



West Point Capital Improvements

UW Annual Spring Powwow Event

Date: April 12, 2025

Location: Alaska Arena at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion at UW Seattle Campus, 3870 Montlake Blvd NE, Seattle, WA 98105

Attendance: West Point staff engaged with approximately 187 Powwow visitors during the event.

Purpose of the event:

King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) attended the UW Annual Spring Powwow event and hosted an information booth to promote West Point with the public and share information about the plant's work. Community members were able to ask questions about career opportunities, projects, and learn about our wastewater system.

Key topics included:

- General education about how our wastewater system works and what not to flush down our pipes.
- Career opportunities offered by WTD workforce development and the Operator-In-Training (OIT) Program.
- Overview of capital improvement projects at West Point Treatment Plant.



Event format:

Visitors to the County booth received drain snakes for removing clogs in their drains. They received flyers for the OIT and Workforce Development program, as well as materials with information directing them to the King County jobs page. Additional resources for children's activities included origami, crayons, and candy.



Summary of feedback:

People visiting the booth were excited to see King County out in the community and interested in learning about our wastewater system. Most community members were aware of what not to flush but were unfamiliar with how the full wastewater treatment system worked. People were also interested in tours, having WTD visiting their workplace or schools, and other educational opportunities with WTD.

Many people were interested in the workforce development program, in particular the OIT program. A number of people also expressed interest in environmental engineering opportunities with WTD.