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STUDENTS SHINE IN CAPITOL,

HONORS CONFERENCE

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Welcome to the Winter 2026 issue of IDEATE, the newsletter of the [Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement](#) (IIGE)! We've had an exciting quarter with such platforms as Huskies on the Hill, Husky 100, and the 2026 Western Regional Honors Conference featuring our talented Global Honors and NextGen Civic Leader Corps students. The Global Innovation and Design Lab facilitated a meaningful project, "Community IS the Recovery Plan" for Amara and HopeSparks, sponsored by Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. The IIGE hosted NextGen students from [Montclair State University's NextGen Service Corps](#), and the annual [Shared Futures](#) network-and-learn event, this year focusing on Wellness and Civic Engagement. We welcome student submissions to the [Global Engagement Conference](#), **priority deadline is March 31**, with link in this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading these stories and more and wish you a wonderful Spring Break ahead!

Shared Futures Explores Wellness, Civic Engagement



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Community IS the Recovery Plan

GID Lab facilitates Amara and HopeSparks project to innovate services in the child welfare system.

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Interns Innovate GID Lab Operations

A Check-in Scanner and Two-Bin System among automated innovations created by 2026 GID Lab interns.

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Anti Scam Project wins \$25,000 Civic Health Award

Drs. Sun and Louie and Design Minor students will develop prototypes to fight scams.

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IIGE hosts Montclair State NextGen



The IIGE hosted colleagues and students from Montclair State University's NextGen Service Corps who are members, as are [UW Tacoma NextGen](#) students, of the [NextGen National Student Service Network](#), an initiative of The Volcker Alliance dedicated to cultivating the next generation of public service professionals. Students discussed the ways programs like the [NextGen Summer Policy Academy](#) deepen their collaborative leadership skills and enhance their capacity to work across sectors, communities, and disciplines. These experiential opportunities not only build applied policy knowledge but also reinforce a core commitment to serving the public good, an outcome we collectively strive to foster in our curriculum and mentorship.

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2026 GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

MAY 20, 2026 | 9 AM - 5 PM



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may be made to
iige@uw.edu by Friday, May
6, 2026.



Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Ahmad
Ezzeddine**

Vice Provost for Global Affairs
University of Washington

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