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OFFICE OF
**COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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OUR MISSION: SUPPORT, SUSTAIN, AND GROW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'S MISSION TO ACTION

We recognize that the most successful UW Tacoma community partnerships are transformative and result in each partner achieving more together than they can accomplish alone. Within our strategic plan, we acknowledge that partnerships flourish when they are supported with infrastructure including organizational processes, communication channels, staffing, and funding. We are committed to improving support in the following areas:

- Promote Community-Engaged Partnerships
- Build Strategic Partnerships
- Collect & Assess Engagement Data
- Provide Data Analytics

UW TACOMA 2022-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

The UW Tacoma strategic plan affirms the mission, vision and values of UW Tacoma for which the Office of Community Partnerships is positioned to support and further implement and operationalize community engagement priorities.

- Strengthen collaborative community partnerships with an emphasis on diverse communities.
- Enhance, incentivize and recognize collaborative community engagement.
- Create and strengthen entry points for the community to partner with UW Tacoma.

PLANNING FOR TRI-CAMPUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Lead the collaborative development of community engagement principles and blueprints to guide university-wide activities
- Collaborate to understand critical pathways for strategic and fiscal support of community engagement
- Plan for an implementation of a tri-campus community engagement management system, to increase the transparency and accountability of the university's partnerships across the region and world
- Build strategies to provide faculty and staff professional development in community engagement across the UW
- Design frameworks to build students' understanding of and skills for community engagement
- Work with UW community partners to align infrastructure with community priorities

*Assessment of the plan & first phase pilot implementation will be determined during 2024-2025

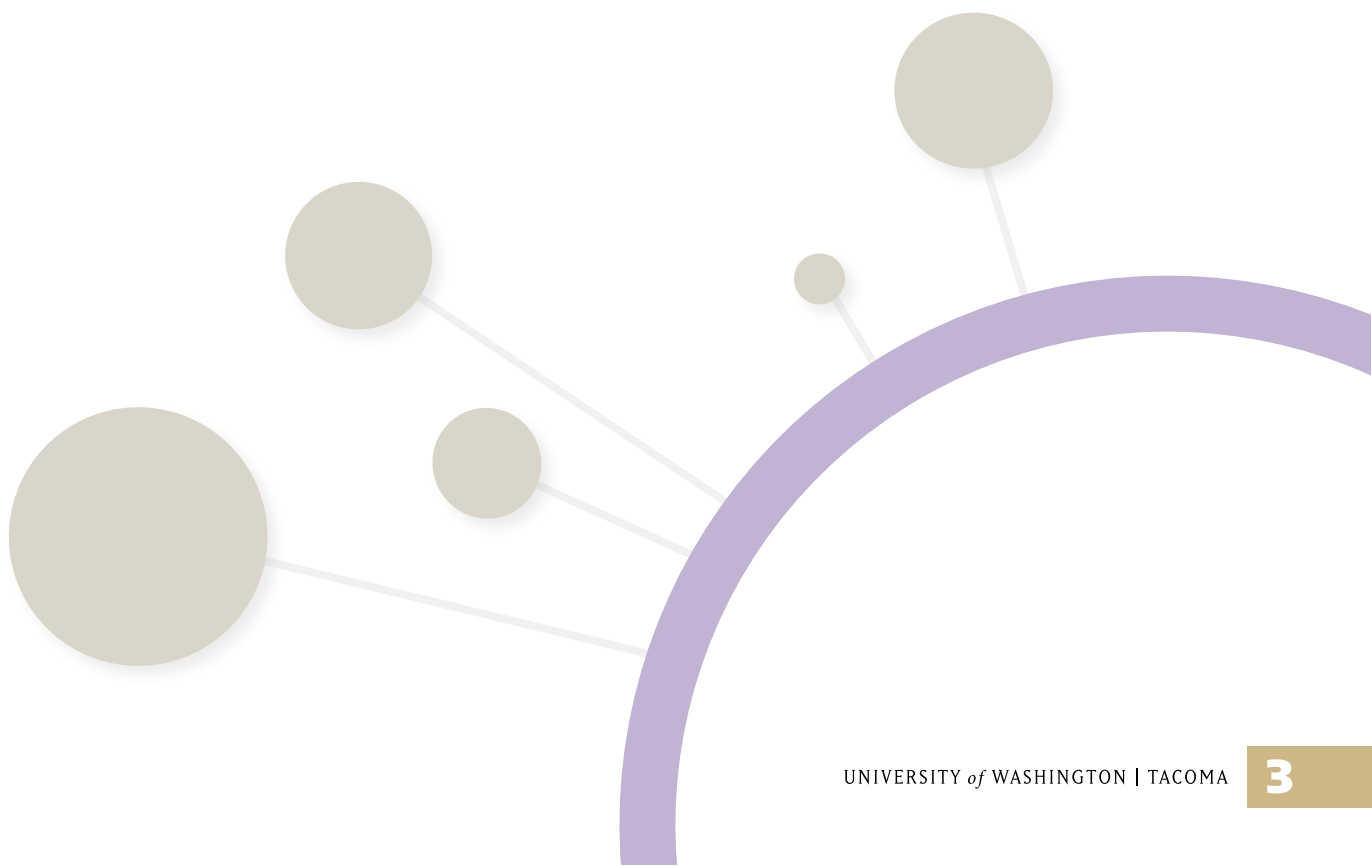
COLLABORATORY: UW TACOMA'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DATABASE

Since 2020, OCP has been working alongside other community engagement offices at institutions of higher education around the country to continuously improve assessment methodology for community engagement data. By assessing the campus' community engagement data OCP can better understand common themes among 'strong' partnerships so we can encourage and promote those components in new and emerging partnerships. The goal is to create a larger network of deep relationships with our community partners as UW Tacoma continues to embed itself in the South Sound community.

tacoma.uw.edu/community-partnerships/community-partnership-data



Click here to learn more about Collaboratory.

