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CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADERS

What role does the University District play in supporting our community and region?

The University District speaks to Spokane’s commitment to, and passion for, advancing our region through higher education. It serves as a resource, a driver and an innovation zone to help move Spokane forward. The growing concentration of bio-medical training and research on the campus brings new and increased vitality, economic impact and social influence to our core.

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In 2004, leaders in Spokane realized the potential and value of reclaiming the area east of Downtown Spokane—what we know today as the University District.

They formed the University District Development Association (UDDA), a non-profit agency that partners with the University District Public Development Authority (UDPDA) to foster collaboration among stakeholders. The UDDA implements economic development initiatives and engages in projects that demonstrate investment readiness. The organization also facilitates and supports a variety of projects across life sciences, housing, medical education, and retail.

Just a block away from downtown and in close proximity to the medical district, the University District is a natural hub for higher education and health care in our region. It houses colleges and programs of Washington State University, University of Washington, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Whitworth University, and Community Colleges of Spokane.

Last year, for the first time, medical students were able to get their complete four-year education in Spokane—an important boon for our region, not only producing much-in-demand physicians but also driving the economy.

The University District is well on its way to becoming an important academic health science center in the U.S.—providing an ongoing stream of economic growth and business opportunity for the entire region.
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Spokane’s University District: A LOCATION FOR SUCCESS

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Christine Johnson, PhD
Chancellor
Community Colleges of Spokane

Since 1994 WSU has invested over $208 million in infrastructure and created thousands of jobs in Spokane.

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We are excited to continue to make a meaningful impact on local healthcare education, research, and economic growth.
The University District helps drive Spokane's growth

By David Condon, Mayor, City of Spokane

The University District continues to emerge as a vibrant piece of Spokane's fabric. With expectations for high growth in the district over the next two decades, the City of Spokane is committed to making the area an even better place to live, work, study, and play.

The University District, along with other higher education resources in the region, makes Spokane a safer, strong and smarter community. Building for education is building a future, and the University District will help drive Spokane's growth into the next century.

The City has helped lead the effort to develop and grow the University District over the past decade. Following years of neglect in the area, the City along with key leaders and groups, including the Downtown Spokane Partnership, recognized the unique and vast potential of the district, with its higher education institutions and proximity to downtown, the Spokane River, and the growing medical district.

The University District Master Plan was developed in 2004 in order to reclaim the area. The plan’s vision was to create a vibrant, mixed-use environment that would attract top students, faculty and staff, cutting-edge researchers, and creative entrepreneurs. This focus on creating, attracting, and retaining new economy workers and businesses represented a fundamental shift in the pursuit of economic development for Spokane and the region.

The University District will help drive Spokane's growth into the next century.

Ten years in, the City and its partners in the University District Development Association and the University District Public Development Authority continue to focus on projects, which set the table for consistent growth in the area. Work is moving forward on the University District bicycle and pedestrian bridge, a critical gateway that will connect the health sciences campus to the underdeveloped commercial district around Sprague Avenue.

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The Streetcar’s Comeback
By Jim Kershner, historian and journalist
The Spokesman-Review

Spokane was built along its streetcar lines. In April 1888, a team of horses powered Spokane’s first streetcar from downtown to a new housing development called Brown’s Addition.

Many other streetcar lines followed within a year, all built by real estate developers who wanted to solve a problem unique to that pre-auto era: People would not buy homes outside of the city center unless the developers provided a way to get downtown quickly and cheaply.

The horse-drawn streetcar was supplanted almost immediately by three innovations: steam-powered streetcars powered by small locomotives, cable cars clanging their way up Spokane’s steep South Hill, and finally, electric streetcars, which completely took over by 1894.

These electric streetcars — also known as trolleys, after the “trolley pole” that attached to overhead wires — turned out to be perfect for Spokane, with its abundant water power.

