



2025 HRAA Annual Report

Be More. Be A Dawg.



An Overview



Now that we are off and running in 2026, we wanted to take a moment to look back on 2025 to share what we have learned and achieved. This report is designed to provide Transparency to you, our community, as this is one of the Core Values of the HRAA. Providing deeper insight will allow you all to keep your finger on the pulse of what we are doing and help us work towards our goals

All said and done, 2025 was a very successful year for the HRAA.

We are proud to say that we achieved 4 out of 5 of our goals but did fall short on the club sponsorships. We look forward to continuing to build a strong platform and community that will allow Husky Rugby to prosper. We hope that you will take the time to read through our first ever Annual Report and look forward to a great 2026!

The annual goals that we set for ourselves were as follows:

- \$20k in club sponsorships for '25/26 season
- \$60k scholarship budget for '26 recruiting
- \$175k in gross revenue
- Launch Legacy Donor Club with 3 Legacy commitments
- 300 clubhouse members

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University Relations



We held several meetings with University officials with the primary goal of gaining a clearer understanding of Husky Rugby's position within the University. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to meet with us and speak candidly; we learned a great deal from these conversations.

The reality is that Husky Rugby currently receives limited support from the University, and this represents the greatest challenge we must address. While the road ahead will not be easy, we remain fully committed to improving Husky Rugby's standing within the University and positioning the club for long-term success.

These meetings should not be viewed negatively. In fact, they were a positive step forward, as they provided clarity on where we stand and the level of effort required to achieve our goals. Strengthening Husky Rugby's presence and support within the University will be a key focus moving forward.

Three areas of focus for us are:

Facilities	Funding	Recruiting
<p>As a club sport, Husky Rugby is currently the lowest on the pecking order when it comes to facility access. The result of this is the team having to train from 8-10PM because intramural sports, mainly flag football, gets precedence on booking field time. This is not only challenging for students who are juggling the demands of school and sport, but also for the club to who is trying to build a winning culture.</p>	<p>As a club sport, the University currently provides approximately \$1500 in funding per year and though this is very much appreciated, it does little to help the clubs \$70k+ annual budget.</p>	<p>The University of Washington has very strict guidelines on the admissions front, so much so that admissions evaluators are not even able to factor in Letters of Recommendation from the Head Coach when weighing decisions about applicants/recruits. This puts us at a huge disadvantage to other Universities when it comes to actively recruiting top tier players.</p>

Mid-Season Club Report



Director of Rugby
& Head Coach

University of Washington
Men's Rugby Club

Will Wheaton

With over 50 returning players this year, we kicked off the season with 10 days of preseason training and three exhibition matches. The excitement around a strong senior class and promising new recruits has been tempered by injuries. Despite that, the club has continued building culture through course correction and refocusing our energy on the future.

Our first match against Trinity Western University was an exciting one, as we shocked them out of the gates and finished in a narrow loss to a powerful, highly recruited Canadian side. Unfortunately, this is where injuries began snowballing among many of our top starters and strongest recruits. Twenty-nine of our 65 players have missed at least one match due to injury, carrying around 20% week to week. With many of those being key players, it's no surprise this has been a tough quarter. Some players entered preseason with weightlifting injuries, while others were underprepared and suffered strains under preseason rigor.

As players from our exhibition matches went down, conference games forced us to rely on our depth and to blood new talent. With so many seniors, we didn't expect so many new players and recruits to see First XV minutes in the fall, a silver lining to the injuries. The OSU loss was deflating after beating them three times last year. The CWU match looked promising, taking a 21-0 lead before halftime, before key personnel leaving the field led to a narrow loss. As struggles continued, the most important turning point came after the heavy loss to UO in Eugene, when our captain pulled out pre-game and our vice-captain exited after 10 minutes. The captains called a seniors meeting and laid out actionable plans to build a culture of strength and conditioning that would mitigate injury and set replacements up to be competitive.

Since then, we have seen an incredible shift - increasing attendance, commitment, and buy-in across the board, despite one of the most painful losses against our opponents up the road at WWU. Leading into the break, we stress the importance of staying fit and strong, and will kick off Winter quarter with a California tour, an important teamship builder for any team.

