

Bound Together Through our Shared Commitment to Student Success and Community Empowerment



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UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA



Founded in
1990



4,814



54%

of undergraduate students are
**First to College or
First to Degree**

Personal Why

- > **Why do we do what we do?**
- > **Connection to our own educational or life experience**
- > **Consistent across institutional types**



Professional Why (Mission, Vision, Values)

- > **Why does your institution exist?**
- > **Connection to place, history, aspirations**



Mission – Common Language

Sample Mission Statements

As an urban-serving university, we: Expand access to higher education in an environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed. Foster scholarship, research and creativity to address the challenging problems of our time and place. Partner and collaborate for common good. Catalize the economic and social vitality of the region.

Western Washington University is a public comprehensive institution dedicated to serving the people of the state of Washington. Together our students, staff, and faculty are committed to making a positive impact in the state and the world with a shared focus on academic excellence and inclusive achievement.

As an open-access learning institution, Seattle Colleges prepares each student for success in life and work, fostering a diverse, engaged, and dynamic community.

Seattle University is dedicated to educating the whole person, to professional formation, and to empowering leaders for a just and humane world.

Vision Statements – Common Language



Sample Vision Statements

The University of Washington Tacoma fosters a thriving and equitable society by educating diverse learners and expanding knowledge through partnership and collaboration with all our communities.

Western Washington University prepares and inspires individuals to explore widely, think critically, communicate clearly, and connect ideas creatively to address our most challenging needs, problems, and questions.

Seattle Colleges is recognized as an exemplary learning institution that transforms lives, promotes equity, and enriches the community.

We will be one of the most innovative and progressive Jesuit and Catholic universities in the world, educating with excellence at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels.

Common Values



Shared Commitment

- > **Student Success**
- > **Community Empowerment**
- > **Equity, Justice, Inclusion**
- > **Excellence – Teaching, Research and Service**



My Observations

- > **Shared commitment regardless of institution type**
- > **Leadership teams want to be collaborative and innovative**
- > **Relationships matter**
- > **Collect and understand data**



Thank You!

Q&A

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