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Spokane’s University District is home to Washington State University’s health sciences campus where the Spokane Teaching Health Clinic will open in 2016, and the state’s second publicly-funded Medical School is on schedule to open in 2017. WSU is invested in the U-District and an enthusiastic community partner in its continued development.
Visit the new UW Spokane Center, a Husky hub serving Eastern Washington. The center is your community resource to discover the UW’s limitless opportunities for current and future Huskies, alumni and friends.

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INTRODUCTION

Just over a decade ago, Spokane committed to a shared goal: community leaders worked together to define the vision of The University District. They developed a plan to build a model from which cities around the globe could learn, that would enhance educational opportunities, would increase the existing workforce, and would brand the District as a health-science hub. Fast-forward many years and residents can see the changes and developments marked by new infrastructure and investment by the City of Spokane (see “New Connections – Infrastructure and Investment” p. 18).

One of the drivers of new developments is The University District’s standing as an “innovation zone”. Innovation does not come from conventional practices, so the promise of an “innovation zone” cannot be realized through a building program alone, but is realized in the culture of innovation of the people who are here and driven to collaborate. I think of The University District as a platform, a place where we co-create value. As great as many of the existing investments are, the ultimate potential of The University District will only be realized through the networking effects of the individual institutions, businesses, and greater community (see “An Infrastructure of Opportunities” p. 12). This year also marks major milestones redefining the landscape of opportunities, such as the approval of Washington State University to create and fund the new medical school (see WSU highlights, p. 38).

The University District is historically anchored by a late 19th century brick and stone building of Gonzaga University and currently being defined by the recently funded Gateway Bridge, which will open up new development and lifestyle possibilities in The District (see “Gateway Bridge and Plaza”, p. 22).

With the past and the future in mind, it could be said that we are writing the history of our future city. In the following pages you will get an introduction to some of the individuals and interests bridging new opportunities to create economic well-being, a sustainable environment and a vibrant community; to create the future of Spokane.
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**CONVERSATIONS with LEADERS**

What’s happening in The University District that we should know about?

There is tremendous energy around what’s happening in The University District and surrounding neighborhoods. Gateway improvements are creating a real identity. A new pedestrian bridge will connect higher education to an adjoining business district and residential options. Enhancements to the bicycle and pedestrian network and plans for public transportation are opening new ways to experience restaurants, shopping and entertainment. It’s just a really exciting time.

What distinguishes the Spokane University District from other similar communities around the country?

Spokane enjoys greater partnership and cooperation among its local colleges and universities. That collaboration and relationship allows students to pursue a premier education from leading institutions along the banks of the beautiful Spokane River. There is a tremendous depth in health care, business disciplines, education, law and many other educational paths.

What is the biggest challenge facing the Spokane University District today?

I believe we need to get The University District Bike Pedestrian Bridge built as soon as possible to have a connection between the areas around Sprague and the better developed parts of the University District. But I am confident we can achieve this goal.

Why should the community support The University District Development Area vision?

It’s a tremendous investment in people and new opportunities. Education opens new doors for people. Whether it’s a four-year or advanced degree or technical program that someone’s interested in, The University District has it all. And, the investment in infrastructure improvements is jump-starting private investment and creating jobs that benefit our community.

What development opportunity in The University District are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to the new medical school bringing about more opportunities for housing and other amenities that come with a thriving district. Once the Bike Pedestrian Bridge is finished I believe the South University District will see economic growth.

What should Spokane expect to see five years from now? Ten?

I think between five and ten years we will see more green space, more retail businesses, and more student housing. More density in The University District is one of the cornerstones to our community’s growth.

How has 2015 been catalytic for future projects in the District?

Obtaining funding for the new Gateway Bridge was a huge achievement that only happened because of a coordinated effort by Spokane’s leaders in business, education and government with final support from the governor. It will ignite investment in the South District Zone, providing needed housing and retail to support future campus development.

Now that the UD Gateway Bridge has been approved, what project is next in line to continue the progress the UD is making/hopes to see?

Following housing and retail, there will be a need for new office space to support medical-related enterprises.

What advice would you give investors when they’re looking at the District as a potential area to develop/relocate their company here?

Investors need to picture this District 20 years from now. A look at educational medical districts across the country reveals vibrant enterprise zones, driven by increasing demand for medical education, medical and related services and entrepreneurial start-up activity. That’s what we envision for Spokane’s University District, and we’re well on our way.

What should the community be told about this District?

The cornerstone of our success as a community lies in creating more density in our core, creating neighborhoods students want to live in after graduation and developing more businesses that pay living wages. I believe that The University District is in a unique position to contribute to all three of these goals.

What has been your involvement with The University District?

My involvement with The University District has been since the mid 1990’s when I worked on the startup of SRTI on our marketing committee. In 2001, I facilitated a strategic planning trip led by then Mayor John Powers on which community leaders, along with all the University presidents, traveled to visit other multi-university districts in downtowns. Later, I had the honor of co-leading the community engagement sessions and the overall planning team to create the 2004 University District Master Plan, which is our guiding document for the development of the district. Currently, I serve as board chair and have been on the UD board since its inception and worked on the formation of the University District Public Development Authority (UDPDA). In general, I’ve been involved in many aspects of the development of the district since we named it the “University District.”

What are the most important decisions that you face daily as Chair of the UD Board?

The most important part of my role as UD Chair is to manifest the vision of the UD by helping maintain the collaborative approach and alignment of many interests in order to achieve the overarching common goals of the District.

What role does The University District play in supporting our community and regional paths?

The University District is not only 770 acres on a map, it’s really an economic engine for innovation and development that creates a sense of place where people and companies want to be. Together with our educational partners, the City of Spokane, businesses and innovators are fueling the growth of our community and region.

Why should the community be behind the University District Development Area efforts and vision?

We are at a pivotal time in the development of the University District. I’ve always maintained that work like this takes many hands, all aligned and collaborating to bring it about where all can be proud of the results. We rely on the efforts of the willing to make something so much greater than any one person or organization could do alone. The University District is a place where we can all make a difference.
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Who will transform the minds that shape the way we live and work?

The University District Development Association was created to achieve the benefits of the combined interests of the institutions of higher education, The City of Spokane, and our leading private enterprises invested in the community. The University District’s mission is to realize our potential in working together.

