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Dear stewards, supporters and friends,

As we write this letter, the first shells have left the boathouse and returned to Union Bay. A 15-person "pod" of singles has taken to the water and exuberant Washington coaches have lifted their megaphones once again. The halt in athletics is nowhere near over, but the promise of the future is in the air, a satisfying and refreshing sense that all will be okay.

Optimism is at the heart of Washington Rowing. We have witnessed it year after year. When the odds are stacked against the Huskies, we rally.

Two monumental examples are the 2019 Men's Cal Dual at the Montlake Cut and the 2019 NCAA 1V final in Indianapolis. At the Cal Dual, the Huskies were down by open water. They scratched and clawed their way back stroke by stroke, seat by seat to prevail in a convincing boat-length victory. In the NCAA, the UW Women moved like a freight train from sixth to first in the final 300 meters to an historic and breathtaking finish.

Now, with viability of collegiate athletics in question, it is time to rally! While unprecedented financial losses loom on the horizon, we remain optimistic that we will dig deep, rally and overcome this setback.

We invite you to consider helping — whether your donation is big or small — and witness the renewal of the program. As always, we are deeply grateful for you, our friends and stewards, for your dedication to Washington Rowing. **Thank you!**

Go Dawgs!

Jane Paul

Jane Powers

Paul Ramsey

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We're all One Team!

**Your opportunity to combat COVID-19's
unprecedented impact on Washington Rowing**



"Perhaps the seeds of redemption lay not just in perseverance, hard work, and rugged individualism. Perhaps they lay in something more fundamental — the simple notion of everyone pitching in and pulling together."

Daniel James Brown, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*



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These are tough times on Montlake.

The impact of a shortened season with no fans in the stands for Husky Football — the revenue powerhouse that fuels all Washington sports — looms large for our Rowing program, just as it does for every UW team.

That's why the head coaches of all 22 sports have united to reach out to loyal fans as **One Team**. We need you to join us and pitch in so we can all pull together — just like the Boys in the Boat whose legacy we must sustain.

Please support the **One Team** effort so we can continue to fund scholarships, academic services and other support for Washington Men's and Women's rowers. This fundraising initiative is an essential effort to offset the coronavirus' potential \$50 million hit on the UW Athletic Department budget.

When you donate, you'll support every Husky rower along with all 650 UW student-athletes. While we know our loyal donors may want to target their giving to Washington Rowing, Head Coaches Michael Callahan and Yasmin Farooq urge you to consider us as **One Team** with every Husky sport during this financial crisis.

Please, give generously today so our historic Rowing program doesn't miss a stroke as we prepare to return to better times and another fabulous season on Montlake.

Go to **HuskiesALLIn.org/OneTeam**
to make your gift.

'I was just grateful

ROWERS SEEK WAYS TO HELP OTHERS AMID COVID-19



From COVID-19 testing and disinfecting to protecting first-responders, Washington rowers and alumni are among the nation's selfless volunteers and frontline workers helping protect vulnerable people during the pandemic.

Alum **Dan Nelson** ('73), Disability Officer for the Seattle Fire Department, led the development of protocols to keep firefighters safe and to help those infected by the coronavirus.

"Since we were the first city department (in the nation) affected, we had the honor of building a program from scratch that is now being used in many other places," explains Dan. "I ended up working 43 days in a row to get everything in place."

"Crew definitely prepared me for these challenges," he adds. "I learned more on the lake, on the erg and running stairs than in any single class during my undergrad days. Rowing has given me the tools for graduate and professional school, two careers and raising six successful kids."

Another former rower, **Giuseppe Lanzone** ('05) and his Peruvian Brothers food truck and catering company distributed 40,000 pounds of avocados to food banks in the Washington D.C. area.



PHOTO: Alike Jenner

'SHAKEN' BY THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

Senior philosophy major **Klara Grube** cleaned and sanitized rooms, took temperatures, served lunch and comforted young people at the ROOTS youth homeless shelter on The Ave. In her home country of Germany, the standout Husky rower rarely saw people living on the streets.