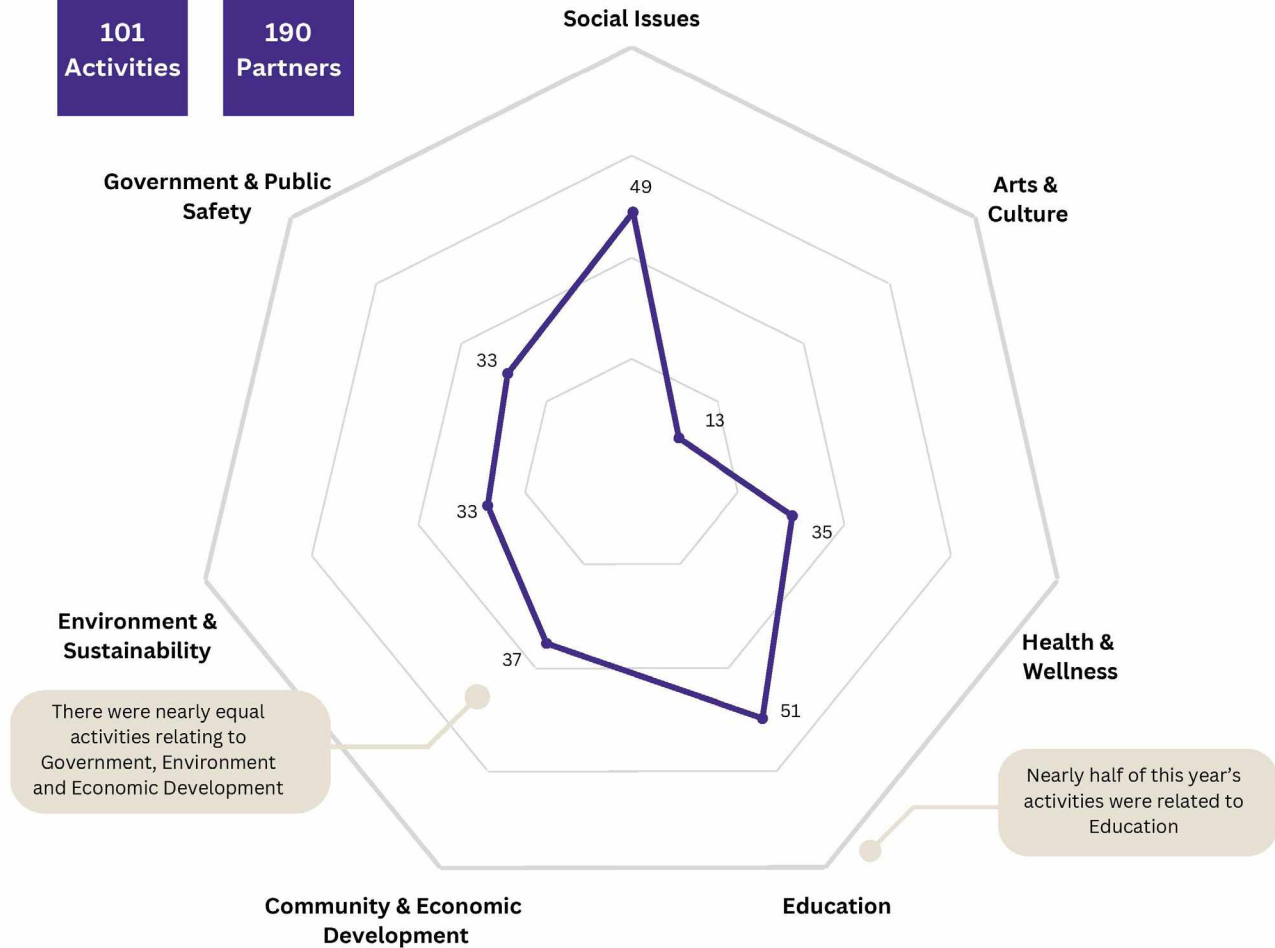


What Happened at UWT This Year?

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

101
Activities

190
Partners

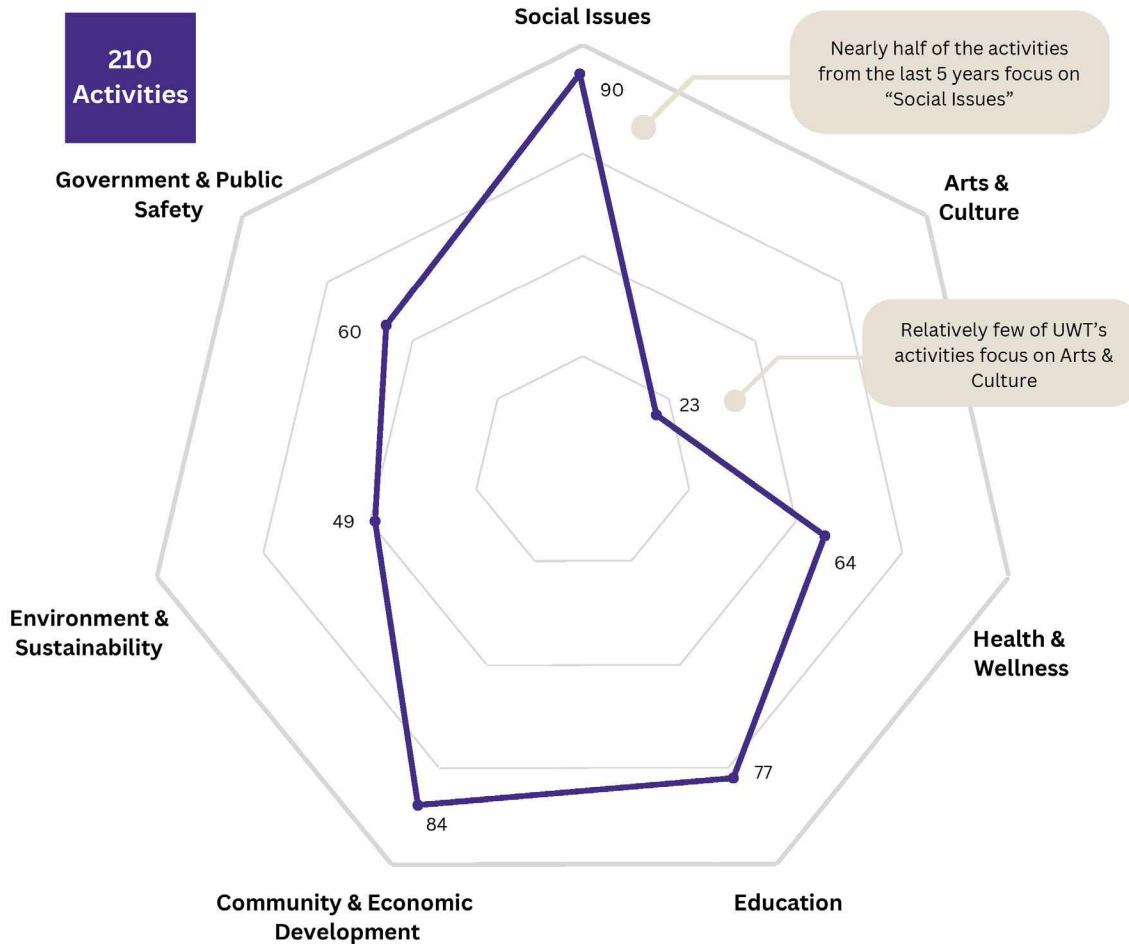


This radar chart shows the theme of community-partnered activities at UWT, some activities may fall into multiple categories. We can use this chart to visualize which themes are frequently, or infrequently, addressed at UWT.