The University District offers opportunities to address economic development issues, smart urban growth, environmental restoration, transportation improvements and housing needs. Connecting the core strengths of the educational institutions with regional economic drivers, The University District provides an urban laboratory for the creation of new knowledge and opportunities for community-engaged research that builds economic value and quality of life.
ARRIVAL
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Mark Robert Mansfield, PhD | Executive Director University District

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to come back to Spokane to serve as the Executive Director of the University District. On my return, I was walking down Wall Street, by the brick relief sculptures by Harold Balazs. Looking down, I was pleasantly surprised and reminded to see a square bronze plaque marking the time capsule – to be opened in 100 years – that was placed there by my grade school class from Hamblen Elementary. That was a formative moment for me in ways that I am more aware of now.

As grade-schoolers, we were invited to think about what Spokane could be like in the future. We created messages and collected artifacts to connect with this future society and our teachers impressed on us the responsibility we had in our own lives to bring this future into reality. There was an assembly for our parents. We made a robot of cardboard boxes covered with aluminum foil and small colored holiday lights in a tight row across the chest plate. We sang the song “Aquarius” from the 1967 musical Hair, with the lyrics, “This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius”, hailing a forthcoming era.

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As a kid, my past perfect visions of the future Spokane were informed by science fiction and celebrated American architects, built to the scale of fort structures in my backyard. Over the years, I have gained new reference points for thinking about our city, developed through my doctoral studies in architecture, work at Harvard University, my business working with historic properties, and my own developments.

Before moving overseas, I lived in Cambridge and witnessed the impact of the Kendall Square innovation district, anchored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and connected by transit to Harvard, Mass General and a network of medical and research institutions. Over the last decade, I have lived in Oslo, one of the fastest growing European cities. It is a city in transformation which is also ranked among those with the highest quality of living in the world. The public transportation, right across the street from our urban apartment in Oslo, can take me to the mountains or the beach in twenty minutes or less.

These are different markets from Spokane, with different scales and cultures of development. However, we share an urban condition by nature, the prospect of a walkable city, and the standard of development that demands accountability to a triple bottom line of social, environmental, as well as financial accountability. Recognizing other parallels, in recent years, part of Oslo’s growth has included a transformation of one of the most heavily industrial areas into a vibrant innovation district. It has become a new cultural and financial district and the site of many new landmark projects.

But, it also quickly becomes apparent that Spokane has many assets that one simply cannot create in other cities. From our river, our central park and our surrounding nature, it is easy to appreciate the potential of the slogan, “near nature, near perfect”. The elements are there. However, I believe Spokane’s greatest asset in this endeavor is the alignment of many different interests and the collaboration of public and private stakeholders ready to make change happen. The most remarkable opportunity is created because many different groups are already working on this together. It is an honor to contribute to these efforts as I continue to think about what Spokane can become in the future.

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The pedestrian bridge in Bjørvika, Oslo Norway.
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“proof of concept”

T he notion of an “innovation district” is a popular, new paradigm of network-building, place-making, and economic development. A development area may claim the moniker of “innovation district” when entrepreneurs and researchers are able to connect with each other—to generate new ideas and bring them to market. As a small big city, Spokane has fostered that collaboration. The Washington Department of Commerce designated The University District in Spokane as a Washington Innovation Partnership Zone in 2010 to generate economic growth in sectors such as global health, technology, and manufacturing. In shepherding a few key ideas not just to market but to the heights of success, The University District demonstrates the proof of concept of an innovation district by exemplifying the potential extraordinary growth near campuses and research institutions, thereby exploring possibilities of greater collaboration and commercialization.

“Proof of concept” demonstrates the validity of an idea and its success as a real-world application. The parlance of “proof of concept” lends itself to discussions of innovation districts because of its use in the venture (funding) process as well as the early stage possibilities of a concept. The University District as an innovation district. While Spokane offers many exciting examples of connections creating success, let’s consider some proof positive examples of how collaboration is creating new opportunities inside Spokane’s University District.

Etailz Inc., started with an idea from two students in a classroom who made a connection with a professor-cum-entrepreneur. The trio’s business skyrocketed from five thousand dollars in sales in 2008 and is aiming to hit a hundred million dollars in revenues in 2015. Etailz’s meteoric rise connects many of the dots of a local ecology of resources in place to help fast-track good ideas to great companies.

Josh Neblett and Sarah Wolnick enrolled in a Gonzaga business class called “Creating New Ventures” taught by Adjunct Professor, Tom Simpson. As part of this course, Neblett, Wolnick, and Simpson brought diverse strengths to the company that became Etailz as it acquired e-commerce sites including EcoMom.com and EveryCas.com. Etailz hit sales of $27 million by 2013. Defined by its highly responsive organizational structure, Etailz developed proprietary software tools that optimize purchasing decisions, inventory management, fulfillment and customer service expanding services and net revenues resulting in $60 million in sales in 2014.

Etailz has recently been ranked in the top 500 fastest-growing private companies and has maintained a presence in the top 10% of The Inc. 500. In 2015, Etailz aims to generate $100 million in sales.

Etailz’s success can be measured by its bold recruitment notice. If you’re in luck, we’re always hiring!” Today, a majority of the employees of the rapidly growing company hail from the associated universities in the District.

Whereas many of these Millennial, creative-class and knowledge workers are enjoying opportunities created by Etailz, others are engaging the same network of resources intending to develop their own ideas. Etailz has grown within the McKinstry Innovation Center. Centrally located in The University District, the Center provides an energy-efficient environment in a tip, historical setting designed to fuel entrepreneurial collaboration. The Center brings new and emerging companies together under one roof. Synergy fuels new technologies, products, and services. Within the last three years, 20 companies and counting have been developing within this ecosystem of economic, physical and networking assets.

McKinstry was the proving grounds for E2i, another University District “proof of concept” that developed from the relationship between academic researcher and an entrepreneur. As part of the Washington State University (WSU) Integrated Design Lab (IDL), Todd Beyreuther, an academic design researcher, worked with McKinstry to develop and grow a student and community entrepreneurship model titled E2i Innovation Lab (Energy + Ecology Innovation).

E2i connects local project-based needs with engineering and design research efforts. Formally, this establishes a model for intellectual property management that enables for-profit and nonprofit partners to openly collaborate in a space where they traditionally face high barriers to partnership. Co-locating and aligning with manufacturing start-up companies in the McKinstry Spokane Innovation Center enabled the IDL to apply design methodology and technical assistance on projects that drive technology transfer and commercialization from The University labs.