"I was very shaken by how prevalent homelessness is so close to campus," she says. "A lot of shelters had to close due to COVID, which put marginalized people even more at risk. I've learned about the homelessness situation in the U.S. from my minor in Law, Society and Justice and I felt I could take the risk to help other people."

During the height of the crisis in April and May, Klara and her boyfriend — rower **Pau Turina**, who graduated in June 2020 — volunteered for six hours a day, one day a week.

"There were times we were overwhelmed. It was a lot to deal with," Klara notes. "It changed our perspectives and made us more grateful for what we have."

I could help'



A FOCUS ON SAVING LIVES

Sophomore environmental studies major **Andrew Mathison** has spent more than six years as a summer lifeguard in his hometown of Warm Beach, California. A lifelong swimmer and “beach kid” who discovered rowing in his late teens, Andrew expanded upon his lifeguarding duties to join other Fire Department staff in administering COVID-19 tests in underprivileged neighborhoods.

“Whole families would drive up in their cars, looking so nervous,” he recalls. “To be able to help them get their tests was fulfilling, giving them the satisfaction of knowing if they were sick or not. It was hard to see the situations they were in; adding this stress was harder on them.”

Andrew says he was inspired by the first-responders “who put themselves at risk every day. I was just grateful I could help.”



From Lake Washington to the Alaskan seas, rowers push their endurance in new waters



Adventure is in their blood.

Austin Regier spent his first-grade year on a mercy ship in Africa, learning through his parents' example about the fulfillment of serving others. His roommate and UW Rowing colleague **Felix Reinhold** was born in Germany and raised on a wine farm in South Africa, developing a relentless work ethic before honing his rowing skills in New Zealand.

After COVID-19 cancelled their senior seasons, the pair set off on another adventure to earn money for an unanticipated fifth year at the UW. Thanks to connections made through a Rowing alumnus, they spent 48 days at sea on a fishing boat in the Alaskan wilderness.

"Sometimes, we'd be up at 2 a.m. and fish until 10 a.m. in rough seas with 6-foot swells and 25-knot winds. We were in the pitch-black night and getting tossed around while bringing in lots of fish," Felix explains. "At one point, Austin turns to me and says, if it wasn't for all this, the job wouldn't be bad-ass."

"You realize it's kind of miserable but that's what makes the job exotic and cool," Austin laughs.

Along with their adventurous backgrounds, Felix and Austin also were fueled by the skills they learned in four years as Husky rowers.

"We brought Washington Rowing with us to Alaska — our self-discipline, tenacity, mental aptitude," says Austin, who is majoring in industrial and systems engineering. "I didn't know I could go that long without sleeping! I found out how far I could push myself."

Felix, who will earn a degree in environmental studies, says he appreciated the time for quiet contemplation and the hard work Alaskan fishers put in year after year.

"It's mind-blowing to walk into a supermarket now and see a salmon filet and no longer take it for granted," he notes. "Like rowing, the lessons I learned on the boat will last me a lifetime."

The experience helped numb the heartache of being unable to compete last spring. Austin and Felix had been determined to bring an IRA trophy back to Washington. Now, thanks to their summer jobs and the generosity of donors, they'll get another chance.

"One of the best things about Washington Rowing is the great group of alumni and fans who give us so much support," says Felix.

No longer 'just' an athlete

ROWING AT WASHINGTON INSPIRES KIEANNA STEPHENS
TO DISCOVER NEW STRENGTHS, PASSIONS AND PURPOSE

Her whole life revolved around sports. Hockey and softball growing up in suburban Vancouver, B.C. A rigorous, three-year rowing program in hopes of representing Canada in the Olympics. Medals and honors and athletic scholarship offers from prestigious universities across the nation.



Then, adversity entered **Kieanna Stephens'** life as she was preparing for her first year at Washington. And that's what it took for her to truly find herself.