In fact, the Washington Water Power Co. (now Avista) soon snapped up virtually all of the independent streetcar lines and became the dominant transit purveyor in the city. By 1910, Washington Water Power’s streetcar lines were shuttling 24 million passengers a year to work, to school, to grocery stores and amusement parks.

Trolleys had become an indispensable part of Spokane’s life — and nightlife. The Owl Car trolley line rumbled through downtown in the wee hours, whisking revelers to and from saloons, gambling houses and vaudeville theaters.

Yet by 1936, the internal combustion bus killed off Spokane’s last electric streetcar.

Or did it?

Today, the Spokane Transit Authority (STA), which operates the city’s transit system, is eyeing an innovation that harkens back to the golden era of streetcars. It is planning an all-electric bus line called the Central City Line running from Brown’s Addition to Spokane Community College, straight through Spokane’s burgeoning University District.

These sleek electric vehicles do not run on rails, but they resemble streetcars more than buses. They’ll serve thousands of students, faculty, workers, shoppers and revelers, who share something in common with those early Spokane trolley riders: the need for a fast and convenient way to navigate the city center.

For additional cost savings on the project, STA is considering a wire-free, in-ground charging system, so the Central City Line’s electric vehicles may or may not have trolley poles. Either way, riders should find it a distinctly trolley-like experience, straight out of Spokane’s transit past.

The MAC

The MAC (Martin Luther King Jr. Way Central City Line) route is the latest addition to the STA’s electric streetcar system, which is designed to provide a way for people to cross the railroad tracks between the two sections of the University District.
Why site in Spokane’s UD?

Accelerate your success in our innovation zone.

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Once in a generation, there’s an opportunity to be part of something transformative. It happened in the 1950s, when a group of businessmen purchased land that became Fairchild Air Force Base. It happened in the 1970s, when Spokane had the audacity to host the World’s Fair. It’s happening again on the south bank of the Spokane River.

STCU is honored to be part of this generation’s transformative project, the University District.

Tom Johnson
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Biotechnology & Medical Device Manufacturing Sales & Use Tax Deferral/Waiver
A sales and use tax deferral/waiver program is available for investments in construction or renovation of structures, machinery and equipment used for biotechnology product or medical device manufacturing. Application for the deferral must be filed and approved before building permit is issued.

Community Empowerment Zone (CEZ)
Sales and Use Tax Deferral/Exemption on certain construction and equipment purchases for new and expanding businesses are available to manufactur- ers, and research and development and commercial testing for manufacturers, in the Community Empowerment Zone (CEZ). There is also a Business and Occupation New Job Tax Credit for each new job created by manufacturing, research and development, and software development firms.

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone
The Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) program helps small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities.

Governor’s Strategic Reserve Fund
At the Governor’s discretion (based on the industry, number of jobs, and wages), funds may be available for reimbursement of technical assistance, planning, relocation expenses and job training. Business must provide economic outcomes for five years.

Explore the UD, and the greater Spokane region, at selectspokane.com, a GIS-based site with commercial real estate listings and demographic/business information. If you have questions about locating a business in the UD, contact Robin Toth, VP of Business Development at Greater Spokane Incorporated, 509-321-3618.

Utility Upgrade Fund for water & sewer infrastructure
Up to a $40,000 utility upgrade in the public-right-of-way as a match to the work of private development on the interior of a building.

Commercial Utility Rate for residential in legacy buildings
For projects with housing developed in a building that has been used commercially (first floor is in use, upper floors are empty), the City Utility rate will be at the standard commercial rate instead of the higher residential rate/unit.

Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) Grant
Grants that invest in human capital to accelerate Spokane’s health sciences research capacity, fund innovative research to expedite commercialization and spur job growth.

Training Funds
Various funds are available to offset the cost of training new and incumbent workers, including WorkStart, On the Job Training and the Job Skills Program.

Historic Preservation Incentives
In addition to a federal income tax credit, a revision of the assessed value of a historic property which subtracts, for up to ten years, rehabilitation costs as approved by the Spokane City-County Historic Landmarks Commission. Properties must be listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places prior to application to qualify.

