



# This Week from the Mayor



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## Partnerships vital for success in education

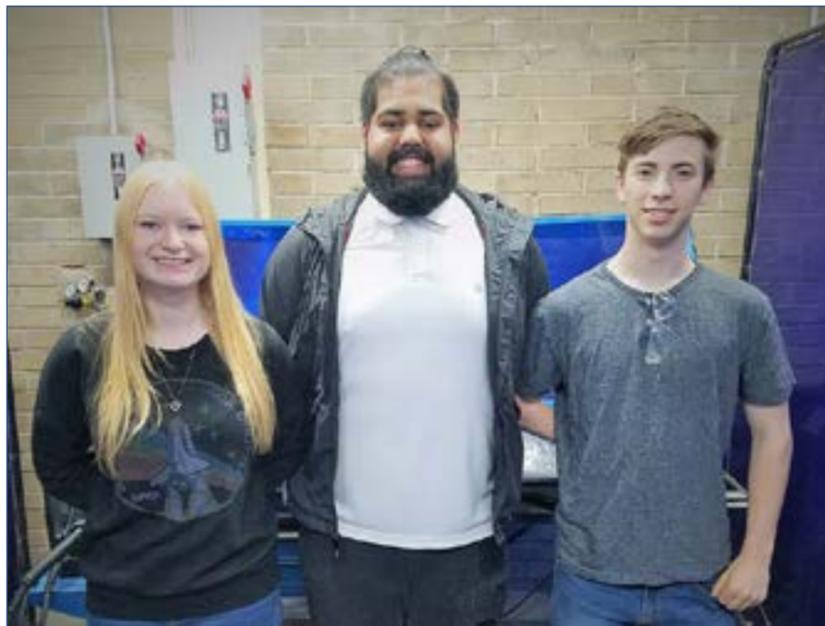
RENTON IS FORTUNATE to be the home of many world class companies. Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, Providence Health Systems, and Kaiser Permanente are all located here and employ thousands of our residents.

Sometimes, though, we forget about the partnerships these companies have developed with [Renton School District](#) and [Renton Technical College](#),

and how this benefits our community. These partnerships provide amazing opportunities for students, many of which are life changing.

Renton School District has partnered with Boeing through their aerospace manufacturing classes at Hazen, Lindbergh, and Renton high schools. The classes allow students to acquire skills and knowledge that align with Boeing's employment needs. Several students who took the course this year will graduate and enter the Boeing Facilities Internship program in full-time positions during the summer.

A recent visit by aerospace mechanics students to the Kenworth/PACCAR plant inspired company management to hold a job fair specifically for Renton high school students.



**Hazen High students entering Boeing Internship Program immediately after graduation (l-r): Kayla Smith, Argobind Sohal, and Austin Hrenchir**

and was very impressed. Despite the early hour, the students were very welcoming, obviously intelligent, and genuinely interested in leadership issues, the city and our community. This reflects well for our future.

After high school, not every student is ready to attend a four-year college. Renton Technical College (RTC) is an excellent option because of their cutting edge curriculum that prepares graduates to enter the workforce. Their Guided Pathways curriculum simplifies the route to an associate degree. They have been recognized as one of the best two-year colleges in the country and were recently named the sixth best college in the country for earning a medical assisting degree.

The city partners with the college as a sponsor of the annual Student Success Breakfast, a key scholarship fundraiser for the RTC Foundation. I also deliver the annual State of the City address at RTC, with proceeds supporting the RTC scholarship fund. The annual Renton Career Fair in May continues to grow in success and brings together job seekers and Renton businesses. This, too, is a cooperative effort between the city, the college, and local businesses.

In Renton, all elements to succeed in education are in place: committed employers; skilled and very dedicated teachers and administrators; and students who are hungry to learn. It's up to us as residents to give them the backing they deserve in order to ensure success.

## Q13 news highlights the best of Renton

ALL THIS WEEK, Q13FOX has been presenting stories that cover the great things happening in Renton during their newscasts.

Their stories have covered the on-going [downtown revitalization efforts](#) and the positive impact the [Southport complex](#) will have on the city. In fact they called the complex, which will be one of the most technologically-advanced in the country, the "biggest thing to come to Renton since Boeing." This morning they had a great piece on [Cruz the Loop](#), which returns on August 18, and Friday will feature some hidden gems in the city.



During my interview, I talked about our work downtown and at Southport, our burgeoning reputation as the health care hub in the Northwest, the work in the Sunset neighborhood, and many more good things. I hope you were able to catch the coverage.

## Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please [email](#) me. Thanks for reading. | [Newsletter archive](#)



**Mayor Law speaks to a leadership class at Renton High School**

The rest of our community is involved as well through organizations like Friends of Renton Schools. Started nine years ago by a dedicated group of local business owners, educators, and community leaders, they are committed to helping provide quality educational opportunities for all students. I was at last month's fundraising breakfast and over \$140,000 was raised from local businesses and residents, pushing the grand total raised to date to over \$2 million.

I spoke to a leadership class recently at Renton High School