E2i has been leveraged by the IDL to help local industries grow sustainably. The advancement of mass timber technologies is a major focus at the WSU Composites and Engineering Center and Institute for Sustainable Design in Pullman. The Center is leading multiple research and outreach efforts with a mass timber product called cross-laminated timber (CLT), a building panel technology that offers an array of benefits to Washington State, ranging from improving forest management and health, increasing rural economic development, and providing a locally sourced, low-carbon construction material to our cities.

NE Washington that includes a rural mill, local manufacturing, and a WSU spinoff engineering and architecture firm. From raw materials to product application, the focus is local, and the research, prototyping, and economic development impact happens within The University District. The benefit of this type of research is generative at many levels and in many ways. Recently, this CLT initiative has moved from the main building on McKinstry’s campus into The Toolbox at McKinstry Innovation Center, a private, for-profit manufacturing accelerator with a public-access maker space.

The Toolbox creates an ad-hoc team to assist entrepreneurs in creating business plans, manufacturing a final prototype, securing financing, and forming a company. Toolbox is itself the result of local collaboration and the brainchild of Andy Barrett, who has 25 years of manufacturing experience and is the majority shareholder of Berg Co. Toolbox is a collaborative center for manufacturing and product-based startups to share tools, equipment, space, ideas, and knowledge.

From Etailz to E2i, Toolbox to McKinstry, the Spokane University District continues to expand and gain momentum through collaboration with local government, institutions of higher education, the healthcare community, and private sector technology and interests. What started with research and learning is creating new research and learning opportunities. Students from WSU and the Gonzaga New Venture Lab work with Beyreuther at E2i as well as other entrepreneurs at the McKinstry center.

The success of these proofs of concept represent the real story of an ecosystem of overlapping interests that are giving life to The University District mission and rise to development activities. These efforts will archive economic development and smart urban growth by coordinating powerful partnerships and innovative practices that give the University District the right to call itself an Innovation District. The premier location of The District, its full 770 acres, operates within the model of an Innovation Partnership Zone, providing Spokane an unique opportunity to tightly weave the related interests of diverse stakeholders and thrive the place where students learn into the place they work, live and play.
Spokane’s University District is poised to become a pioneering platform for new “Smart City” technologies that are being developed and implemented at the Spokane Smart City Technology Accelerator Group (SSCTAG), which is focused on research on smart systems, or how to leverage data to use our infrastructure more efficiently. The exceptional possibilities for Smart City applications in Spokane are possible because the region is home to many of the global leaders in smart products, services and research, including SSCTAG members Avista, Itron, Cisco, and the City of Spokane, putting Spokane at the vanguard of Smart City research and development.

The University District and the SSCTAG is researching implications of Smart Cities and how data and networks could be used to engage and empower citizens. The potential of tightly integrated active infrastructure systems that are responsive to the needs and desires of the citizenry are extraordinary and have implications for city governance that will create a new paradigm for Spokane.

The IDR is composed of undergraduates and graduates in architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture that I teach with my colleagues Judy Thedfordon, Sahil Kalentari, and Steve Austin. Designers play an important role in weaving the technological and social fabric of city life and the unique Smart City potential, such as the creation of adaptive real-time master plans, the improvement of the health and well-being of Spokanites, the creation of interactive environments, and the elimination of physical, social and technological divides within Spokane.

We are sensitive to the vast amounts of data we create and search. We are increasingly quantified and monitored in turn. The technologies we use are a facet of culture. As we learn to harness this data we remember that British architect and theorist Cedric Price said: “Technology is the answer, but what is the question?” He was challenging us to consider the deployment technology carefully. Its use should benefit humanity not just be an end in itself. We should engage design, engineering and computer science to find solutions for how this new technology could make life better, more enjoyable, and more resilient not just translate us into data points.

Spokane is on the cusp of just such a moment when we are discussing the “how” of a Smart Spokane, not the “if.” There are always tipping points that determine the trajectories of a city. Spokane is on the cusp of just such a moment when we are discussing the “how” of a Smart Spokane, not the “if.” Due to the unique circumstances of available infrastructure in The University District and supportive stakeholders with a vision, the University District and Spokane are poised to be leaders in developing the Smart City. The synergy between smart infrastructure and an engaged and empowered citizenry can create an engine that will attract talent, power innovation, and catalyze economic growth.

The city is one of humanity’s greatest technological innovations. As an armature of infrastructure and community, it is a force multiplier for our cultural and economic capabilities. Cities have in many ways evolved as a response to forces such as regulatory philosophies and new modes of transportation. Yet there are many ways in which a city is very much like its ancient counterpart.

At the heart of those immutable elements that remain recognizable is the citizen. Our collective needs and desires define us and have inspired us to design and build the infrastructure that supports our daily lives and provides that familiar legacy. The city may create the citizen, but first, the citizen creates the city. We look forward to sharing our work, exploring the humanist possibilities of creating our future city, with all of you.
In the heart of Spokane’s 770-acre University District campus, a collaborative team envisions the future of the health and medical sciences community in the Inland Northwest. They are focused on fostering research leading to innovation and commercialization, creating new industry partnerships between academia and business, developing robust resources focused on entrepreneurship, and providing infrastructure to support the growth of the business and economic development of the community.

Success in the District will not be achieved individually, but rather through the collaboration of key stakeholders that will forge lasting relationships to reach new, critical milestones. The five organizations at the heart of this collaboration are the Empire Health Foundation (EHF), Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI), The Health Sciences and Services Authority (HSSA), Ignite NW, and WSU Spokane. They are just the start to a larger, more inclusive, collaborative group that will be the conduit to an innovative research and commercialization ecosystem here in Spokane and, in time, the Inland Northwest.

In fact, Spokane is already rich in health care and education resources, providing the most health care between Seattle and Minneapolis. Our health care industry is worth over a billion dollars and provides more than 35,000 jobs. This ecosystem is sustained by five universities and a community college system within a 100-mile range of the heart of Spokane.