Kieanna suffered a bulged disc while training for the Canadian National

Team, an injury she battled for nearly two years. Her struggle with intense pain made her question if she'd ever be back in the boat. It was her Washington family that helped her pull through.

"I realized that the joy that I get from rowing came from my Washington teammates and all of us giving everything over to the team. Coach Yaz and the girls were so supportive," says Kieanna, a junior with a double major in Sociology and Medical Anthropology & Global Health. "I thought I wanted to be an Olympian because being a great athlete was my identity. I thought that was my only option."

She did some soul-searching, discovered sociology and "realized I could love sports and still be passionate about something that wasn't sports. Now, it feels amazing that I have other strengths."

Kieanna channeled those strengths into her studies, writing poetry, participating in Black Lives Matter and sharing her perspectives on racism with others.

"The hardest thing for people to do when they want to understand racism is to ask questions," explains Kieanna, who led deep discussions among rowers and coaches. "They're afraid they'll say something wrong or that they'll be judged. All of my teammates really wanted to learn. On and off the water, we are here for one another, helping each other heal and learn."



TODAY I MARCHED FOR MY FUTURE CHILDREN

So that they can learn about
the movements that have been done

So that they can see, learn, correct, and repeat

Because my children's children will one day march

In attempt to undo 400 years of oppression

They will march into society with their heads up high

Their black beauty flooding over the people around them

Sharing the history of strong people, united

A history of pain, loss, and gain

Excerpt from a poem by Kieanna Stephens



Optimism — and you — will keep us afloat

MICHAEL CALLAHAN, HEAD COACH, WASHINGTON MEN'S ROWING

Sometimes, in the middle of a race, there comes a win-or-lose moment that can change everything.

You're behind with only seconds to change the momentum. You heed the coxswain's call and collectively find another gear. You must all trust the rhythm and the training. You pull for the oarsmen in front of you and those behind you. Momentum builds and your bowball inches ahead when it matters most.

Washington Rowing and all of Husky Athletics are at that win-or-lose moment today. COVID-19 is the most direct threat to our mission we've faced in generations. Our future is uncertain.

As I write this, we've learned we will be able to welcome back our rowers on the first day of classes with extraordinarily well planned and careful safety measures in place. We know we have a long row ahead filled with challenges.

Throughout the 2020-21 season, we will adhere to our top priorities: First, the physical and mental health of our student-athletes; second, ensuring they continue to make progress towards their degrees; and third, row.

Key to these goals will be ensuring that the Athletic Department continues to provide academic support, mentoring and other scaffolding to our young student-athletes so that they can excel in the classroom.

Uncertainty lingers, yet, I'm enormously grateful for the ongoing stability of the vibrant rowing program and community we've built through generations. You buoy me by your strength and steadiness. I'm comforted and proud of the relentless drive and resilience of our Husky family. You always put people first, and as a result, our student-athletes enjoy an unmatched experience at Washington and more importantly, beyond. The constant support of our alumni and fans makes it all possible.

Please learn more in the article on page 3 about how you can contribute to the future of Washington Rowing by providing critical support through Huskies All In. We're counting on you to fulfill your important role, to have faith and to keep our momentum going. It's time to pull together.



"At a great institution like Washington and with the legacy of Husky Rowing, I could earn a great education while having a real chance to win a national championship. And the support we have from our community and donors is incredible. People really do care about us."

Steve Rosts, Class of 2021

Bonds and benchmarks — prepping for an uncertain season

YASMIN FAROOQ, HEAD COACH, WASHINGTON WOMEN'S ROWING

This season, we're all on the starting line of the biggest race in our lives. Our bonds as sisters will make us all champions, in and out of the boat.

That's the team's mindset in this difficult, unpredictable year. We're lifting each other up, competing for one another, and making the most of every workout and day that we get together. It's about trust, commitment and love, for one another and for this incredible sport.

And it's about celebrating the hard work that connects us. Because we all know that the races at season's end are merely reflections of our collective effort along the way.

While we remain unsure about how the coming months will unfold, we're looking ahead with hope and determination to the spring season. That's why our rowers approached the annual 6K fall erg test with the same intensity they always bring to this challenging annual kick-off.

