inspire and celebrate research involvement and community leadership.

Sperry added, “The entire HUB team was extremely communicative and willing to help to make sure our event was a success. They were as invested as we were in making sure the event met our needs. You get a valued partner when you host an event with the HUB.”
EQUITY

OWEN L. OLIVER
ASUW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT COMMISSION DIRECTOR

Owen served as the American Indian Student Commission Director during the 2020-21 academic year, helping Native students get involved with student government, advocacy, and event planning. As a part of this role, he focused on educating non-Natives about the issues that Native students face on campus and amplified their voices through outreach efforts.

The move to a remote environment produced unique challenges for Owen, but through it all, he gained a different perspective on creating an equitable and accessible space for students as a whole. His growth through this position will forever be embedded in the work that he will continue to do in the future as a Coast Salish person, uplifting the next generation of leaders and establishing positive change in the community.

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ASUW
BLACK STUDENT COMMISSION | STUDENT DISABILITY COMMISSION
DISABILITY IS DIVERSITY: A CONVERSATION WITH KEAH BROWN
MAY 20, 2021

ASUW BSC and ASUW SDC hosted a conversation with author, actress, journalist, and screenwriter Keah Brown to discuss and help broaden understanding of disability and its intersection with race, gender, and sexuality.

FILIPINO AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
FILIPINO NIGHT - “BE THE LIGHT”
MAY 28, 2021

To celebrate their annual Filipino Night, FASA produced an animated musical presented in four parts. The show included traditional dance performances, animation and voice acting, and featured live watch parties.

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PINSPOFTER REPLACEMENT

For almost 70 years, the HUB has provided students with access to bowling on campus. Installed in 1957, the diminishing performance of the original mechanical pinsetters caused regular lane breakdowns and poor customer service experiences. In the summer of 2020, with support from the Services & Activities Fee Committee, the HUB installed 12 new Xli EDGE Pinsetters, ensuring the UW community can enjoy bowling for decades to come.

GAMES ACTIVITY RESERVATIONS

ASUW
BOWLING

599

TABLE TENNIS
30

ESPORTS

155

POOL

4

CONSOLE GAMING

72
FOSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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POLITICAL/SOCIAL ACTION
GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL
PERFORMING
FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES (IFC/PH)
HEALTH SCIENCES
RECREATION
SPORTS
LAW
SCIENCES
RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL
GAMING/ESPORTS
STUDENT GOVERNMENT (ASUW/GPSS)
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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
Student Legal Services (SLS) is an on-campus law office that provides a safe and confidential space for all UW Seattle and Bothell students who have legal questions or concerns.

- 426 students received a free 40-minute consultation
- 74.8% of clients identify as students of color
- 32% of clients identify as first generation college students
- 54.8% of clients identify as non-citizens or international students
- $2,987 waived for clients receiving fee waivers/reductions based on financial hardship

FOSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

RCAST AT THE HUB
In the fall of 2020, the Student Organization Resource Center debuted RCast @ the HUB, a video podcast on YouTube which allows RSOs to amplify their story to the UW community. This platform gave RSOs an opportunity to connect with a larger audience through lively and informational dialogue while in a remote environment.

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HUB HALL OF FAME, ACTIVITIES: Mohammad Waleed Khan
HUSKY IMPACT: Grey Matters Journal
HUSKY EMPOWERMENT: IGNITE at the University of Washington
HUSKY TRADITION: Korean Student Union
HUB DIRECTOR’S ART AWARD: Lily Stelzer

RSO OF THE WEEK

APRIL 12
Desi Dhamaka
APRIL 19
Project Medicine
APRIL 26
Grey Matters Journal
MAY 3
Nurses for Survivors
MAY 10
Concrete Canoe
MAY 17
Taiwanese Student Association
MAY 25
Association for Computing Machinery
JUNE 7
Filipino American Student Association

ASHLEY VILLANUEVA
HUB STUDENT STAFF, EVENT & INFORMATION SERVICES

Ashley Villanueva is a student employee with HUB Event & Information Services and is also an officer for the Filipino American Student Association. Her involvement in these organizations has helped her reflect upon the need for open dialogue as a stepping stone for change — making sure the perspectives of individuals from diverse backgrounds are being heard and listened to. Ashley was deeply grateful to be awarded the HUB Scholarship and hopes it will inspire future student leaders to make lasting impacts on others, big or small.

"Not only will this scholarship aid me in my academic career, where I hope to pursue my Master of Public Health here at the UW, but it will also give me the opportunity to encourage students to voice their opinions, make tangible changes, and come together as a collective to support others during difficult times."

Ashley’s involvement on campus has allowed her to grow and develop her skills on a personal and professional level. She hopes to build upon these experiences and work within the Seattle & King County Public Health system, combating disparities that underrepresented communities face and looking for ways to initiate change.

JULIA JANNON-SHIELDS
ASUW OFFICE OF OUTREACH & INVOLVEMENT DIRECTOR

Julia Jannon-Shields has been actively involved with ASUW, first serving as the ASUW Womxn’s Action Commission Director in 2019-20 and most recently, the ASUW Office of Outreach & Involvement Director in 2020-21. Throughout her work, she has continued to work towards creating a more inclusive and accessible environment for all students. Julia was thankful to be a recipient of the HUB Scholarship as she ensured intentional ASUW involvement among volunteers.

“I’ve always needed to pick up shifts with other positions in order to cover necessary expenses, so this scholarship will allow me to take some time to care for myself to ensure I can continue leading to the best of my abilities.”

Julia’s experiences in ASUW have helped her establish meaningful relationships and acquire leadership skills that will allow her to achieve her future career goals. She is interested in working with underrepresented communities and fostering change through an equitable lens and plans to work for city governments or the United Nations Sustainable Development Branch.

LOGAN JARRELL
GPSS SECRETARY

Logan Jarrell has been a part of GPSS since 2019. He has served in the GPSS Senate and Legislative Advisory Board and continued his involvement as the GPSS Secretary during the 2020-21 academic year. Through these experiences, Logan has been able to pursue his interest in representative government. He was deeply appreciative to be selected as a recipient of the HUB Scholarship and saw it as an opportunity to pay it forward by supporting current and future GPSS leaders.

“This scholarship acts as a pillar of resilience that I can lean on as new challenges arise, helping prevent my performance in leadership, as well as academics, from faltering. Through supporting me in this way, this scholarship also directly contributes to the success of the GPSS goals for this year.”

As the GPSS Secretary, he made impactful changes with his fellow student leaders by creating initiatives surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion. His goal was to hold the organization more accountable by increasing representation from marginalized student groups and improving transparency and accessibility.
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WELCOME CENTER (ADMISSIONS)

HOUSING & FOOD SERVICES

Provided virtual food demos to teach and engage students, staff, and faculty

OFFICE OF FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Virtual meetings enabled staff to attend a much wider range of student organization meetings

Q CENTER

Developed sustainable virtual/hybrid accessibility methodologies, including expanded Discord community, virtual tours and events, workshops, discussion groups, drop-in advising, and newsletters

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY LOAN PROGRAM

Provided over 2,700 technology loans and purchased an additional 450 laptop and 220 tablet computers to better support students with limited technology resources

U.S. BANK

Launched virtual appointments and scheduling, meeting with over 430 students, staff, and faculty, domestic and international

WELCOME CENTER (ADMISSIONS)

Launched an online virtual tour to serve prospective students and guests remotely

SELECT HIGHLIGHTS

The HUB Board of Representatives is comprised of UW students, staff, and faculty serving in an advisory capacity to provide the vision, voice, and direction of the Husky Union Building.

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