Despite Eastern Washington’s significant healthcare ecosystem, these partners are helping overcome our deficit of health care providers, especially in rural communities, by putting more pieces in place. WSU is moving forward with the state’s second medical school, complementing The University of Washington’s expanding WWAMI School in Spokane. The HSSA is investing in health sciences research and infrastructure to support the growth of a nationally competitive health sciences cluster in Spokane County by investing in and connecting the research, education and health care industries. EHF invests in efforts to transform Eastern Washington into the healthiest community in Washington. GSI leads the region’s business recruitment and retention for health sciences and technology.

Spokane’s incremental success with healthcare collaboration in the past tells us we need to scale to achieve greater things. EHF and HSSA launched a collaborative effort to enhance the medical education and research in the Spokane University District. EHF invested in the transformation of WSU’s Teaching Health Clinic on the campus. HSSA invested dollars to bring four new research faculty to WSU Spokane and four new core laboratories with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment to attract and maintain top talent. This investment created 156 new jobs and enhanced regional economic activity by nearly $50 million. Ultimately, the elements of collaboration toward a successful health and medical sciences ecosystem are inclusive partners, high-caliber research, access to quality and affordable space, a culture of commercialization and an entrepreneurial business spirit.

With a Spokane University District Life Science Commercialization Initiative already underway to survey the current local assets, we continue to recognize all the resources we have. Together we can do so much.

It’s been 27 years since Avista helped lay the groundwork for the restoration of 770 acres east of downtown Spokane. At the time, few imagined that an abandoned rail yard could be transformed into the home of six institutions of higher education.

Today, the University District is an urban confluence of technology, learning and economic vitality for the entire region.

What’s next for Spokane’s University District? The possibilities are endless. And Avista is proud to continue to help shape that future.
A few years ago I set out to understand the relationship of Spokane’s early growth and development with its transit system. Since the genesis of the City of Spokane was founded on the intersection of the river and the transcontinental railroad, there should be little surprise that streetcars of various forms, along with interurban electric railways figured prominently in the early days of Spokane’s development. In fact, just over 125 years ago and only months after the Great Fire of 1889, Spokane investors and entrepreneurs joined together to construct and operate the first electric streetcar system in Spokane, traveling from the city’s core eastward through what is now the University District.

The electric streetcar system grew rapidly, and by 1891 the Spokane Daily Chronicle described the role of this transport system in this way: “Spokane has many evidences of mature metropolitansm, but of them all, none will contribute more to her renown than the new electric system of street railways…” This bold declaration coincided with the onset of rapid growth of Spokane over the next two decades, in which Spokane cemented itself as the heart of what was then called the Inland Empire.

The Chronicle’s statement can’t possibly apply in its full measure to our day, since technological advancements have obviated the simple, open-air, noisy and breakdown-prone electric streetcars of the 1890s. However, the declaration’s principle of metropolitanism defined in proportion to its public transport system, wholly applies. Public transport is a means to an end that can be expressed in economic vitality, community connectivity and urban expression. But the root — and branches — of that end is the fundamental premise that the most useful — and delightful — urban places are oriented to human scale. From the most successful university campuses, downtowns, theme parks and cultural destinations along it six-mile route, the Central City Line will feature unique branding, real-time information and helpful wayfinding signage. Traveling between Browne’s Addition and Spokane Community College, it will transect many in downtown Spokane and cultural destinations along its route.

Project development is currently underway on the Central City Line, with significant funding secured from state and federal sources to complete design and begin construction. Subject to additional federal funding and local operating funds, the Central City Line could serve Spokane by as early as 2020. I invite you to engage in planning and design efforts that should both influence, and be influenced by, the development aspirations of the University District.

In an intentional effort to provide that ‘just hop on — it’s simple!’ feel, it will feature unique branding, real-time information and helpful wayfinding signage. Traveling between Browne’s Addition and Spokane Community College, it will transect

THE CENTRAL CITY LINE: MATURING METROPOLIS

- Karl Otterstrom | Spokane Transit Director of Planning | University District Vice-chair

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**Projects**

1. WSU Health Sciences Building
2. GU Inayun Center Addition
3. GU McCarthy Athletic Center
4. 41 W Riverside
5. 22 W Main
6. GU Catlin Hall Improvements
7. GU Trinity Hall Improvements
8. WSU South Campus Facility Renovation
9. GU Hughes Hall Addition/Restoration (Sciences)
10. WSU Academic Center
11. Joule Tower
12. Saranac (Community Building)
13. GU Kennedy Apartments
14. GU McMillan Field Improvements
15. GU FACAR (Engineering Building)
16. GU Peterson Baseball Complex
17. SCC Riverpoint One
18. HomeHealth, No II
19. GU Athletics Training Center at Martin Center
20. GU Convibus Hall
21. GU Harvest Mansion Renovation/Preservation
22. William University
23. GU Magneson Theatre Renovation
24. GU Soccer Stadium
25. WSU Third Center (Fitness) Improvements
26. WSU Veterinary Building
27. WSU Veterinary Specialty Teaching Clinic
28. MSU Service Engineering Innovation Center (SEIC), MSU Service and the Toolbox at MSU
29. WSU Pharmaceutical and Biological Sciences
30. Gateway Office Park
31. Connection Plaza
32. GU Brown Ave Retail Center (BARC)
33. GU Stevens Center (tennis & golf)
34. Lutheran Community Services
35. Innovate Washington Building
36. Weichler Dermatology Office
37. Tucannon Commons
38. Prosbmx Plaza
39. Ruby St. Apartments
40. Malina Building
41. The University District Health Clinic
42. Ruby Suites - GVD Commercial Properties
43. The Globe Building
44. The Edge Lofts
45. GU John Hemmingson Center
46. GVD Commercial Properties
47. Eastern Washington University Center
48. WSU University of Washington-Spokane Center
49. MSU Miler Car Wash
50. Frontier Behavioral Health
51. Farmers Bank Housing Community
52. Jones Radiator Pub
53. 2nd Harvest Food Bank
54. Goodwill Industries
55. Sky High Sports
56. Bistro Haven
57. Newhall
58. Blind Bus
59. Brraaco Tacos & Tequileria
60. Nine Forks Apartments
61. Cassano's Building
62. Spokane Public Market
63. Catholic Charities - House of Charity
64. Marketplace Wine Bar
65. Riverwalk Plaza Apartments
66. 2nd and Hatch
67. Spokane Journal of Business
68. The Main Market
69. 2nd and Hatch
70. Spokane Plaza Apartments
71. Hambold Road Craft Brewery
72. University District Physical Therapy
73. The Warehouse
74. Contract Resource Group
75. Jewelry Design Center
76. Contract Resource Group
77. The Warehouse
78. Spokane Plaza Apartments
79. Hambold Road Craft Brewery
80. University District Physical Therapy
81. The Warehouse
82. Contract Resource Group
83. Jewelry Design Center
84. The Warehouse
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89. Jewelry Design Center
90. The Warehouse
91. Contract Resource Group
92. Jewelry Design Center

