



DATE: July 6, 2020

TO: City Councilmembers

FROM: Lynne Robinson, Mayor

SUBJECT: Congratulations – 2020 Husky 100

Each year, the University of Washington recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students for their contributions and honors them as one of the Husky 100. Students are nominated by their peers, faculty, staff and mentors, as someone who has shown true passion, leadership and dedication as a Husky. Criteria for this honor include demonstration of the following attributes:

- **Connect the dots** by demonstrating an ability to find connections instead of boundaries;
- **Discovery mindset** through embracing innovation and novel ways of thinking;
- **Commitment to inclusive community** in seeking to understand and engage with diverse communities and knowledge of different cultures;
- **Capacity for leadership** demonstrated without need for formal role or title;
- **Ready for what is next** being undeterred by the risk of failure.

More information can be found about the Husky 100:

<https://www.washington.edu/husky100/>

Earlier this month, I was notified that Bellevue's own Najma Adan, Kelli Yakubu, Savanna Yee, Parker Ruth, Emily Flanagan, Madison Nikfard, and Lucas Chen were named to the 2020 Husky 100. In the announcement, staff noted that these scholars have served the UW community by sharing their experiences and developing methods to assist others in many facets. Congratulations to these seven scholars, you have made Bellevue proud. We cannot wait to see what you do next.



NAJMA ADAN /

Bellevue, WA

Biology

Year awarded 2020

Throughout my time at UW, I have fostered a passion for research and community service. As a Husky, I have been able to conduct interdisciplinary biomedical research and also co-found Project AIM, an organization aimed at diversifying STEM-related fields through guided mentorship for underrepresented high school students. I aspire to become a physician striving for scientific innovation as well as continue to decrease barriers that underrepresented students face in achieving higher education.

Biology / Life Sciences

Community Organizing / Outreach

Healthcare: Medical

Research



KELLI YAKABU /

Bellevue, WA

Master of Library and Information Science

Year awarded 2020

I am a fifth-generation Japanese and Okinawan American whose aim is to develop more inclusive, collaborative and reparative archives that better represent and serve diasporic and displaced communities. I am interested in how archives can impact identity (re)construction of marginalized people. During my time at UW, I am proud to have founded an RSO (registered student organization) for Library and Information Science students of color to create a space of healing, solidarity and belonging.

Community Organizing / Outreach

Library Science

Social Justice



SAVANNA YEE /

Bellevue, WA

Computer Science; Informatics (Human-Computer Interaction)

Year awarded 2020

Mentor, maker, teacher, performer, advisor, advocate, researcher, event organizer. I've constantly lost and found myself here, uncertainty is something I've learned not to fear. Here I've gained new perspectives, been inspired by brilliance, opened up about depression, healing, resilience. U-Dub has fueled my interdisciplinary mind, always enticing me with more connections to find. By combining technology, ethics, wellbeing, and art, this is how I'll empower people—or at least how I'll start.

Engineering: Electrical / Computer Sci / Human Ctrd Design

Information Technology / Informatics

Philosophy / Ethics

Visual Arts



LUCAS CHEN /

Bellevue, WA

Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Year awarded 2020

My Husky Experience has opened my eyes to systemic inequalities that exist both within academia and healthcare. Additionally, UW Seattle has provided me the opportunity to learn about and work towards reducing the inequalities that affect primarily underrepresented and marginalized individuals and groups in academia. I plan on using these experiences to pursue a career in medicine that focuses on raising awareness and combating inequalities in healthcare services and opportunities.

Biology / Life Sciences

Healthcare: Medical

Research



MADISON NIKFARD /

Bellevue, WA
Media & Communication Studies
Creative Writing
Year awarded 2020

As a first-generation student and second-generation immigrant, I expected to have a difficult time navigating university by myself. It was a relief to be immediately embraced by fellow Huskies and UW staff and faculty who connected with me through shared passions for writing and art. I've been inspired to work incredibly hard these past three years to give back to the community that has made me feel so supported.

Marketing Media / Public Relations / Journalism
Visual Arts Writing / Editing



PARKER RUTH /

Bellevue, WA
Computer Engineering; Bioengineering
Year awarded 2020

As an engineer and researcher, I work to develop technologies that use novel hardware and software to expand access to healthcare. Research has transformed my Husky Experience by connecting me with communities in need and applying knowledge from my computer engineering and bioengineering courses. Through mentorship, teaching and service, I am sharing my passion for research with other students so that they can make the most of their Husky Experiences.

Education: Higher Education
Engineering: Chem / Bio / Material Sci
Engineering: Electrical / Computer Sci / Human Ctrd Design
Research



EMILY FLANAGAN /

Bellevue, WA
Statistics and Mathematics (Comprehensive)
Year awarded 2020

My mentors at UW have fostered my passion for using statistics as a tool to empower others, regardless of identity or background. My experiences as mentee in the WAMM program, a tutor in the stat study center, and as president of the Statistics and Probability Association inspired me to help found the Statistics Directed Reading program. After graduation, I am excited to continue teaching and learning from those around me as I pursue a Ph.D.

Community Organizing / Outreach

Mathematics

Statistics