

Student Success & Enrollment Monthly

Welcome! This new newsletter—produced collaboratively by [Student Success](#) and Enrollment Services—is designed to keep our campus aligned and informed. Each edition offers a concise look at current enrollment, projects in progress, emerging data, and upcoming opportunities, along with specific steps you can take to support students in registering, persisting, and thriving.

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A Cross-Campus Registration Pilot to Reduce Late Registration Barriers

This winter, we launched a cross-campus pilot designed through a rapid design sprint with the Student Success Council and a team of subject-matter experts. The group analyzed historical data, conducted student interviews, reviewed existing outreach efforts, and incorporated insights from our November Data Party on late registration.

The goal: to build an immediate, action-oriented collaboration that identifies and ameliorates registration barriers for students and can be sustained quarter after quarter.

The stakes are high. Half of the students who register after the start of the quarter will fail or withdraw from a class. And each winter, more than 150 students register within 11 days of the quarter starting—putting their momentum at risk.

To intervene earlier, our team sent proactive outreach to 283 students who had not yet registered for winter. We saw 27% respond, letting us know whether they did or didn't plan to register, or needed help. Many shared important context about their situations. We then triaged each student for follow-up support.

The result: of the 50 students who told us they planned to register or needed help, all but four are now registered for winter.

With this early success, we plan to run the pilot again for spring quarter.

A huge shout-out to our collaborative team: the Registrar's Office, the Office of Student Advocacy and Support, and Academic Success Programs. Special thanks to Stephanie Beall, Ruby Smith, and Renée Kapler for their leadership and hands-on work.

How You Can Help: Encourage students to register early to secure their classes, reduce stress, and stay on track. They can find their specific registration dates below. And remind them to stop by Registration is a Piece of

Cake on 2/24 or 2/25—they can get support registering and pick up a cupcake when they do.

[Registration Dates](#)

[Registration is a Piece of Cake](#)

Progress on Student Success Initiatives



2022–2025 Cumulative Report Released

Our three-year summary of Student Success progress is now available.

→ [View the 2022-2025 Cumulative Report](#)

Student Success Council (SSC) Meeting Monthly

The SSC has met every month since September and continues to guide campuswide priorities.

→ [View Student Success Council members](#)

Slate for Student Success Expanding

Led by Andrea Coker-Anderson, BethAnn Hoover, Ana Marie Alameda, and Shannon Carr, Slate for Student Success is now actively supporting student messaging, and a new governance group is forming to guide its next phase.

Two Faculty Development Programs Underway

- Student Experience Project, led by Menaka Abraham, Jutta Heller, and SJ Lee, supporting belonging-centered teaching.
- Cultivating Connection and Purpose, led by Maeve O'Donnell and Dawn Williams, deepening purpose-driven pedagogy.
- Join us to see faculty results at the 4/24 Spring Showcase.

→ [Register for the Spring Showcase \(April 24\)](#)

Graduate Student Experience Capacity Building

Ashley Burchett and Su-Miao Lai are contributing part-time support to advance graduate student experience work.

Curricular Access Monitoring Group Launching

This new cross-campus group will begin meeting later this month to identify and address curricular barriers affecting student progress.

4 Things to Know... Supporting Students Mental Wellness

The Student Success Council is piloting new, action-oriented messages each month to increase awareness and knowledge about how faculty and staff can address timely barriers and make effective referrals. This month, we are highlighting Mental Wellness.

1. **Spot signs of distress & start a conversation**
2. **Normalize help-seeking**
3. **Learning more about campus resources**
4. **If you're unsure or a situation is complex, submit a [CARE referral](#)**

The attached PDF files can be used to print posters for display in your office. For digital use and access to active hyperlinks, [click here](#).

Winter 2026 Enrollment



Continuing Student Enrollment

Winter quarter enrollment at UW Tacoma continues to show steady strength and stability. Our official headcount for Winter 2026 is 4,924 students, reflecting a 1.6% increase over Winter 2025.

- Undergraduate enrollment grew by 2.9%, adding 120 more undergraduate students compared to last winter.
- Graduate enrollment decreased by 5.4%, representing a decline of 41 students compared to last winter.

Despite this shift between graduate and undergraduate populations, our overall student body continues a positive upward trend.

A Diverse and Distinct Student Community

UW Tacoma continues to serve a student population that reflects the diversity and character of our region:

- 58% of students identify as students of color, a strong indicator of our ongoing commitment to access and equity.
- In contrast to national patterns, where many colleges enroll a majority of women, 51% of UW Tacoma students are male.

Where Our Students Study

The distribution of undergraduate majors this winter remains consistent with last year's patterns:

- 23% are taking Undergraduate Education courses and are not yet declared majors.
- 21% are in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences.
- 19% are in the School of Engineering & Technology.
- 12% are enrolled in the Milgard School of Business.
- 4% are in Social Work & Criminal Justice.
- 5% combined are enrolled in the Schools of Education, Nursing & Healthcare Leadership, and Urban Studies.

These proportions mirror Winter 2025, demonstrating continued student interest across our academic programs.

New Student Enrollment

Winter 2026 saw shifts in new student enrollment across student types, reflecting both expected and unexpected patterns:

- 14 new first-year students, down from 29 in Winter 2025.
- 179 new transfer students, up from 163 last winter.
- 39 new graduate students, compared to 38 in Winter 2025.

While the decline in first-year students this quarter was not anticipated, strong first-year growth in Autumn 2025 has helped keep UW Tacoma on track for annualized new student growth overall. The gains in transfer and graduate student enrollment this winter further support that upward trend.

Enrollment Services Events & Dates

Spring Quarter Deadlines

February 12 — Spring Quarter Registration Begins

March 15 — Transfer Priority Application Date

March 25 — Spring Quarter New Student Orientation

March 26 — [College Planning Day](#)

April 18 — [Husky Fest/Admitted Student Day](#)

May 8 — Autumn Quarter Registration Begins (Continuing Students)

June 3 — Grad Fair

June 12 — Commencement

June 23 — Autumn Quarter Registration Begins (New Students)

Upcoming Student Success Events

Join us at future events to engage in student success initiatives shaping our campus.

February 10 — [ELEVATE: Scholarship on Purpose & Belonging](#)

March 4 — [Data Party: Purpose & Belonging](#)

April 24 — [Faculty Teaching Development Showcase](#)

Questions, suggestions, ideas? Give feedback [here](#).