We know we need to hit certain benchmarks in the fall to ensure our competitiveness in the spring. The erg test is one of them. Even when we didn't know if the season would happen, this exceptional team agreed to seize the opportunity of their first rowing machine test as a chance to bond and prepare for whatever lies ahead.

Training for a championship performance when the future is so uncertain isn't easy. But it wasn't easy for the women who came before us to build Washington into one of the most admired and successful rowing programs in the nation. With COVID-19's enormous financial impact on Rowing and every other Husky sport, it also won't be easy to sustain that momentum. You, our loyal supporters, can secure our future. Please learn more about Huskies All In on page 3.

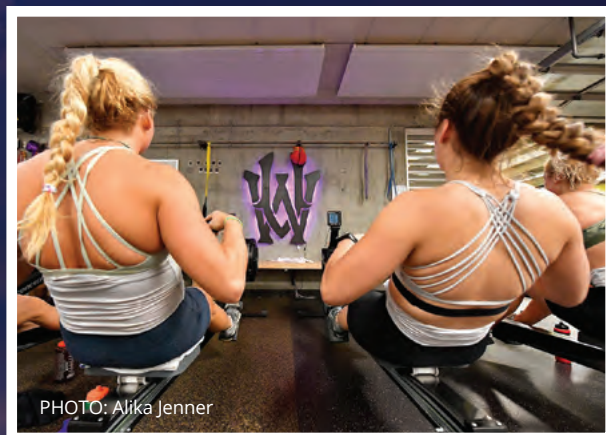


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The young women of Washington Rowing are coming to realize the complexity of the world and how the pandemic will profoundly change the future. With your ongoing support, I'm certain that they will not only survive COVID-19's complicated impact on their lives, they will help shape the new world ahead.

"I've learned racing isn't about beating other teams. It's about us. It's about our boat, our lane, our race. I'm so grateful to be part of a team where every person matters. I've loved every single stroke and every single person. After my freshman year, I earned a small scholarship and each year it's increased. That was a big deal for me and my family and I'm super grateful to our donors for making it possible."

Marley Avritt, Class of 2020

Cliff Hurn

MARCH 29, 1950 – JULY 27, 2020

Washington native **Cliff Hurn** always dreamed of attending the University of Washington. A wrestler and cross-country runner in high school, he knew nothing about crew until he received a recruiting letter from his dream school.

The class of 1972 business major learned quickly, stroking Washington to two national championships and countless national and international competitions. His achievements earned Cliff a spot in the Husky Hall of Fame along with his '72 teammates.

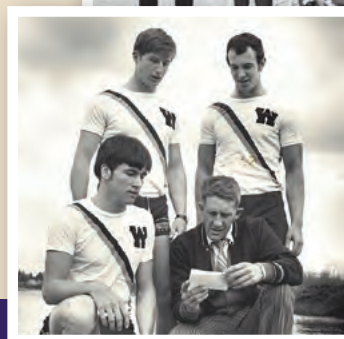
"Cliff's work ethic was infectious," longtime friend and teammate Dwight Phillips recalled. "His UW teams grew with him at a time when Washington Rowing moved from being very good to being a perennial threat for all the competition. He wasn't in it

for personal accolades. He was in it because he was an indomitable Husky team guy."

Married for nearly 50 years to his UW sweetheart, Janine, the couple raised four children. Two of the kids, Hans ('01) and Heidi ('03), followed their father into Husky crew. Cliff, who owned Legacy Roofing in Seattle, was a generous donor to UW Rowing for many years.

"Over the many years I've been involved with Washington Rowing, there are a few names who truly changed the trajectory of UW Crew. Cliff Hurn is in this universe," Dwight concluded.

"At Washington, we recruit and develop Pacific Northwest 'Tall Timber'", added Head Coach Michael Callahan. "Cliff defined that phrase. He was a walk-on, champion oarsmen, captain, coach, teammate, friend, father and community builder. Cliff was true old growth that stood with others in a forest of Washington rowers. We will miss him as his spirit inspires future generations of Tall Timber on Lake Washington."