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Alumni & Community Support



We have seen growing support from the alumni and community and hope that we are able to continue to build on this.

We would like to highlight a few wins from this past year to share with you:

- We surpassed our goal of 300 Clubhouse members, reaching 369 before year end.
- Phinney Ridge Painting, an alum owned business, hired 3-4 players for summer positions.
- Launched the Husky Hype newsletter.
- 5 new scholarships awarded.
- Hosted our first ever Alumni Weekend which included a live rugby double header, a hugely successful P&G Fundraising Dinner, and masterclass touch rugby session where a few alum showed the current players how it's done.

The Husky Hype, Tuesday June 3, 2025. Headline: Three Huskies Selected for the D1AA All-American Team. Subtext: The University of Washington Rugby Club announced today that three of its standout players have been selected to the prestigious D1AA All-American team, marking the most significant national recognition in the program's history. Photos of three players: Vaea Tangitau, Brian Cain Jr., and Jaedan Johnson.

June 8, 2025: UW Rugby Ranker. Husky continues to... Read More. June 9, 2025: Washington Rugby Players Dig In to Give Back After. May 3, 2025: 2025 Purple & Gold Dinner Auction Recap.

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Alumni Weekend: Purple & Gold Fundraising Dinner



We're excited to share the tremendous success of our recent Purple & Gold Fundraiser Dinner for the Husky Rugby Club! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we raised an impressive **\$105,000**, far surpassing our \$70,000 goal! This marks our most successful fundraising event to date, and we wanted to share this achievement with you.

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2025 Husky Rugby Alumni Weekend

**Thank You For
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RAISED
\$105K
GOAL
\$70K



HRAA Scholarships



Thank you for your continued support!

The HRAA was proud to award scholarships totaling \$39,000 to four incoming players and one returning player for the 2025–2026 season.



Shunsuke Nakatani

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Gabriel Palomo



Rylan Reinebach



Maxime Cauchi



Halen Moeck

2025-2026

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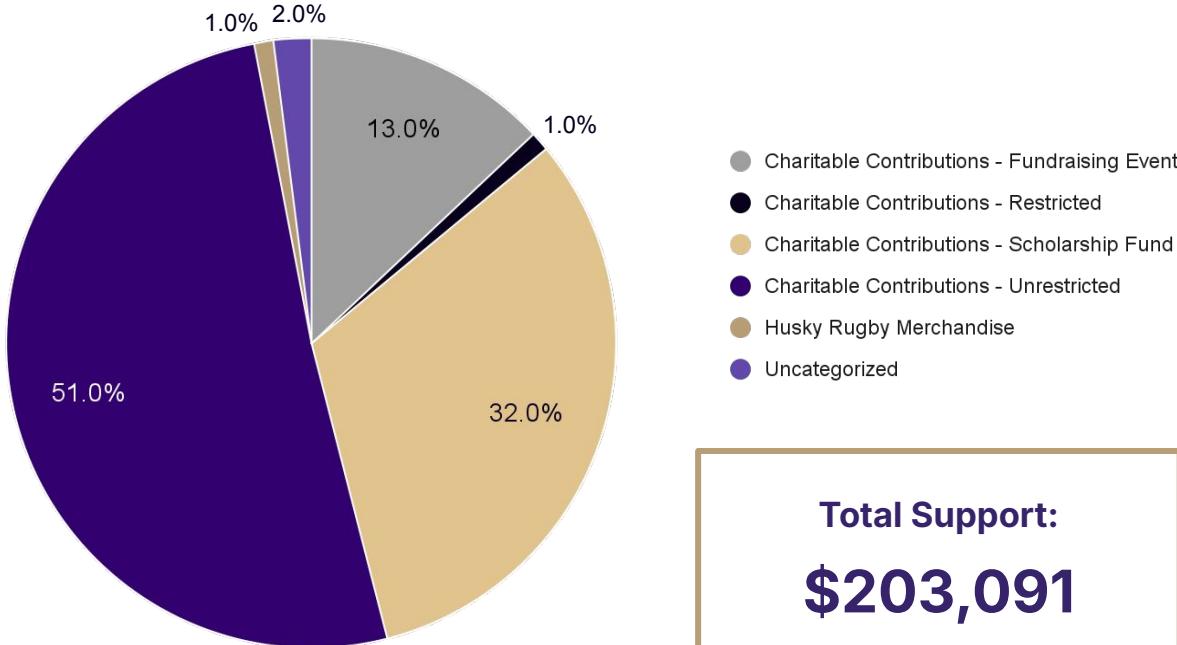
2025-2026

Financial Overview



Our Impact

The Huskies Rugby Alumni Association plays a vital role in supporting the growth of the Husky Rugby Club; providing resources, mentorship, and opportunities that give current players a competitive edge both on the pitch and in their future careers.