**Current Projects Under Development**

- Spokane University District Gateway Bridge

**Investments 2002-2015**

- **$10,000,000**
- **$130,000,000**

**Education**

- **$448,000,000**

**Private**

- **$123,000,000**

**Infrastructure**

- **$24,000,000**

**Spokane University**

- **$15,000,000**

***Investments in millions**
THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Gateway Bridge and Plaza

—Mark Robert Mansfield, PhD | Executive Director University District

The Gateway Bridge is a literal and figurative bridge. Connecting the north University District over Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and the railroad to the south landing, it is also a bridge to opportunities for Spokane’s future. It marks the commitments and visions of growth and opportunity for the region. It will have an impact that far exceeds the realization of an important piece of infrastructure, opening up areas previously limited by boundaries. The bridge advances a people first plan that makes The University District a place to live, learn, work and play.

The Gateway Bridge project capitalizes on Spokane’s unique assets and promotes economic development. The decade-long planning has been supported by key stakeholders including Mayor David Condon, The Spokane City Council, The University District Public Development Authority and the Washington State Legislature. Support lined up because the project promises to be a linchpin for economic revitalization, to increase active transportation by decreasing Spokane’s automobile dependency, and to ground The University District and Downtown Spokane with a strong sense of place.

Scheduled for completion in 2018, the project fits within the larger context of The University District’s urban development plans. The District envisions a path of progress with mixed-use neighborhoods, encouraging alternate forms of transportation, sparking urban redevelopment of under-utilized areas, and promoting energy efficient design and construction via smart growth initiatives.

A cable-stayed arch will rise 120 feet above The District to support the 458-foot span, and will most certainly become an iconic landmark. Lighting is incorporated into stanchions and a three-and-a-half-foot railing with stainless steel mesh will provide visual interest as well as safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. A park with public plazas and art installations will offer a transition from the bridge to the street.

The bridge will create new ways to move across Spokane, opening up new spaces and creating new urban “living rooms.” It will increase active transportation by giving commuters convenient options besides cars. The bridge offers a critical link between institutions of higher education, the medical district along Spokane’s lower South Hill, the south University District business area, as well as the entire Downtown area. The bridge will open a shuttle route to the medical district and intersect with the future Central City Line – a high performance transit project improving mobility through our city and connecting The University District to Downtown and major destinations throughout Spokane. It will intersect with other corridors and trails expanding and activating multiple circulation paths throughout our city. Establishing this link gives us the opportunity to rethink the way we move through our city and redraw the key corridors that define our transit, nature trails, and cycling paths.

Our skyline’s new defining feature will provide new vantage points from which to appreciate our river and the landscapes that surround us. The experience of crossing the bridge will offer a previously unavailable opportunity to appreciate our natural assets and aspire to our slogan: “near nature, near perfect.”

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The University District is one of the fastest growing areas of the City of Spokane. Private and public investments are spurring economic growth, which, in turn, provides more opportunities for employment throughout the community.

As a Washington State Innovation Partnership Zone, the University District is a model for bringing together research institutions, commercial activities, and intellectual brainpower to drive innovative solutions. With a second medical school, a new bridge and a smart city program, the District is an ideal place for future investments, too.

To assist investors in their selection process of sites and buildings in the University District, the state and the City of Spokane have implemented a substantial list of programs which includes industry incentives, partnership assistance, utility installation programs, tax increment financing and targeted area redevelopment.

**Biotechnology and Medical Device Manufacturing Sales and Use Tax Deferral/Waiver**

- A sales and use tax deferral/waiver program is available for investments in construction or renovation of structures, or 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 manufacturers, and research and development and commercial testing for manufacturers, in the 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 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, funds may be available for reimbursement of technical assistance, planning, relocation expenses and job training. Business must provide economic outcomes for five years.

**Utility Upgrade Fund**

- For water and 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 and 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.

- More information can be found at my.spokanecity.org

- If you have questions about locating a business in the UD, contact Robin Toth, VP of Business Development at Greater Spokane Incorporated, 509.321.3636 or visit selectspokane.com, a GIS-based site with commercial real estate listings and demographic/business information.
hough the Housing and Economic report addressing the need for new and different housing options has yet to be published (see following article), some first movers have already been leading developments responding to the developing market conditions. The map of rolling project (see centerfold) highlights the path of progress created by the coordinated private and public investments.

Among these, a number of new housing developments have recently broken ground, are under construction, and are open for business in The University District. We will look at a select few that have already changed the landscape, the way we interact with our city, and how we think about life in Spokane and The University District.

The 88,000 square foot Matilda Building, at 1028 North Hamilton, is a mixed-use project being developed by KD Hull Development in partnership with owners, retired professional basketball player and hall of famer John Stockton, his wife Nada, and their son, Houston. The building will accommodate ground floor retail and 57 Class A unit developments above, ideally for District-area graduate students, professors and professionals.

In keeping with the spirit of innovation embodied by the University District, the Matilda is incorporating advanced building technologies such as ground-source geothermal heating and cooling systems, and energy efficient lighting throughout. Four generations of Stocktons have grown up in the area surrounding the Matilda Building. The family aims to have the development continue their tradition of giving back and investing in their local neighborhood.

Under construction is a 60-unit apartment complex located near the corners of Ruby Street and Cataldo Avenue by David Schneider, director of a development group based in San Clemente that has worked on other off-campus projects in Michigan and California. The finished apartments will house undergraduates in two and three bedroom units.

The third development is the recently-opened Ruby Suites, located in the former Burgan’s Building, between Ruby and Division Streets, is an extended stay hotel, offering extended stays alongside a variety of boutique hotel services including weekly maid service, laundry facilities, and access to both a business and fitness center. Like the Matilda Building, it targets young professionals, visiting professors, corporate executives and graduate students.