*Data is self-identified from faculty and staff entries in the UWT Collaboratory database

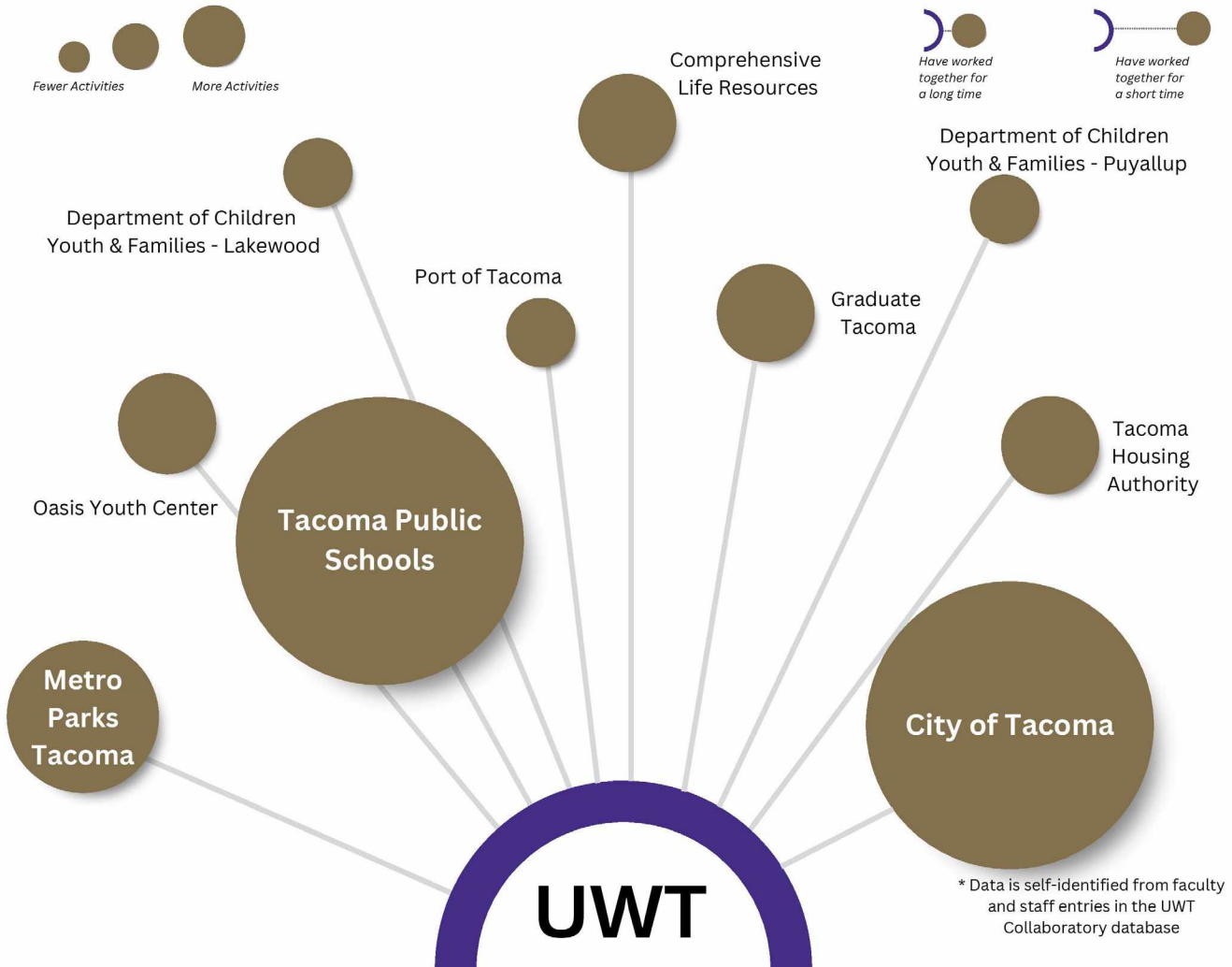
What Happened at UWT in the last 5 years?

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2024



Who were this year's partners?

This sunburst chart shows our 10 longest-term partners in the UWT community with active projects between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 . These partners appear many different times and for long durations in the partnership database. Partners with more activities are presented in bigger circles. Partners that have been working with UWT for longer are closer to the center.