Innovate Washington
Innovate Washington has one goal: make Washington the best place to develop innovative ideas and launch innovative companies. The organization brings together entrepreneurs, established companies, government entities, investors, and industry leaders to promote economic development in the state.

The following organizations make their home in the Spokane Innovate Washington building:

• WSU Applied Sciences Laboratory
• Hyprotek
• Minno Tablet
• Novion Technologies
• SunShare Energy
• ReliantRx/Reliant Lifeworks
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Startups Spark Creativity in University District

McKinstry Innovation Center houses new enterprises
By Kim Pearman-Gillman

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Avista has sponsored the Center for Entrepreneurship through Spokane Community College. The program helps students turn their innovative business idea into a reality by supplying them with the practical skills needed to start and run a new business. The program helps students establish themselves in the local business community by giving them access to local leaders as well as helping them grow their business networks.

The Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at Gonzaga University hopes to develop leaders who will create change by combining their passions and entrepreneurship. Using an honors program model to identify students (from any major), it provides a three-year immersion in entrepreneurial contexts. The program offers hands-on experience, networking with entrepreneurs, and a scholarship.

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Gonzaga Grads Follow Passion; Build Community in Spokane

New students come to Spokane each year to embark on their educational journey at Gonzaga University. Many discover a love for Spokane and make their home here.

It’s a point of pride to see Gonzaga alums use their talents to lead, shape and give back to this community. And it’s a cycle we will foster and grow indefinitely.

Ryan Oelrich, Executive Director, Ambassadors Scholarship Foundation; Jim Sheehan, Founder and President, Center for Justice and the Community Building Foundation; Brian Estes, Program Coordinator, Catholic Charities; Leah Sottile, Co-founder, Volume Music Festival; Luke Baumgarten, Co-founder, Terrain and Bazaar; Mallene Herzog, Owner, The Herzog Family Center; Ben Stuckart, President, Spokane City Council; Celeste Shaw, Owner, Chaps Restaurant; Matt Santangelo, Executive Director, Spokane Hoopfest Association.

HSSA has committed 75 percent of its revenues to health sciences research and the infrastructure to support that research. Those annual revenues are paying down a $10.7 million bond HSSA was able to secure through the county in 2010 that provides up-front funding for health sciences research.

HSSA has awarded about $5.4 million in research and infrastructure to date. In addition, HSSA commits about 15 percent of its revenues — $1,037,238 to-date — to increase access to health care in Spokane County by funding organizations that provide access to care for at-risk populations.

The good news? HSSA has funding for your research project in Spokane.
In 1989, the Spokane community dared to dream of developing a health sciences education and research campus... Now, 25 years later, WSU Spokane is delivering on those dreams.

WSU Spokane Continues Health Sciences Investments
By Lisa Brown, PhD, Chancellor, Washington State University Spokane

In 1989, the Spokane community dared to dream of developing a health sciences education and research campus that would leverage the assets of Spokane’s high-quality health care providers, serve as an economic engine for the city, and provide research and graduate level opportunities.

Now, 25 years later, WSU Spokane is delivering on those dreams with significant developments related to its health sciences mission. Most importantly, following a nine-month study on the need for a second medical school in the state of Washington, WSU’s regents directed the University to pursue accreditation for a medical school on the Spokane campus. The regents noted the University’s responsibility, as the state’s land-grant institution, to meet state needs.

Indeed the need is great. The U.S. is facing a major physician shortage. In Washington alone, 500,000 people became newly insured in 2014 through the state’s health insurance exchange marketplace and Medicaid expansion, leaving many patients struggling to find a primary care doctor. This shortage is especially acute in rural areas. An example of this discrepancy is that half of all physicians are located in King County (home to Seattle), despite the county only having 29 percent of the state’s population.