Honor your time with Husky Rowing with a legacy gift to Forever Washington

Your dedication to Washington Rowing may last a lifetime, from youth to career to retirement. By participating in **Forever Washington** — a giving program for those who remember University of Washington Athletics in their wills or estate plans — your Husky spirit can live on.

You may choose to donate a gift of cash, set aside a percentage of your estate, create a memorial endowment, or choose other ways to support the next generation of Washington Rowers.

Learn more at ForeverWashington.com.

Golden coxswain

AN HISTORIC OLYMPIC ACHIEVEMENT,
AN ONGOING PASSION FOR WASHINGTON ROWING

For a kid who was literally forced to take up rowing — initially agreeing to be a coxswain since it seemed a lazy way of competing — **Betsy Beard Stillings** rose to the pinnacle of the sport and won Olympic gold.

The UW alum laughs about being compelled to play a sport as a teen at an elite East Coast boarding school.

"I had to choose between rowing and tennis. They said, you're really little, you could be the coxswain. You can just sit in the back of the boat. That sounded really good to me," she recalls.

By the time Betsy figured out the coxswain had much bigger responsibilities than just sitting in the boat, she was hooked. Wearing a cardboard megaphone strapped to her head, she coxed winning boats in high school and for the junior national team until she transferred to Washington for her last two years of college.

"I needed a pharmacy school and somewhere I could row," states Betsy, who knew then-UW Coach Bob Ernst from her national team experience. "When Washington won the national championship in 1981, that sealed the deal."

In both her years at the UW, Betsy coxed back-to-back national championships. After graduation, she chased a new dream: competing in the 1984 Olympics, guiding the boat that won the first-ever gold medal for the United States in the Women's Eight. She went on to compete in three World Championships and the 1988 Olympics.

Today, Betsy relishes her ongoing support for Husky student-athletes and alumni. A member of the Washington Rowing Stewards, she was instrumental in the late 1980s in providing a fun and comfortable enclosure for alumni and parents to enjoy the Windermere Cup, a tradition she continues to manage.

Now, in the wake of COVID-19's impact on Husky Athletics, she urges other alumni to give back to the program that gave them so much.

"When you invest in young people, you invest in the future of our culture and our country," Betsy concludes. "I want new generations of Husky rowers to come out with skills I learned when I was rowing. They deserve the opportunity to become strong citizens."



Your loyalty + your generosity

= an investment in the lives of Washington rowers

The amazing donors who support UW Men's and Women's Rowing make a critical difference for every student-athlete who passes through the shellhouse. Your gifts provide them with an exceptional Husky experience: scholarships, leading-edge equipment, academic support and much more. In the coming pages, we recognize your impact and list the names of loyal donors who have supported us in the past fiscal year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