This project is one of the more recent project by GVD Commercial Properties with projects in 18 states totaling more than 2 Million square feet. Locally, the developer Gerald V. Dicker is known as an arts and culture patron. Whether renovating this property just steps away from campus, revolating the Bing Crosby Theater, or returning the local Montvale Hotel to its historic grandeur, Dicker and his team spare little expense creating something that leaves behind a positive lasting impression on guest and passerby alike and intertwining culture into everyday living. His development values clearly support a long-term vision of The University District that nurtures the mind as well as the soul.

The total investment in the District between the three recent housing developments is just over $30 million. The addition of multi family housing into The University District lays the groundwork toward building a vital, pedestrian-oriented urban neighborhood. Through adaptive re-use of the Ruby Suites, a thoughtfulness toward energy use at the Matilda Building, and the incorporation of mixed uses at both, these developments start to build upon an integrative urbanism that looks to people, place and economy.
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The Don Kardong Bridge is a perfect place to reflect on the history and the meaning of the Spokane River to our community. Gazing at the reflections, one connects with its flowing history, envisioning the first people who relied on the river’s runs of salmon for spiritual and physical sustenance for over 7000 years.

We also envision the first Euro and Asian Americans settling here for the impressive water power delivered by our river. As it flows under us, we may also reflect on the abuses and pollution the river suffered throughout the 20th century. In 1974 the city of Spokane hosted EXPO ’74, the first environmentally themed World’s Fair. This was a turning point at which the river was recognized as an important nexus between the regional community and the natural world.

Today, on the bridge named after the local U.S. Olympian marathoner who founded the Bloomsday race, you will see runners, bike riders and boaters of all kinds enjoying our river.

This year, the Spokane River in the University District got a new access point. The launch provides walk up access to the water on a wide, gently sloping path that makes it easy to launch canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. Opening this stretch of river allows easy access for people living and working in the area.

The connection with our river is no longer incidental, but is now a central, unfolding celebration that grows louder and more visible as partners get involved. On the occasion of the new access point, Mayor David Condon noted “It’s exciting to give people another way to access and celebrate the Spokane River. The city is committed to embracing and protecting our greatest natural resource.” The City, in partnership with Avista Utilities, the Spokane River Forum, The Lands Council, the Spokane Riverkeepers, Friends of the Falls, and hundreds of community volunteers, is coordinating major initiatives for unprecedented clean-up, restoration and enhancement efforts that create new opportunities to enjoy the river.

I believe that our river has the effect of pulling people together. Whether it is a community, diverse interests, cultures or individuals, the river provides the beauty and power that encourages us to join one another around something bigger than ourselves... something that connects us all.
A housing and economic report conducted by Applied Development Economics in the fall of 2015 has concluded that there is sufficient demand for new housing options based on student projections in large part due to the expansion plans of all six colleges and universities.

As recently highlighted in Commercial Connections, a publication of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), mailed out to over 70,000 commercial realtors nationwide, there exists a unique opportunity for development in the Spokane University District through the collaboration of higher education institutions, the medical community, the City of Spokane, and other key stakeholders.

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The University District currently has a large amount of underutilized real estate which represents a tremendous opportunity for economic development via repurposing buildings, and sites for residential, retail and other commercial uses. The University District plans include increased university student populations, little on campus housing growth is part of the current plans, creating a strong opportunity for private development. The demographics of the University population, including a growing number of cohorts between 18-24 year olds, are more likely to occupy smaller rental units. Additionally, over the longer term, Spokane Regional Transportation Council anticipates large increases in older populations who will also seek smaller and more convenient housing in the downtown environment. These forecasts are indeed reflected by the recent sales and occupancy of the Kendall Yards development, which houses a mixture of older adults and University students.

The housing report will be published later this year and presented at a Developers Summit for the University District in 2016.
Developing our society through learning and research

Universities, seemingly timeless institutions, are, in their current form, a relatively modern phenomena. They evolve and change as does the status of knowledge and our ways of creating and transferring it. “University” is a term derived from Latin, meaning 'a community of teachers and scholars' and The University District is comprised of a multiple of these communities. Increasingly, there are synergistic effects through the collaboration of the collective individuals and institutions, further evolving and expanding their contributions.

The articles that follow highlight various ways that the respective institutions of The University District are exemplifying the profound potential of our institutions of higher education. This greater impact is highlighted in landmark facilities such as Gonzaga’s Hemmingson center, a facility at once built for the campus and the greater community; Eastern Washington University’s research applied to the local region; Washington State University’s master plan with the greater downtown in mind; Whitworth’s new classroom technology that fosters global engagement; The University of Washington’s economic impact; and The Community Colleges’s expanding collaborations.

These institutions constitute our knowledge-based economy and advance our economic competitiveness where, within the adjacencies of innovation partners, breakthrough concepts can engage with market opportunities. The university is recognized as a driver of the economy and of our humanist potential; the wellspring of social and cultural vitality. They elevate the potential of our citizens; imparting specialist knowledge and credentials, providing relevant technical skills and informing students on how to take principled action. These are not only institutions in our community but, rather, a community of learning and research for developing our society.

**Innovated Visions Sparks Campus Growth**

Gonzaga University

This fall, Gonzaga celebrates milestones that strengthen and expand the University’s 128-year commitment to the Inland Northwest.

The opening of the John J. Hemmingson Center in the heart of Gonzaga’s campus represents our vision of what it means to provide contemporary support for students who attend a premier Jesuit university. Its eco-sustainable design reflects a commitment to the well-being of our campus community and the environment, and showcases exciting, innovative opportunities to meet, learn, discover, and grow in every aspect of campus life: mind, body and spirit.

The Hemmingson Center blends the core elements of mission – academics, faith, student development and global impact – in a modern facility designed for connectivity and collaboration. It is the new home of Sodexo Dining, the Center for Global Engagement, University Ministry, and a variety of student programs such as Center for Community Action and Service Learning, Unity Multicultural Education Center, Student Involvement & Leadership, Student Government and more.