Another surprising statistic reported in the study is that Washington ranks at the bottom in number of state residents (120) accepted into its one public medical school at the University of Washington. To reach the national average of 440 MD slots for citizens training in their own state, Washington would have to enroll 320 more Washington students each year. As state populations have grown, many states are adding medical schools in mid-sized cities. Washington’s population has doubled since the early ‘70s, yet the number of physicians it produces has barely increased.

The model WSU is considering—a community-based medical school that partners with existing hospitals and clinics—has the potential to be more effective and less costly than a traditional medical school that has its own hospitals and physician practice.

Finally, the report found that WSU is well positioned to pursue a medical school due to its longtime investments to Spokane and has the potential, if funding continues, to bring another 39 over the next five years. Currently, 80 medical residents train in Spokane and 1,500 in Western Washington.

WSU has committed over $16 million to building a clinic on campus that will provide a place for these medical residents, as well as students in WSU Spokane’s colleges of Medical Sciences, Nursing and Pharmacy and in Eastern Washington University’s allied health fields, to practice team-based care. The inter-professional model is widely recognized as being the future of health care training.

As WSU Spokane begins its second quarter century, it looks forward to serving as a pipeline for medical education to all high schools, colleges and universities in the region, and to expanding its research of genetics, cancer, kidney disease, diabetes, drug addiction, fatigue, sleep, and more. WSU Spokane is well prepared to be a leader in our community’s future, as we have been for the past 25 years.

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Increasing Medical Residencies

WSU’s commitment to medical education includes the level of training known as medical residencies. The University is working with Providence Health Care and Empire Health Foundation to expand the number of medical residency slots in Eastern Washington. Residencies provide the additional post-degree, on-the-job training required for new doctors to become licensed.

Research shows physicians are more likely to practice where they complete their training. According to a 2009 American Medical Association report, 56 percent of graduates practice within 100 miles of where they trained. Currently, only five percent of the state’s residency slots are located in Eastern Washington.

The consortium formed the Spokane Teaching Health Center and secured a federal grant that brought six new primary care residents to Spokane and has the potential, if funding continues, to bring another 39 over the next five years. Currently, 80 medical residents train in Spokane and 1,500 in Western Washington.

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More than 40 years ago, the University of Washington (UW) pioneered a highly innovative, community-based approach to medical education that eventually spanned the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI). This revolutionary new program sought to train physicians in and for rural and underserved areas, and provided students with an array of experiences both in large cities and small communities. US News & World Report has consistently ranked the program the best in the nation for primary care education and for training rural and family medicine physicians.

The UW School of Medicine is also ranked Number 2 in the nation for the amount of research funding we receive from the National Institutes of Health. Most recently, the 2014 Academic Ranking of World Universities named the UW School of Medicine the third best medical school in the world.

This year, leaders from UW and WSU agreed to pursue their own respective proposals to meet the state’s medical education needs. The UW remains 100 percent committed to the ongoing success of UW medical students and our four-year medical school in Spokane, and we will find solutions to the physician shortage, especially in rural areas.

“The collective needs of our students, faculty, the Spokane community and our state are a top priority,” says UW President Michael K. Young. “To that end, the UW remains fully committed to doubling our medical school class size in Spokane and has submitted a budget request to the Governor’s office for the 2015-17 biennium. We are also committed to growing the research, industry commercialization and medical residency opportunities that will ensure a vibrant, health care economy well into the future.”

For additional information on ongoing updates about our plans for expansion in Spokane, please visit our website, uw.edu/spokanemedschool.
Kicking off a new and exciting era in the University District, Eastern Washington University (EWU) opened the new College of Health Science and Public Health (CHSPH) July 1. Located in EWU Spokane’s Phase 1 Building, the college strengthens EWU’s ability to meet the growing market demand in the health care industry.

Joining our College of Business and Public Administration already located on the urban campus, the new college is a significant addition to EWU and the University District. EWU has a long tradition of excellence in the health sciences in downtown Spokane. Many of our long-standing programs are now part of the new college: communication disorders, dental hygiene, the Doctorate in Physical Therapy, occupational therapy, the new Master of Public Health, health services administration and the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education Program (RIDE).