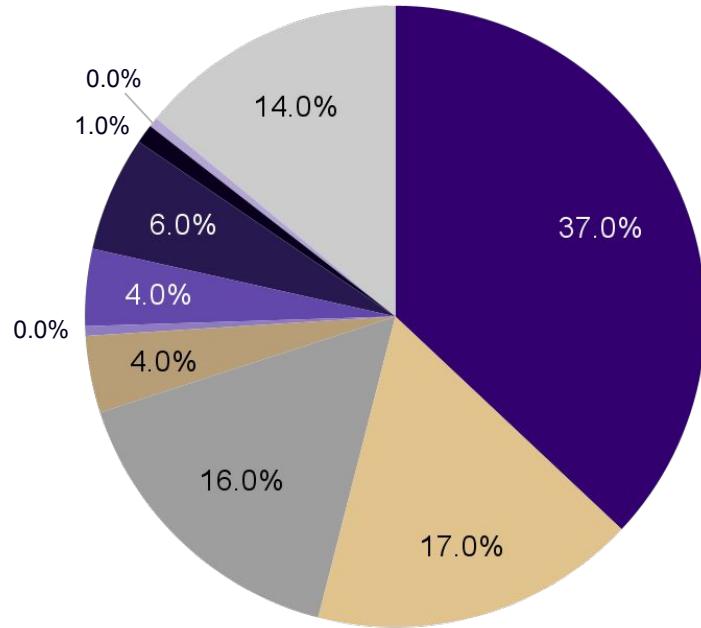


Financial Overview Cont.



Used Funds

- Advertising & Marketing
- Fundraising Event
- Husky Rugby Coaching Stipen
- Legal & Professional
- Other Business Expenses
- Bank Charges and Fees
- Husky Rugby Club
- Insurance
- Office Supplies & Software
- Scholarship Award



Total Expenses:
\$88,625

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Fundraising Initiatives



California Tour

This initiative helped support the team to pay for meals, vans and other items on their trip.

\$4,000

Current Raise: 4,000

Veo Sports Tracking Camera

This initiative allowed us to purchase this system to record trainings for coaches / players and live streaming matches for alumni and parents.

\$3,000

Current Raise: 3,000

Scholarship Fund

This initiative allows Husky Rugby to attract and recruit talented players by providing financial assistance.

\$100,000

Current Raise: 70,000

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Looking Ahead



**Husky Rugby
President**

University of Washington
Men's Rugby Club

Kevin Fuller

As we close the fiscal year, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of building a top-tier rugby program in the Pacific Northwest, one that provides high-caliber players with a meaningful competitive and educational advantage during college and beyond. The financial support entrusted to HRAA this year has been managed with care and purpose, directly advancing our mission and strengthening the foundation for long-term success. We are deeply grateful for the continued commitment of our donors and community, whose generosity makes this vision possible and ensures a strong future for our student-athletes and the program as a whole.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Board's primary focus will be on strengthening our standing within the University, expanding and formalizing a comprehensive recruiting program, and further improving our financial position to better support the club. While we recognize the challenges ahead, we are fully prepared to meet them—and with your continued support, we are confident in our ability to do so.

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Ways To Donate



Scholarships Fund

Your donation supports student-athletes and helps grow the sport we love.

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Jack Huddleston Endowment Fund

This fund is managed by the University of Washington and provides a % back to the rugby club annually.

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Current Team

Support the team directly: Donate here to fund their training, equipment, and travel.

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Husky Rugby Legacy Club

The Legacy Club is a cornerstone giving program that celebrates individuals and families dedicated to the long-term success of Husky Rugby.



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