*Additional construction is in on the horizon*

- The faculties of Music, Theater and Dance are working with consultants to design the Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center, with construction expected to begin in 2017.
- An Interdepartmental Sciences and Engineering facility, a collaborative, instructional and research space supporting both the sciences and engineering is being developed.
- Fundraising for a new Jesuit Residence has begun.
- Founding support for the Center for Athletic Achievement has been received, inspired by the continuing success of Gonzaga’s athletic programs.
- The Foley Library and Crosby Student Center have been re-imagined, with renovation and remodeling underway to modernize facilities, expand online teaching and learning, and grow career development services for both students and alumni.

-Photo courtesy of Gonzaga University.

**Inspired Vision Sparks Campus Growth**

Dr. Thayne McCulloh | President, Gonzaga University | University District Board of Directors
It is also a place we hope the greater Spokane community will meet and gather, with a variety of conference rooms, an auditorium and multi-purpose spaces. Construction of this facility has had a $60 million impact on the local economy, and represents more than 270,000 work hours by contractors and construction teams.

The momentum reflected in our growing learning environment has, at its foundation, Gonzaga’s commitment to its mission as “an exemplary learning community that educates students for lives of leadership and service for the common good.”

Today, that means an emphasis in global engagement as well as creativity and entrepreneurship – increasingly important skills for 21st century success. More than half of incoming freshmen have declared career aspirations in medical/health disciplines and STEM careers. Key initiatives reflect increasing priorities in early childhood education as well as Catholic education. Community partnerships across virtually all academic and student development areas continue to underscore the strong ties between Gonzaga and our beloved hometown.

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**Plan & Prosper**

**Eastern Washington University**

**Dr. Mary Cullinan | President, Eastern Washington University | University District Board of Directors**

How many people live in our community? How many own their homes? What is the average age of the population? How educated are they? What is their life expectancy? Income Levels of civic participation?

For communities to make good decisions about their health and future, they need access to accurate data. They need to understand trends and changes over time.

Eastern Washington University’s Institute for Public Policy and Economic Analysis partners with communities to help them plan and prosper. Under the guidance of its executive director, Dr. Patrick Jones, the Institute works with communities to identify key indicators and then provides critical data to help facilitate good planning and good decisions.

Based at Eastern Washington University Spokane in the University District, the Institute is a significant resource throughout our region. Since it was founded in 2002, the Institute has co-developed community indicators websites across Washington, Idaho and California. These easy-to-navigate sites provide communities with information and analyses they can use at the local level to assess trends in key areas such as culture and recreation, demographics, economic vitality, education, the environment, health, housing and transportation, and public safety. Combined, these websites serve more than 2.2 million people.

While managing the Community Indicators Initiative, Dr. Jones and his staff also conduct in-depth economic impact studies and work with EWU’s outstanding faculty to produce an annual Regional Economic Outlook. Additionally, the Institute produces a monograph series exploring critical issues throughout the Inland Northwest. Titles include “A Demographic and Economic Analysis for the City of Spokane Valley,” “The Restructuring Process in Washington State,” and “Survey of Latino Business Owners in North Central & Northeast Washington.”

A recent Institute analysis focused on the economic impact of Spokane Airports on Spokane and Kootenai Counties. With research conducted by EWU economics professor Dr. David Bunting, the study revealed a three quarter of a billion dollar impact to the region. The study will be a useful tool for Spokane Airports as it plans for future infrastructure and passenger needs.

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Whitworth University’s University District location serves students in Whitworth’s Adult Education Program, offered through the School of Continuing Studies. Prior to opening, Whitworth renovated its University District facilities and equipped them with the latest classroom technology to enhance and support the learning goals of its population of working adults from the Spokane region’s business community.

With conference rooms, a dedicated computer lab, and even a kitchen, students enjoy a place that is welcoming and student-centered by design.

“Our facilities downtown give students the means and access that enhance their educational experience at Whitworth,” says Cheryl Vawter, associate vice president for graduate admissions and continuing studies. Investments include document cameras, podium-controlled technology, and Computers on Wheels, a cart holding 24 laptops that professors use as a portable computer lab; the cart itself serves as a charging station for the laptops. Students meet regularly outside of class at The University District facility to collaborate on projects and presentations using the available technology.

“Many courses integrate hands-on case study analysis and group projects that require up-to-date technology to support the learning environment,” Vawter says. The University District site is ideal for working adults like Jennifer Wickering, who is a legal assistant for a law office near downtown, and who is earning a Bachelor’s of Liberal Studies in Public Service Administration through Whitworth. Along with enjoying the easy commute from her job to her evening classes, Jennifer says she especially appreciates how Whitworth is preparing her for her next steps: After graduating in fall 2016, she plans to earn a degree in immigration law.

“Whitworth has given me the opportunity to take classes such as economics and conflict management to be able to succeed in my future,” she says. “The university offers so many classes that I will actually use as I continue in my career.”

As a volunteer with World Relief Spokane, which provides basic services and support for refugees, Jennifer became inspired to earn her undergraduate degree at Whitworth so she can help others achieve better lives for themselves. “I learned how fortunate I am to have the opportunity to go to school,” she says. “And how people in the United States take for granted.”

Jennifer earned an A.A.S. degree in the paralegal program at Spokane Community College, which made her eligible to transfer into Whitworth’s unique “upside-down” program. Students such as Jennifer, who have completed an approved A.A.S. degree from a Washington state community college, can transfer into Whitworth with junior standing and complete the general education and upper-division requirements necessary to earn a bachelor’s degree. Attending part time, students can complete their undergraduate degree in social services, humanities, public service administration or criminal justice administration in as little as two years.

At Whitworth’s University District location, working adults can also conveniently earn undergraduate degrees in management & accounting and organizational management, as well as a master of business administration.

Through Whitworth’s nationally-recognized education and professional programs, students are prepared to excel in their chosen fields, and to meet Spokane’s—and the world’s—needs with intellectual vigor, moral courage and deep compassion.
The Spokane University District plan is to better connect with both the space, and to leverage resources near to ensure sufficient research and education. In the fall of 2017, we are working to what carried it to this point. His passion for the initiative was proud. His passion for the initiative was incredibly.

These legislative victories are a tribute to our legislators, community leaders, and particularly to University leaders who have worked hard to expand medical education. The late WSU President Elon S. Floyd would have been incredibly proud. His passion for the initiative was what carried it to this point.

The victories allow us to move from planning to implementation. With medical students expected to arrive on campus in the fall of 2017, we are working to ensure sufficient research and education space, and to leverage resources near the campus.