SIAS

Multicare

Greater Lakes
Mental Health

DCYF - Tacoma

Bethel School District

DCYF - Puyallup
Comprehensive
Life Resources

Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center

Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center

School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Tacoma Public
Schools

City of
Tacoma

Social Issues

Kent
School District

Government & Public
Safety

Arts &
Culture

35
Activities

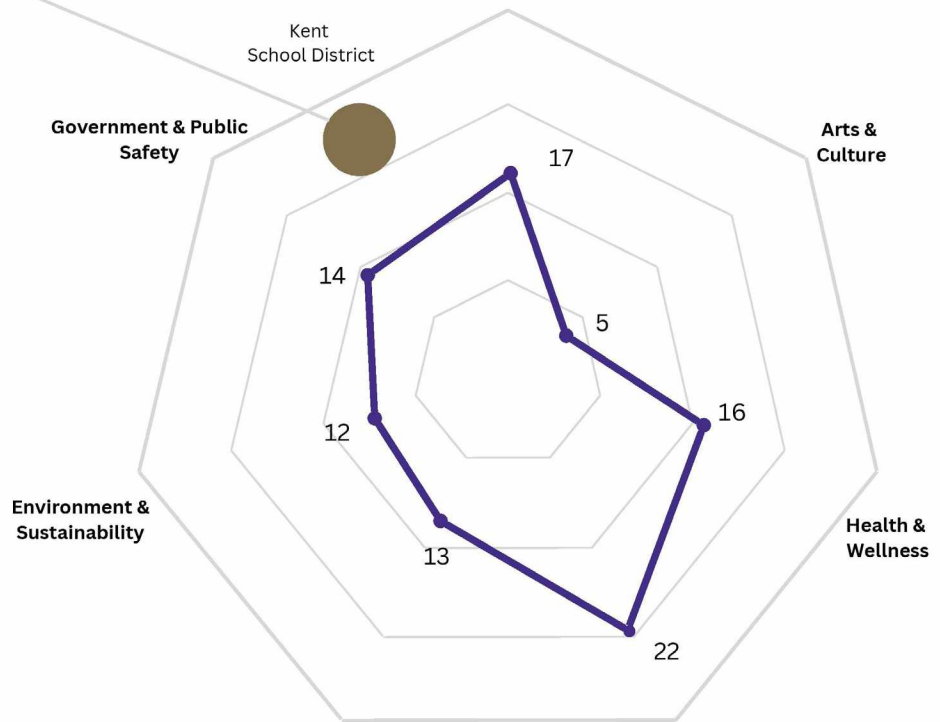
120
Partners

Environment &
Sustainability

Health &
Wellness

Community & Economic
Development

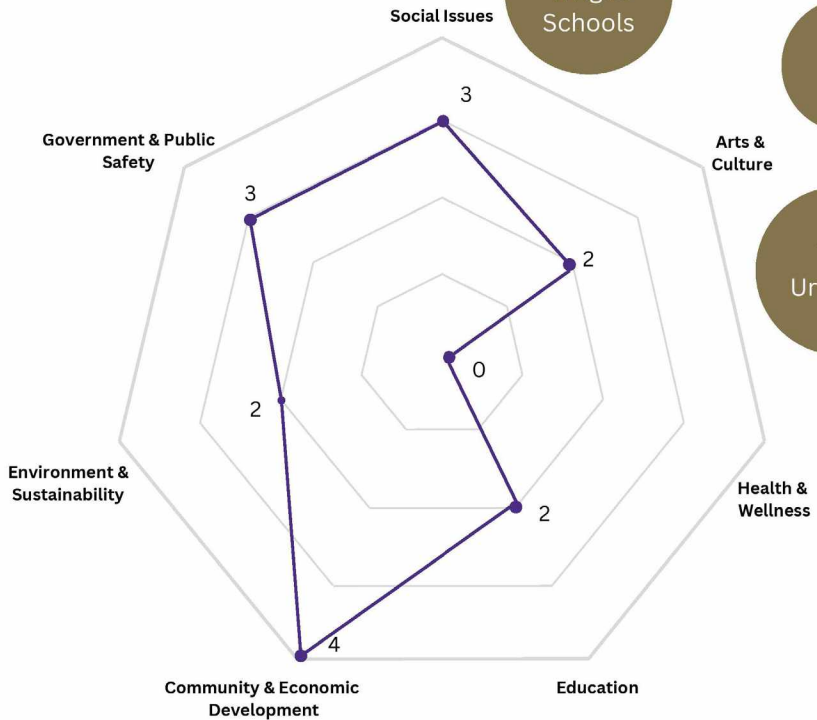
