

In October of last year, Gonzaga University—along with a consortium of regional partners—was selected as one of 31 grant recipients via the Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs) program.

According to the EDA, the Tech Hubs Program aims to, “strengthen U.S. economic and national security with investments in regions across the country with assets and resources with the potential to become globally competitive in the technologies and industries of the future—and for those industries, companies, and the good jobs they create, to start, grow, and remain in the United States.”

The consortium is a partnership of 50 industry leaders, educational institutions, and state, local and tribal governments. The vision is to create a regional hub for research and commercialization of advanced composite materials for the aerospace and aviation industries, including the development of the American Aerospace Materials Manufacturing Center, a 386,000-square-foot repurposed manufacturing facility near Spokane International Airport.

Last month, Governor Inslee visited Gonzaga and met with key leaders from the Tech Hub consortium. The consortium, created in partnership with Lakeside Companies, is a collaboration of nearly 50 organizations from Washington and Idaho. This award is phase one of a two-phase grant application process. A phase two award for the Spokane region would be significant for innovation, business start-ups and workforce development.

*Juliet Sinisterra, CEO*





*Governor Inslee and Gonzaga University President, Thayne McCulloh, lead a discussion on the EDA Tech Hubs Program. Photo courtesy the Office of the Governor.*



## **Board Focus**

Teresa Dugger, UDDA and UDPDA Board Chair has served on the UDDA board since 2019 and has been an active member of the Development Committee and other advisory committees. At GeoEngineers, Teresa oversees the development of geotechnical engineering evaluations—from proposal to final report—and is a main client/owner contact for her projects. Her leadership role has grown within the Spokane geotechnical team over the past 20+ years. She's the geotechnical team leader for our West business unit, based in Spokane, and she manages a number of important client relationships. Teresa is also deeply involved in the Spokane business community and actively promotes new business opportunities where available.

## Noteworthy Community Events



### Food for Thought: Exploring the Science behind What We Eat

February 21

Hear from WSU researchers from around Washington who are working to make life healthier for us all.



### From Spokane to Dubai: Field Notes from COP 28

February 28

Joint presentation from Gonzaga's Office of Mission Engagement, the Department of Political Science, and the Institute for Climate, Water, and the Environment. Hear from several faculty and Spokane community members who attended COP28 in



### Should your Climate Commitments include Carbon Offsets

February 28

Join UD business Measure Meant who is partnering with Tradewater (a B Corp) and Bonneville Environmental Foundation (Non-profit) for this virtual event. Understand the role of carbon credits, how to find credible ones, and where they fit into sustainability reporting requirements, including the new draft B Corp standards.



December 2023 on their experiences in Dubai and paths forward for climate action.



## A Community-Building Approach to Understanding and Addressing Climate Impacts

March 4

Gonzaga Institute for Climate, Water and the Environment presents Dr. Daniel Vimont to discuss how a small group of scientists and natural resource managers developed a community-building approach for understanding and adapting to the impacts of climate change in Wisconsin.



## Seth Collier “Scenes to an End” and Dustin Regul “yielding expanse”

March 1 – 30

Saranac Art Project presents Collier’s work, a series of digitally spray-painted bird of paradise flowers, a tribute to all the tech-entangled optimists nearing the end of the world. Also on display, Regul’s work which displays the temporal dance between destruction and the ethereal.

An event poster for "Amplifying Women's Voices" with a purple background. The text reads: "Yes You Can! Overcome Limiting Beliefs", "March 5 • 5:15 - 7:15 pm", "Steam Plant Rooftop". It lists sponsors: Gallagher, Idaho Central, and Gonzaga. A list of panelists includes Ashley Blake, Stephaine Courtney, Col. Angela O'Connell, Juliet Sinisterra, and Jen Westra, each with a small portrait photo.

## Overcoming Limiting Beliefs

March 5

Local event featuring women leaders in the Spokane area. Come hear from UD CEO Juliet Sinisterra as she sits on this great panel of leaders.





## **Watercolor Solutions with Susan Rohrback**

March 8

Spokane Art School welcomes all artistic levels to this watercolor class. Come learn the basics and challenges for any level of artist.

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