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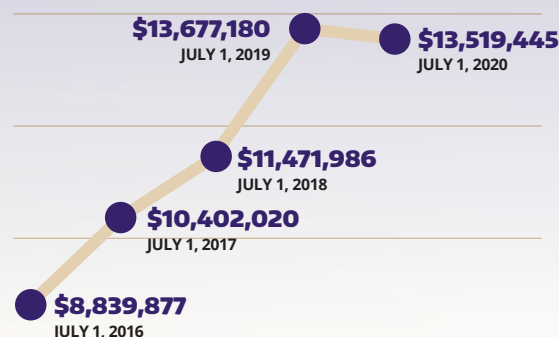
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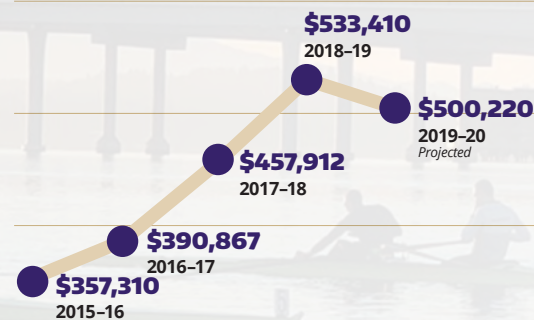
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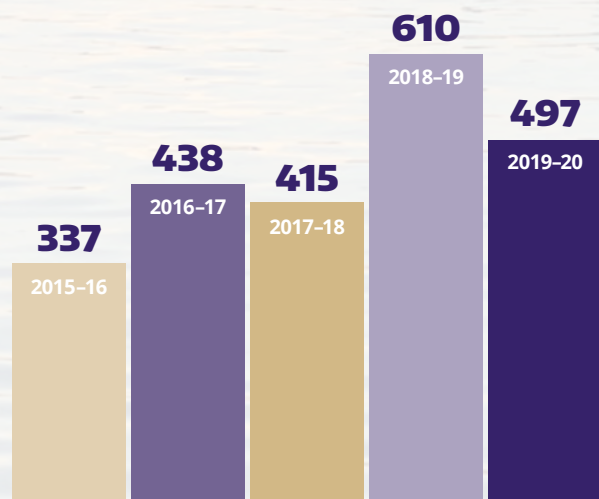
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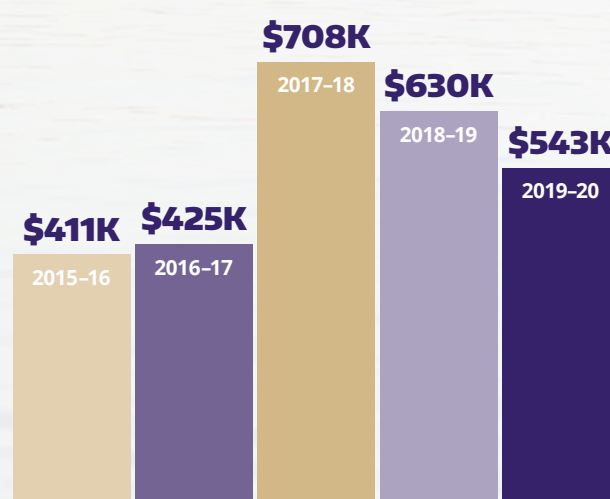
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When Washington Rowing alum and longtime supporter Blake Nordstrom passed away in 2019, the Huskies lost a true champion. His extraordinary legacy now lives on in a new endowment established in his honor. Proceeds from the endowment will be shared equally by Men's and Women's Rowing and will support some of the same needs Blake cared so much about during his life: maintenance of shells and launches; new launches, motors and accessories, and; outreach to alumni, friends and parents.

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

From the excitement of the Windermere Cup to the inspiration of the Varsity Boat Club Banquet, you can be front and center with Washington Rowing when you volunteer.

Volunteering is a great way to have an “all-access” pass to UW races and see them from a different perspective. There are lots of ways for you to get involved.

One of our most crucial needs for volunteers comes on race days, when we call on as many as 50 volunteers. Assignments include using an iPad to time races, being a stake boat holder at the starting platform, helping spot finish order at the finish line, and being a finish line flagger. We also ask volunteers to take on safety and driving duties, such as monitoring the warm-up area, assisting with get back/row backs and driving a referee launch.

Most volunteer positions require no previous experience. Launch drivers do need to have coaching or boating experience and attend a brief training.

We also need volunteers for the Banquet, Class Day Cruise, Class Day BBQ and the Windermere Cup Stewards Tent. We welcome inquiries about serving on the Board of Stewards.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Julia Paulsen**, Director of Operations, at **juliap44@uw.edu** or **206-543-1117**.



Advancing diversity in our sport

WASHINGTON TAKES A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO MAKE ROWING ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

The sport of rowing is white. It's our sport's history, at both the collegiate and Olympic levels. As we address racism in universities, intercollegiate athletics and every other institution in America, the University of Washington recognizes that we must do more, system wide, to address injustice and inequity.