Education



School of Urban Studies

8
Activities

16
Partners



Social Issues

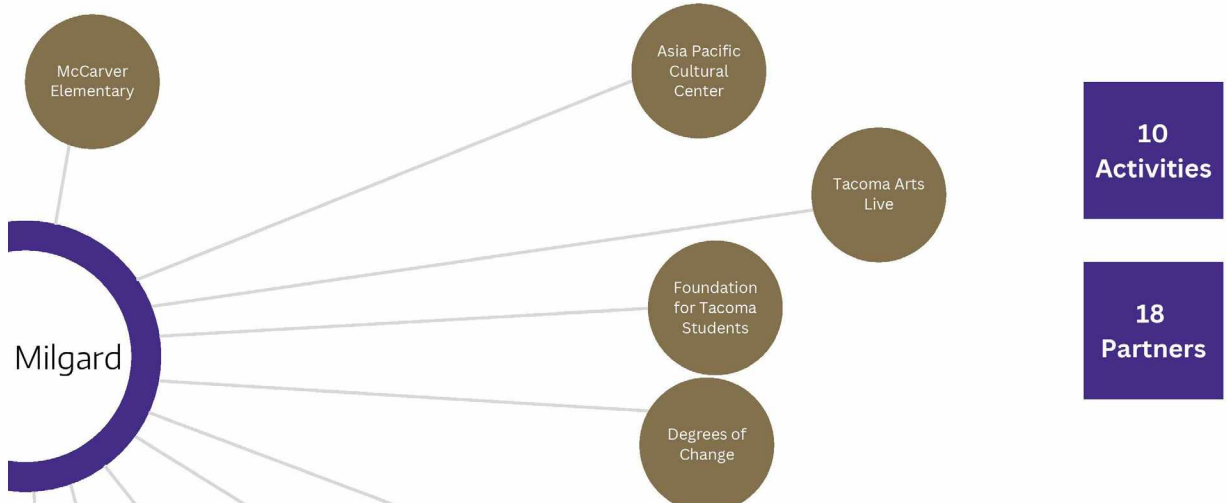
Washington State History Museum

Arts & Culture

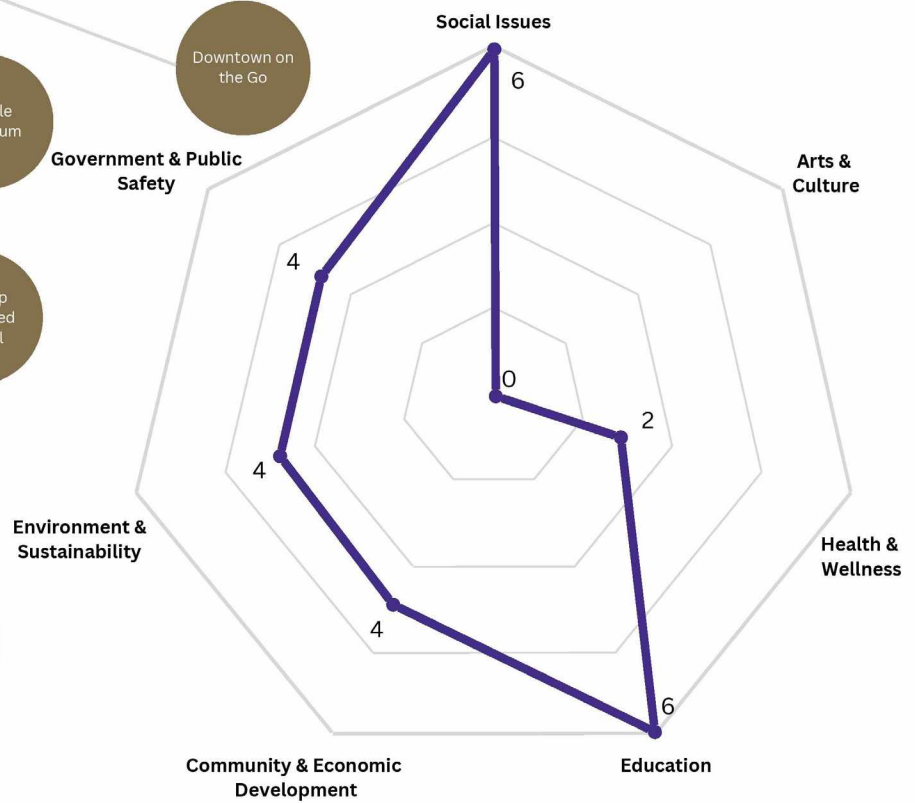
Health & Wellness

Community & Economic Development

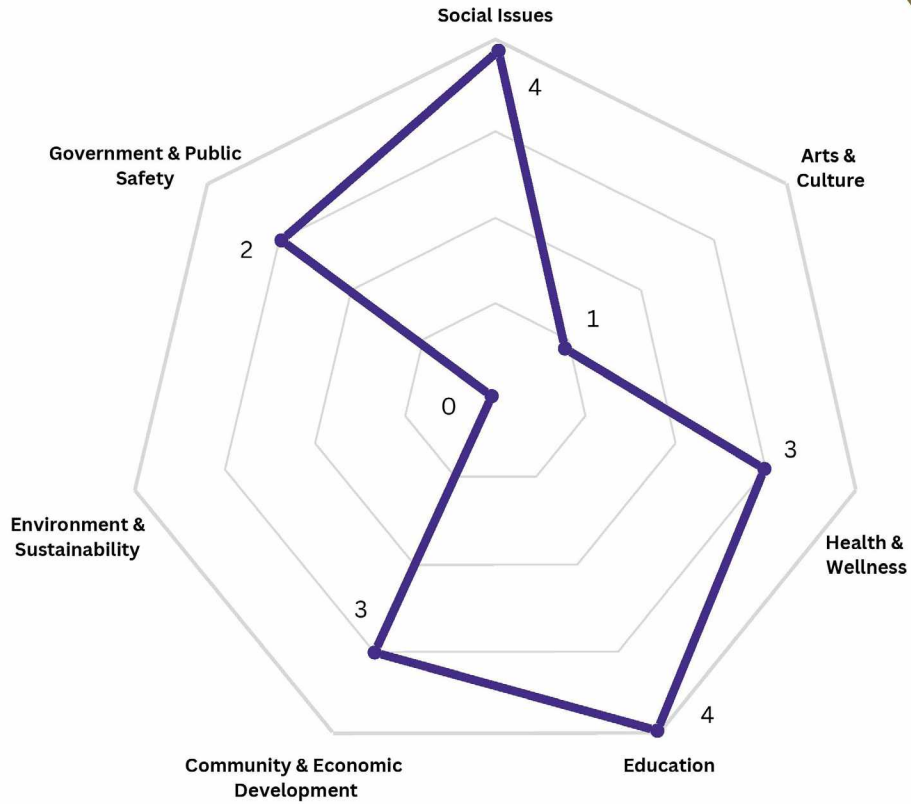
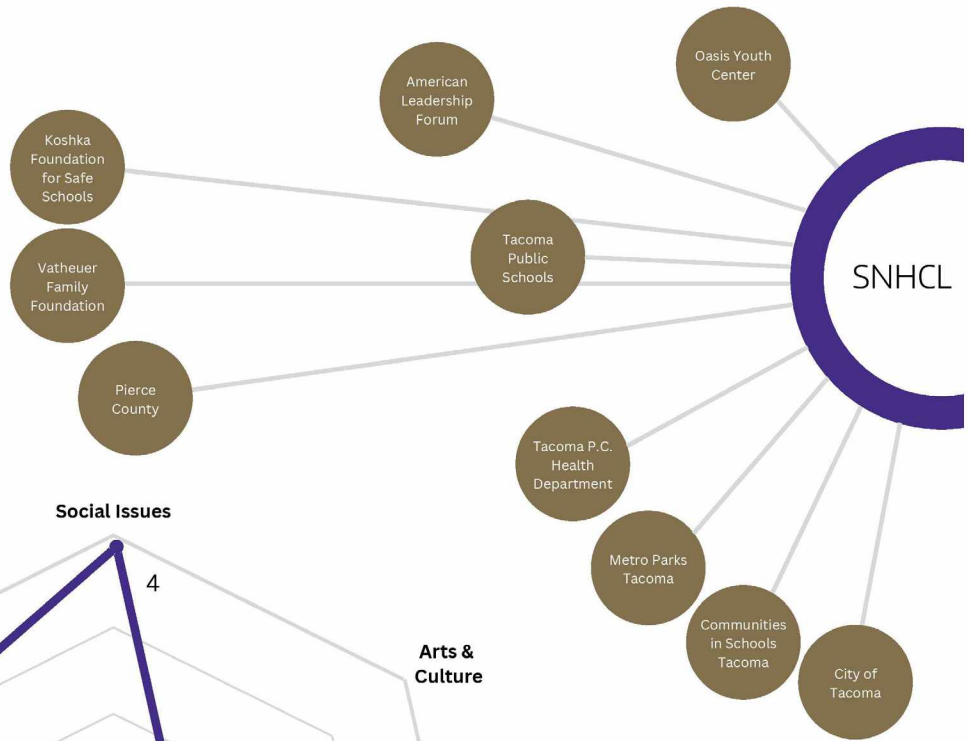
Education



Milgard School of Business



School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership



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Activities

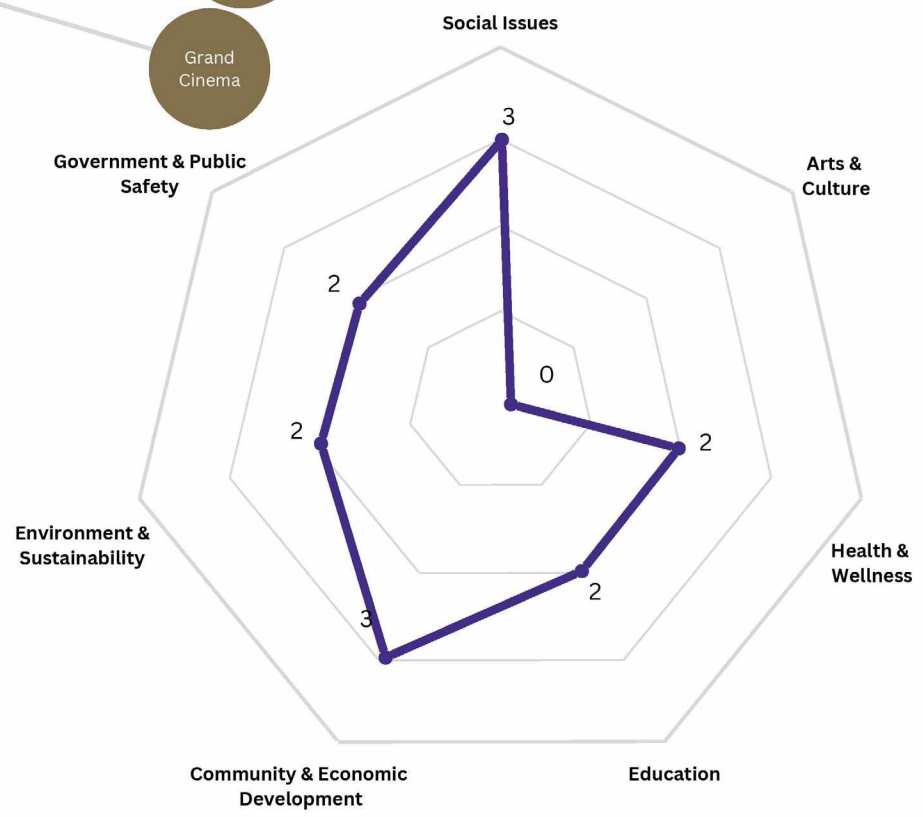
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Partners

