

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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Husky Fest & Admitted Student Day April 18, 2026

[Husky Fest](#) is more than an event, it's a celebration of *who we are* as a UW Tacoma community. It's our chance to come together and showcase all things UWT: our academic excellence, our deep community partnerships, our creativity, our joy, and our shared purpose. As partners, educators, thought leaders, and community friends, Husky Fest tells the story of why this campus exists and why it matters—to Tacoma and beyond.

Held in close partnership, Admitted Student Day (ASD) welcomes newly admitted students to experience UWT firsthand and discover why this is the place for them. With dedicated programming alongside Husky Fest, ASD highlights our academic programs, student services, and the people who make this campus feel like home. It's about connection, belonging, and helping future Huskies envision themselves here...and say "yes" to enrolling at UW Tacoma.

With fingers crossed for great weather and gratitude for great leadership, Erynn Littlefield is coordinating Admitted Student Day while Ebony Peterson is leading Husky Fest—ensuring both experiences shine.

So, what do we need from you? Show up. Volunteer. Engage. Interact. Be visible.

This is our moment to welcome new students, celebrate our community, and proudly show what makes UW Tacoma extraordinary.

Be there. Our future Huskies are counting on it.

4 Things to Know... Supporting Student Graduation

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 Graduation.

4 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SUPPORTING STUDENT

graduation

YOU CAN SUPPORT ON-TIME GRADUATION AND PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT

- CLARIFY THE TWO-STEP PROCESS**

Encourage students apply now to graduate in Spring with their academic advisor, then register for Commencement. The undergrad deadline for Spring is April 17th

"Are you aware there are two steps to graduate and walk?"
- PROACTIVELY CELEBRATE STUDENTS AND CHECK IN**

"I'm excited you're completing your degree! The graduation application deadline is approaching - need any help?"
- DIRECT STUDENTS TO ADVISING AND REGISTRAR FOR APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

tacoma.uw.edu/gaa
tacoma.uw.edu/registrar
- DIRECT STUDENTS TO THE REGISTRAR FOR COMMENCEMENT QUESTIONS**

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Enrollment Trends (as of March 17, 2026)

Spring 2026 enrollment is up 4.1% over last year, showing strong momentum to close the quarter. We are seeing a slight decline in graduate enrollment (-22 students) this spring, which we're monitoring closely.

Looking ahead to Autumn 2026:

The 4th-year pipeline is growing. Applications are up +190, and confirmations are up +43 year over year. Transfer applications are down ~7%, signaling a need for continued outreach and timely support. Graduate applications are down 27.1%, with confirmations down accordingly, an area of active attention with our graduate partners.

Overall, the picture is encouraging for undergraduate growth, and we're leaning into that strength. The undergraduate admission team is focused on building our pipeline and sustaining a strong yield through targeted outreach, clear next-step guidance, and intentional partnerships across campus. We'll keep pushing on transfers and graduate recruitment while capitalizing on the positive first-year trajectory.

NACM - update - data are in (AF)

- This spring, UW Tacoma received preliminary results from the National Alumni Career Mobility (NACM) Survey, which captures alumni perspectives five and ten years after graduation. These early data offer fresh insight into how well our degrees prepare students for their long-term career pathways, how alumni experience economic mobility, and where they feel most supported by the institution. While a full benchmarked report will arrive this summer, the initial findings are already helping us explore how we can enhance post-graduation outcomes and advance student success goals in the UW Tacoma Strategic Plan.

NSSE call to action (BB)

- Help us get ready for the 2026 [NSSE](#)! This national survey gives UWT essential insight into how our undergraduates are learning, connecting, and thriving. A nudge from faculty and staff goes a long way, so please remind eligible students (first-year and senior) to look for the email when it opens on April 7.

Majors/Minors Fair | Career Fair Dates (BB)

- Tell your students to attend these events to help them plan their futures!
 - [Major/Minor Fair](#), April 13, 12-2, William Phillip Hall
 - Technology Career Fair, April 15, 11-3, William Phillip Hall
 - Career Fair, April 16, 11-3, William Phillip Hall

Mix Til 6 Announcement (AF)

- Faculty/staff invite here: [Professionals_Mix Til Six \(1\).png](#)

Upcoming Dates (How to Be Involved - Calls to Action)

- ELEVATE: Faculty Teaching Development Showcase (BB)
 - This campus-wide showcase will feature presentations and celebrations of the innovative, equity-focused, and community-rooted programs advancing faculty development in teaching. April 24, 2-5 pm, Milgard Hall

Spring is full of moments that matter for enrollment and for helping students take their next right step.

March 25 — Spring Quarter New Student Orientation

April 7 — Financial Aid at UW Tacoma Info Session (6-7 PM)

April 22 — Commencement Registration Opens

May 8 — Autumn Quarter Registration begins for continuing students

June 3 — Grad Fair

June 12 — Commencement 2026

June 23 — Autumn Quarter Registration begins for new students

Each of these moments is a chance to lower barriers, build momentum, and remind students they are not doing this alone. Your participation, whether by referring students or simply reminding them what's coming next, makes a real difference.

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