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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: ASWSUTC Annual Report

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The Associated Students of Washington State University Tri-Cities (ASWSUTC) is pleased to report the following:

- ASWSUTC has prioritized advocacy efforts, achieving record-breaking participation in Cougar Day at the Capitol. Students engaged in legislative discussions on higher education policies, contributing to progress in:
  - Expanding the Washington College Grant
  - Reinforcing student rights protections
  - Increasing funding for basic needs
  - Securing renewed support for the WSU Native Student Scholarship
- To further civic engagement, ASWSUTC:
  - Organized a legislative panel featuring elected officials
  - Provided students with direct access to policymakers
  - Held voter registration drives and participated in the Campus Voter Project, setting goals for student voter registration and engagement
- In collaboration with the Career Center, ASWSUTC facilitated a networking event connecting students with major employers, including:
  - PNNL
  - WRPS
  - CPCCo
  - Hanford
  - Received overwhelming student interest, with plans to establish it as an annual event
- Expanded access to professional development resources, including:
  - A business amplifier credit opportunity for College of Business students
- Fostering campus pride and community engagement remained central to ASWSUTC's mission.

Highlights include:

- Partnership with the Office of Student Engagement & Leadership to implement Cougar Pride Friday
- Official decree by Chancellor Sandra Haynes designating Fridays as Cougar Pride Fridays to celebrate WSU traditions and unity
- ASWSUTC focused on enhancing student services and campus accessibility through:
  - Direct outreach and collaboration with administration
  - Expansion of study spaces
  - Campus safety improvements
  - Facility enhancements based on student feedback
- The impact of ASWSUTC's work is reflected in record student voter turnout during Spring Elections, demonstrating growing trust in student leadership.

As we transition to a new leadership team, ASWSUTC remains dedicated to our motto, "For the students, by the students," ensuring continued advocacy and meaningful contributions to the WSU Tri-Cities community.