School of Education



3
Activities

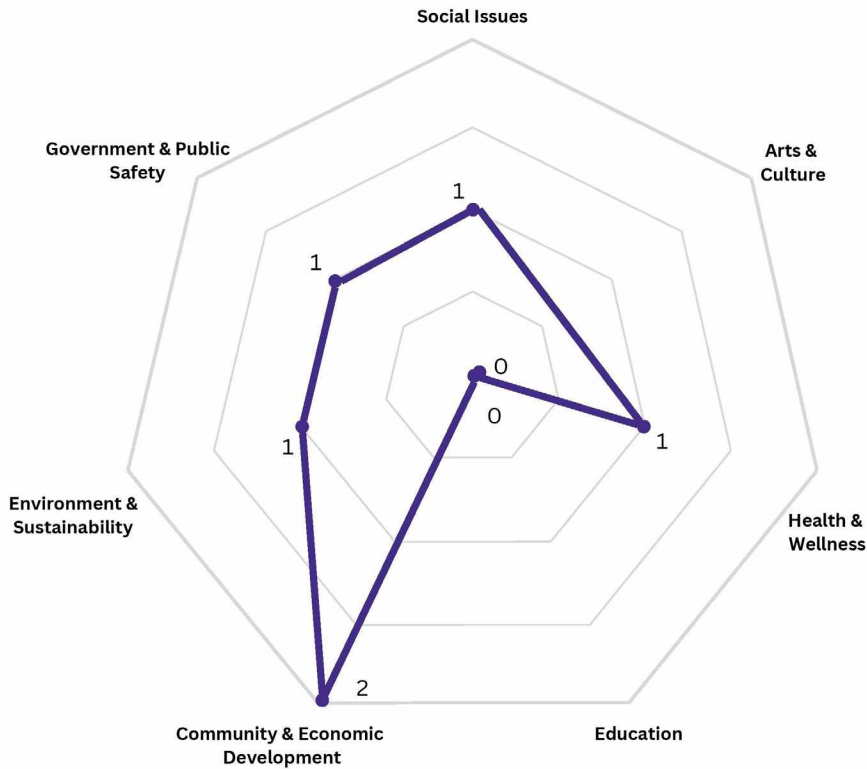
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Partners