"We've been inspired and supported by highly engaged stewards, including the leadership of Paul Ramsey and Jane Powers, an Athletic Department that is at the forefront of change, and student-athletes and alumni who are committed to forging a path forward," says Women's Head Coach Yaz Farooq. "And, we have the benefit of working in partnership with one of the best nonprofit community rowing organizations in the world, right here in our backyard — the George Pocock Rowing Foundation (GPRF)."



Above: Washington's "Fighting Lightweights" with Hulet Gates '71, one of the UW's first Black rowers.

To further this mission, Washington Rowing will establish a Diversity Equity and Inclusion Task Force whose broad goal will be to develop programs, policies and practices that increase opportunities for student-athletes of color to become rowers. The Task Force will assess the barriers that may discourage diverse students from rowing and determine how to break down those obstacles.

Chaired by a member of our Board of Rowing Stewards, other Task Force members will include:

- A GPRF representative
- Dr. Ed Taylor, UW Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs
- Dr. Alexes Harris, UW Sociology Professor and Faculty Athletic Representative to the Pac-12
- Hulet Gates ('71), one of the first African-American rowers at the UW
- Arthur Ashe Award winner, Husky 100 recipient and UW Nursing student Andre Mattus ('17)
- Kieanna Stephens (read about her on page 7)
- Arshay Cooper, rower and author of *A Most Beautiful Thing*, which chronicles the nation's first African-American high school rowing team in Chicago



Will Conroy, Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, encourages Jaylen Nowell (now of the NBA Timberwolves) on the ergometer as part of a teambuilding clinic with Washington's rowing coaches. #TougherTogether!

- UW Assistant Coach Sergio Espinoza, member of the diversity committees for both USRowing and the IRA

Even before the Task Force has held its first meeting, we've already taken steps to educate rowers, coaches and other teams. The UW was the first university in the nation to preview the book-based documentary of *A Most Beautiful Thing* for all student-athletes and athletic department staff.

Our partner, the Windermere Foundation teamed with GPRF to host a local drive-in showing of the film. Every year, Windermere sponsors school field trips for underserved students to Conibear as part of the annual Windermere Cup celebration.

With the University's support and these incredible partners, we are committed to doing more, including diversifying our own teams.

"Every student-athlete who has the commitment, work ethic and character to be a UW Rower should feel welcome in our program. And we must do everything possible

to proactively introduce students of color to the sport and pave their way to compete," says Men's Head Coach Michael Callahan. "We hope the work of the Task Force will become a model for our Athletic Department and universities across the nation and world."

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"I love the team aspect of rowing, the relationship between the individual and the team, and the connection between the people in the boat and the oar in the water. Every day, we're all in awe for what UW and our donors make possible for us."

Lark Skov, Class of 2021

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2021 Washington Rowing Schedule

SQUAD	RACE	EVENT DATES	LOCATION	OPPONENT
Women's Rowing	Vegas I	3/06/2021	Henderson, NV	USC
Men/Women's Rowing	Class Day Regatta	3/20/2021	Seattle, WA	UW
Men/Women's Rowing	Husky Open	3/ 27/2021	Seattle, WA	TBD
Women's Rowing	San Diego Crew Classic	3/26-28/2021	San Diego, CA	TBD
Men's Rowing	Covered Bridge Regatta	4/3/2021	Eugene, OR	OSU
Men's Rowing	Stanford Invite	4/10/2021	Redwood Shores, CA	SU
Women's Rowing	Vegas II	04/10-11/2021	Henderson, NV	TBD
Men/Women's Rowing	California Dual	04/24/2021	Seattle, WA	CAL
Men/Women's Rowing	Opening Day/ Windermere Cup Regatta	05/1/2021	Seattle, WA	TBD
Men/Women's Rowing	Pac-12 Championship	05/16/2021	Sacramento, WA	Pac-12 Conference
Men's Rowing	IRA Championship	05/28-30/2021	Princeton, NJ	TBD
Women's Rowing	NCAA Championship	05/28-30/2021	Sarasota, FL	TBD