

Why I Give...

Former rowers know that their gifts are helping propel current athletes. The exact reason they give may differ, but the cause they support is all the same.



I give to Washington Rowing because it gave so much to me. It's all about what is behind the oar: **the person, the strength, and the tradition.**

- Gail Stewart Bowser, '84



As an alum I support Washington Rowing because it's important to me. I am proud of what the Program has become today and I also wish to **honor the past** and offer opportunity for our young athletes to write new chapters and share in our great legacy. My four years at Washington as a mediocre lightweight shaped who I am and taught me the value, meaning and benefits of hard work, inner fortitude, team unity, and quiet confidence. Character. Commitment. Heart. Washington.

- Matt Cockburn, '84

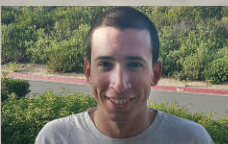


Washington Rowing gave me many things: A family of friends; **world-class coaching** and training; life lessons; and a work ethic that have shaped my success as an adult. I give to the team to help continue that legacy.

- Denni Nessler Stobin, '98

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I give back because I would not be **the person I am today** without UW Rowing.

- Sam Ojserkis, '12



I give to stay connected to the team. When I read the race results or look through the magazine or click on a Facebook update, I get a little piece of the team feeling back. More importantly, I want to **support the athletes** that are there today, just as others were there to support me.

- Kara Aborn, '95



Rowing has been an integral part of our family both as participants and spectators. Barb and I support the crew because we enjoy watching the races and think **the program is beyond excellent** but most importantly I like the quality and character of the student-athletes.

- George Akers, '62



"I give back a little each year as a small reminder of a program that has **given me so much.**"

- Ray Kimbrough, '92