School of Engineering & Technology

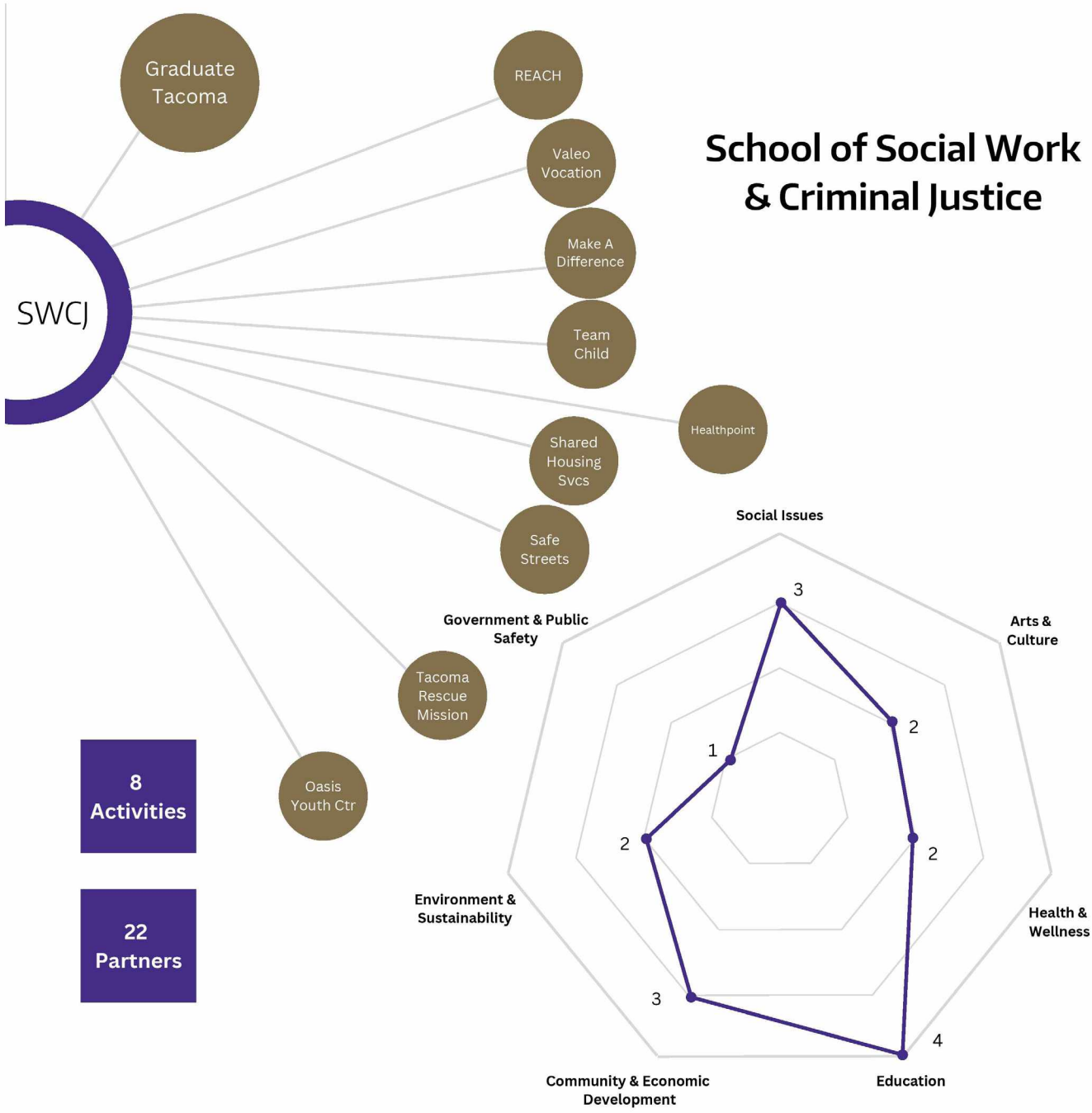
Black Brilliance Research Project

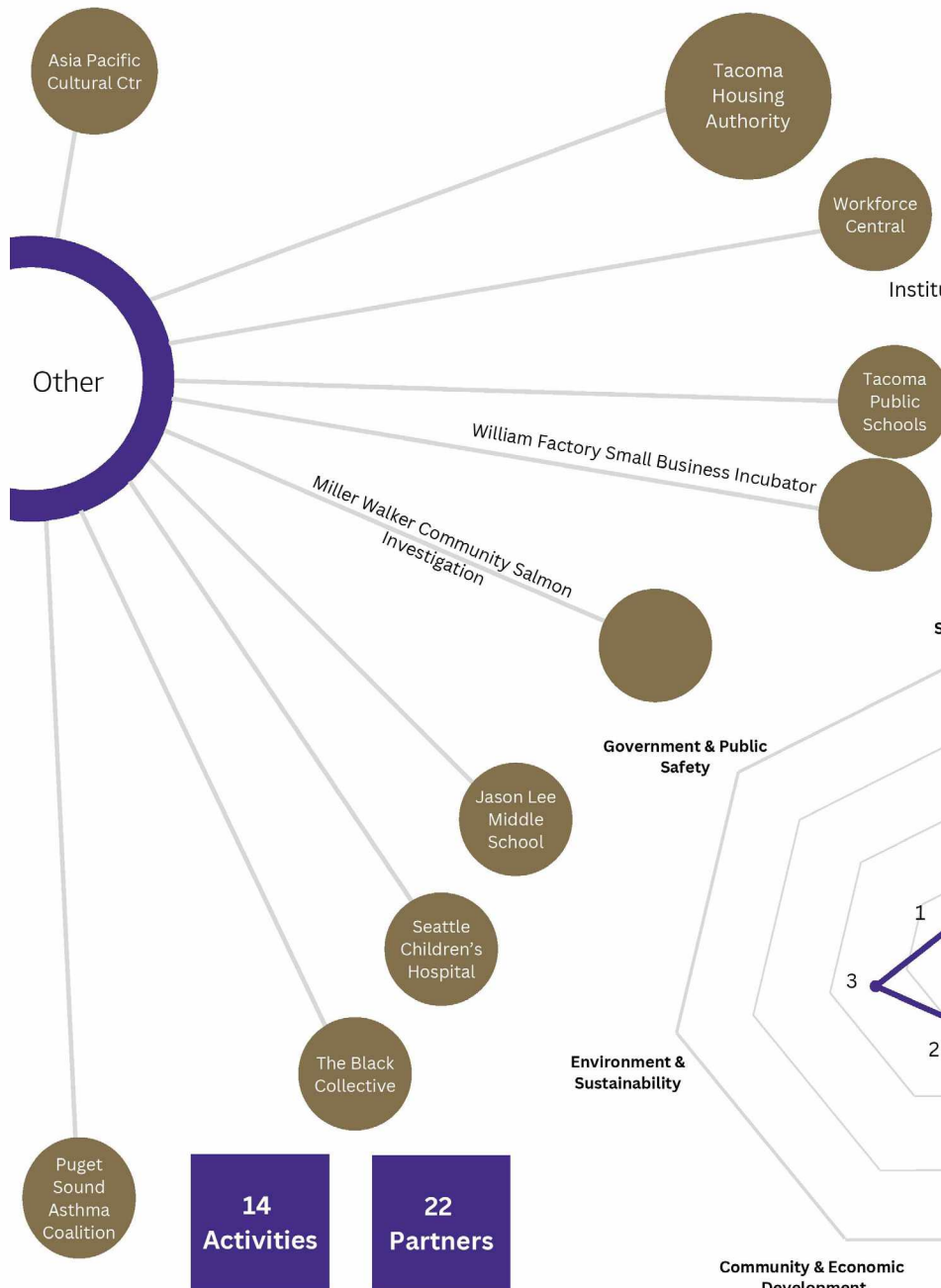
Metro Parks Tacoma



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Activities

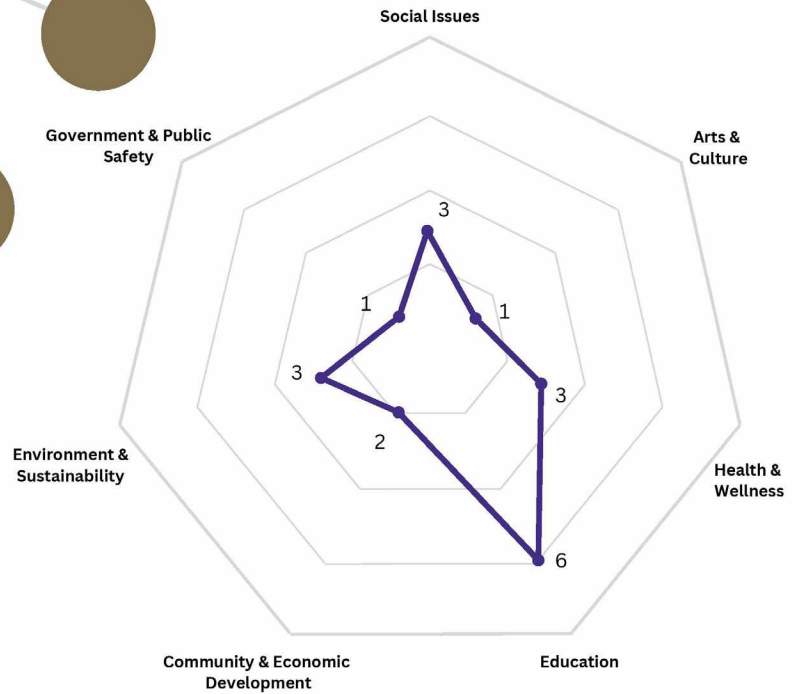
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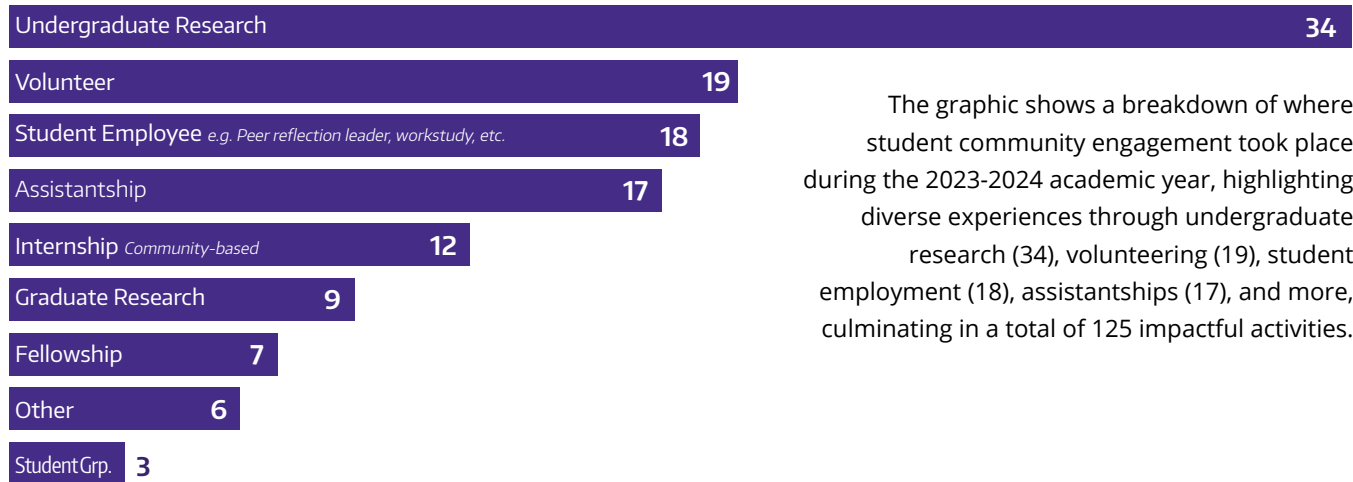
Other UWT Units

