Washington State University is proud to have Alaska Airlines as a partner and supporter. Its investments in WSU Athletics, support for various campus activities, and collaboration on sustainable aviation fuels initiatives have yielded tremendous benefits for both the company and the University. The airline is quite literally the University’s lifeline. WSU students and faculty are onboard Alaska flights each and every day traveling to and from five of WSU’s campuses—Pullman, Vancouver, Tri-Cities, Spokane, and now, Everett—to further their educational and research pursuits worldwide.

WSU AT A GLANCE

- **Student–Faculty Ratio**: 15:1
- **Total Student Enrollment**: 3,086
- **15:1**
- **78%** Washingtonians
- **33.2%** First Generation

RANKINGS

- #1 in USDA research and development expenditures for last two years (NSF Higher Education Research and Development Survey)
- #13 “Best Online MBA Programs” (US News & World Report)
- #8 for Best Online MBA Program for Veterans (US News & World Report)
- The Carson College of Business is recognized as a “Best for Vets: Business School” (Military Times)
- #7 in closing the graduation rate gap for underrepresented minority students (The Education Trust)
- Top 10 communication research in 27 areas (Communication Institute for Online Scholarship)
- #1 online hospitality business management bachelor’s degree (TheBestSchools.org)

WSU+ALASKA 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR

Foundations and Organizations

- 53.2% Individual Donors
- 18.1% Corporate Partners
- 18.1% Sponsored Research Grants
- 10.1% Other

Philanthropic Funding (by source)
With the Alaska Airlines travel miles award, I was able to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to present my research on gender and diversity at the International Mycological Congress. Presenting my research at international scientific conferences and invited seminars at other universities is crucial to my success as a new tenure-track faculty member. It highlights the innovative work that my lab is doing at WSU and creates new opportunities for collaborations and discussions with other researchers in my field.

–Tanya Cheeke, Assistant Professor
School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University

Part of what makes the Alaska Airlines Mileage Program so advantageous to students is that it allows us to extend our ability beyond our own means. Our own resources are often limited and being a part of a community with companies like Alaska Airlines who share the same goals of enriching the college experience for dedicated students is rather special.

–Alyssa Hampton
Bioengineering Student at Washington State University

Collaboration and Engagement

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- Campus sponsorships:
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  - Carson College of Business Power Breakfast “Crimson” Sponsorship of both Spokane and Seattle
  - ESFCOM Medvengers Gala “Dinner Sponsor”
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- Partner in NARA Sustainable Aviation Fuel Project. Alaska used WSU-made fuel from forest residuals in a demonstration flight from Seattle to Washington, DC, in 2016.

Historical Support

$320,324

Last Three Years of Financial Support

3-year total: $234,941

$47,500 (FY19)

$64,533 (FY18)

$122,908 (FY17)

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