For students, the new college will expand the number of health-related programs available. With its interdisciplinary, collaborative and community focus, CHSPH will provide inter-professional education in health care and effectively position our students to be successful in the shifting marketplace of the 21st century.

We are thrilled to have Mary Ann Keogh Hoss, PhD, serving as interim dean of CHSPH for the academic year. In addition to having served as interim CEO of the nation’s largest state-operated psychiatric hospital, Keogh Hoss has also led efforts to establish community advisory boards and has developed strong partnerships with health care communities in our region.

With two EWU colleges now in the University District, and a vibrant and growing main campus in Cheney, EWU is reinforcing its role as an economic driver and community partner. As the new president on the block, I couldn’t be more excited to see Eastern Washington University continue to strengthen its partnerships and provide innovative contributions to the region.

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### Whitworth

**Whitworth University: 125 Years of Academic Excellence**

*By Dr. Beck A. Taylor, Ph.D., President, Whitworth University*

This year, Whitworth University is celebrating its 125th anniversary of providing students “an education of mind and heart.” The story of Whitworth’s beginnings and how the university came to Spokane is an interesting one because it so clearly demonstrates the powerful connection between the university and the city it now calls home; it also covers the significant impact of Whitworth’s move on the Inland Northwest over the last century.

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Fast forward 100 years and Whitworth’s relationship with Spokane is stronger than ever. Spokane businesses welcome Whitworth’s students for employment and service-learning opportunities. Whitworth welcomes the community to stellar cultural and athletics events on its beautiful campus. It also invites the public to attain educational enrichment and professional training, as well as to pursue personal and spiritual growth, through the university’s many academic and co-curricular programs.

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Each year, engineering firms bring real-world challenges to senior design teams in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The class of 2014 created a new mobile app for a ski resort, a voice monitor for Parkinson patients, spawning streams for fish, and structural analysis of community buildings — to name only a few examples.

This fall, the School of Business Administration (SBA) launched a new full-credit, project-based business class. Support from Intermountain Community Bank for the school’s Excellence Fund provides scholarships and helps offset expenses. The program builds on strong learning partnerships such as the Justice for Victims Project, where students work directly with law enforcement to help small businesses and non-profit groups detect and recover from fraud.

Entrepreneurship is a theme playing out in business-based projects and challenges at the SBA’s Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program. Five years ago, Gonzaga graduates launched Green Cupboards, which became etailz, a University District business specializing in eco-friendly products and e-commerce. Now, it is on track to be a $25 million business.

It’s not only business that benefits from partnerships with GU. An innovative collaborative of organizations, foundations and corporate entities are working together through the Inland Northwest Community Foundation’s Community Partners for Middle School Success. The Foundation is investing $400,000 with faculty and service-learning experts to lead the Hillyard Youth Collaborative. The three-year project identifies at-risk students in northeast Spokane and designs interventions for them.

Through these instances and many more, Gonzaga’s nationally recognized educational experience prepares students to adapt knowledge and apply classroom lessons. We are proud that the diversity of disciplines on campus has brought business and education together in Spokane for more than 127 years.

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An example of this is the selection in 2014 of two Spokane Falls Community College research projects to receive large grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education program. These grants stem from SFCC’s and SCC’s strong involvement in the NSF’s Mentor Connect program that expands the technological research capacity of community colleges.

Both colleges serve a wide range of students with certificate and degree pathways for higher educational and learning opportunities. Certificate programs offer direct connections to employment in high demand professions.

Academic transfer programs are a major focus at both campuses with Destination Eastern providing CCS students with a seamless transition to a four-year degree at EWU. In August, SCC celebrated the finalizing of an articulation agreement with WSU’s architecture program enabling SCC graduates to enter the program with junior standing.

Health care and medical programs are a strong part of the University District, and CCS benefits from our close proximity with educational partners who share this focus. We offer more than 20 allied health programs across both campuses to meet the region’s growing health care industry skilled worker needs.
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