- Center for Business Analytics
- Global Innovation and Design Lab
- Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement
- Legal Pathways
- Student Affairs
- Center for Applied Urban Research
- Student Transitions and Success
- Academic Affairs
- Center for Service and Leadership
- External Relations
- Center for Equity & Inclusion
- Student Advocacy and Support
- Office of Community Partnerships
- Veteran and Military Resource Center



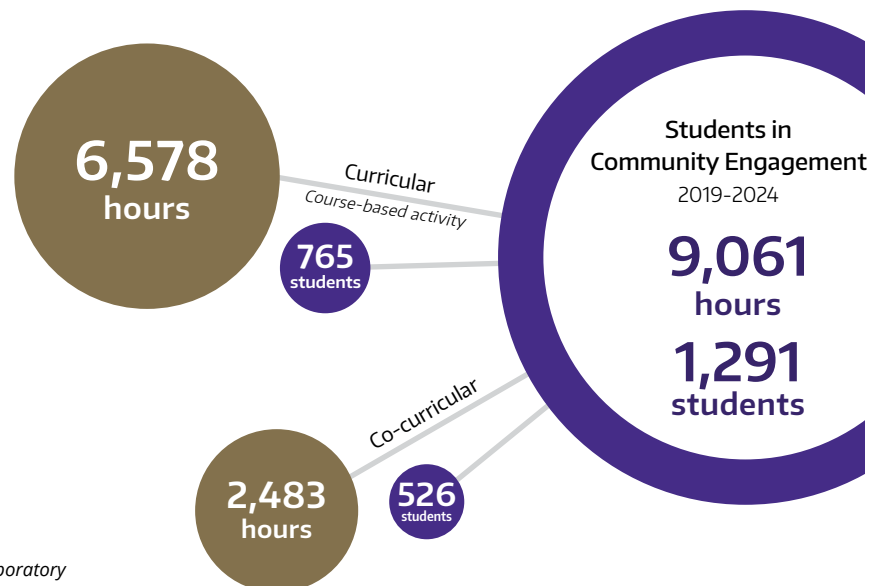
EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Type of Student Involvement 2023-2024



The graphic shows a breakdown of where student community engagement took place during the 2023-2024 academic year, highlighting diverse experiences through undergraduate research (34), volunteering (19), student employment (18), assistantships (17), and more, culminating in a total of 125 impactful activities.

This graphic shows the distribution of student engagement hours across curricular and co-curricular activities over the past 5 years, 2019-2024. It highlights the contribution of 1,291 students, who collectively dedicated 9,061 hours to community-focused initiatives, with 6,578 hours attributed to course-based (curricular) activities and 2,483 hours to extracurricular (co-curricular) endeavors.



These graphics represent data which is self-reported into Collaboratory by UW Tacoma faculty and staff. It does not represent all student-related community engagement at UW Tacoma. Student counts in course-based activities are reported on a section-by-section basis and are not de-duplicated. Collaboratory does not track individual student data.

CARNEGIE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION: ELECTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION

Since receiving the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement in December of 2019, UW Tacoma faculty, staff, and students remain focused on making community engagement a deeper, more pervasive, better integrated, and sustained campus effort.

This year, UW Tacoma is working on the re-application process for the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification designation (due in Spring of 2025).



HOW DOES CARNEGIE DEFINE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

“Community engagement describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.”

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The University of Washington Tacoma recognizes and celebrates community engagement through a variety of awards and observances. Many faculty, staff, and students on this campus are engaged in exciting community partnership activities, and recognizing their work is a priority.

DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Given annually, the award recognizes the important and innovative community-engaged and community-based work by faculty at the University of Washington Tacoma. Such work is based on an ethic of mutual benefit in which both the community partner and/or public and the university, its faculty, and/or its students benefit in ways not possible without the partnership.



Dr. Eric Madfis
School of Social Work & Criminal Justice



Dr. Chieh (Sunny) Cheng
School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION *(continued)*

FACULTY FELLOWS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Faculty Fellows in Community Engagement Program is designed to support, strengthen, and formalize community engagement for faculty collaborator groups (at least 2 faculty) who develop and integrate publicly-engaged activities with teaching and scholarship for the public good. Funding is intended to support proposals that collectively address a community identified need and actively include community partners in the ongoing co-learning and co-production processes.



Comprehensive Training Initiative for School Nurses: Fostering Mental Health Awareness and Equity

Chieh (Sunny) Cheng

School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership

Mayumi Willgerodt

UW Seattle School of Nursing

Community Partner

Tacoma Public Schools Health Services (LOGO)



Supporting Adoptees Through Mentorship and Mutual Aid

Jaeran Kim

School of Social Work & Criminal Justice

Michelle Bagshaw

UW Integrated Social Sciences

Community Partner(s)

Adoptee Mentoring Society, AIRERoots (LOGOS)



Empowering AAPI Youth Through Radical Hope Mental Health Workshops

Jonah Li

School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Yi (Jenny) Xiao

School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Community Partner

Asia Pacific Cultural Center (LOGO)

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In 2024, the UW Tacoma Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) proudly launched the inaugural *Engaged Scholarship Award*. This award reflects our commitment to fostering a campus culture that values and celebrates engaged scholarship. At OCP, we recognize the profound impact our faculty have on community engagement, and we are excited to honor their contributions through this prestigious award.



Dr. Jessie Quizar
School of Urban Studies

WASHINGTON COALITION FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD CHANCELLOR'S STUDENT CIVIC LEADERS AWARDS

As a Washington Coalition for the Public Good member institution, UW Tacoma annually recognizes and awards two of our student civic leaders who are addressing critical issues on their campuses and in their communities through civic engagement and social entrepreneurship.



Chancellor's Student Civic Leader Award



Jannat Musawi
*BA Psychology; Social Welfare
(Spring 2026)*



Holly Wetzel
*BA Psychology; Healthcare Ldrshp.
(Summer 2025)*



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