One of our goals in our new master plan is to better connect with both the south portion of the University District and nearby downtown. The transportation package with funding for the gateway bridge will provide bikers and walkers access over the railroad tracks that separate the campus from the lower south hill and the medical community. Once that connection is made, students and researchers who live in that area will be able to walk or bike from home to campus and to the hospitals for clinical rotations and research trials more conveniently.

Another goal is private development of the property south of the railroad tracks and on east Sprague Avenue. WSU Spokane wants to help health sciences companies who locate in that underdeveloped area benefit from their proximity to academic experts, students and other professionals who can assist in the commercialization of research that may have started on campus or with the business.

While the WSU colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy, the Sleep and Performance Research Center and the Applied Sciences Laboratory already have vibrant research studies underway, medical schools are economic engines that attract federal research dollars and create jobs and the potential for new spin-off companies. The resulting economic impact for Spokane will be significant.

A third connection to the surrounding neighborhood is development of the Jensen Byrd building on the edge of downtown, just a block east of the intersection of Main and Division. The 2014 master plan update envisioned development of Jensen Byrd and immediate surrounding property into a visible heart of the campus for student amenities and services. The revitalized area of campus would also give campus “front door,” providing a greater connection to the city and region and promoting health education and research. Given the prominent place of this redevelopment project, we are exploring developer proposals that can make the best and highest purpose addition to the vision of the WSU campus. An RFQ (Requested for Developer Qualifications) was released in early October.

The project closest to completion is the Spokane Teaching Health Clinic, which will be finished by summer 2016. While construction is being funded by WSU, the clinic will provide a place for medical residents to provide health care while working with medical, nursing, pharmacy and other health sciences students on our campus. This project came together as a result of collaboration between WSU, Providence Health Care and Empire Health Foundation, whose goal is to increase the number of medical residences. Where physicians do their residency training is known as primary care physicians, will decrease with this effort, as well as with the new medical school.

From connecting the campus to our neighbors south and west, to growing medical education, the next few years are exciting ones for WSU and Spokane.

For more information, please go to www.spokane.wsu.edu.

The University of Washington

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– Catherine Brazil | University of Washington Director for Spokane and Eastern Washington relations

W hen the UW schools of Medicine and Dentistry were created in 1945, there were few precedents to follow. Starting an affordable public medical school that attracts top talent and produces groundbreaking scientific research in the then-remote Pacific Northwest was an ambitious undertaking. Today, the UW School of Medicine’s advances and opportunities for success are stations of what a public medical school can accomplish. With the state’s support and a plan to grow student enrollment, programs and partnerships to educate tomorrow’s doctors in and for Spokane is a top priority.

According to U.S. News & World Report, UW ranks near the top of all medical schools in the nation, holding the No. 1 position in training for primary care, rural medicine and family medicine programs. The UW is part of UW Medicine—a major health system that owns and operates four hospitals, community-based neighborhood clinics, the largest physician practice plan in the region and a critical care flight transport service.

In 2014, the University of Washington announced its commitment to build an ambitious new medical school in Spokane. The School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Washington – Spokane (UW SOM) will train physicians, nurses, and other health professionals who can assist in the commercialization of research that may have started on campus or with the business.

UW Medicine works closely with healthcare organizations, including rural clinics throughout the region. Spokane and surrounding communities have been part of UW Medicine’s educational programs for nearly 45 years. Starting in the early 1970s, the first-year medical education site was established in Pullman, WA, with participation of many physicians in and around Spokane. UW Medicine now trains 300 medical students in required and elective clinical courses in their third and fourth year program. Currently, first and second year residents receive their education in Spokane on the University District campus, while third and fourth year students complete training in dozens of eastern Washington practices.

There are 10 science faculty, 40 primary care physicians who volunteer as mentors to the students and more than 360 physicians who teach clinical clerkships and electives for UW SOM students in eastern Washington. In fact, the UW SOM was the first medical school in the nation to initiate a community approach in which students receive clinical training in physicians’ offices.

With an established medical education program firmly in place in Spokane, UW Medicine remains deeply invested in eastern Washington. The impact for the Spokane community is far reaching. A recent study by research firm Tripp Umbach estimates the impact of the expanded UW Medical School in Spokane at $1.6 billion and 9,000 jobs over 20 years. Throughout seven decades of growth, the school has remained an accessible, affordable medical school option for students in the state and region. USOM has never wavered from its mission—to improve health for all people, through education, research and patient care.

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The University District is a growing development in the heart of downtown that epitomizes the strong partnerships among all of Spokane’s institutions of higher education. While many of the colleges and universities have established educational campuses here, Community Colleges of Spokane operates its district offices in The University District.

Our location in the heart of the district, between WSU’s AND EWU’s Spokane campuses and Gonzaga University, illustrates our growing linkages between educational institutions as we strengthen transfer and reverse transfer agreements, share coursework and undergraduate research opportunities. We hope in the future to create opportunities for our health education students to have access to our partners’ labs and simulation training centers in The University District so that our students’ educational pathways and future degrees are solidified.

The University District also is located at a midway point between our two accredited colleges, Spokane Falls Community College and Spokane Community College.

Both of these colleges offer degrees and certificates in health programs and we are excited about the creation of a WSU medical school and expansion of The University of Washington medical school in Spokane. The medical industry here is a vital part of our economy and our graduates are an essential part of this sector.

This year our respected nursing program at SCC, with over 200 students entered into a direct transfer agreement with WSU in which our nursing students will attend SCC for three years and then WSU for one year, ending with a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree. We also have a transfer agreement in place with Gonzaga for nursing and offer our own RN certification. SCC is one of the largest suppliers of nurses in the Spokane region and our partnerships within The University District will serve our students well with opportunities for educational advancement.

White SCC’s nursing program is a large part of our health careers options, SCC also had nearly 200 graduates this year in medical assistants, radiology technology, sonography, echocardiography, surgical technology, dental assisting, vascular technology, pharmacy technicians, invasive cardio-technology, and respiratory care. This included graduates in medical office services such as health information management, medical billing and medical office specialists.

And SPCC’s graduates also will benefit from the expansion of medical and health education by our partners in The University District. This year they had nearly 150 graduates in health programs including addiction studies, gerontology, health/fitness technicians, occupational therapy assistants, physical therapy assistants, pre-nursing, orthotics and prosthetics and hearing instrument specialists.

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