Then and now, with technology and the global economy growing ever more complex and interconnected, it takes strong communication skills, expertise in project management and financial knowledge built on a solid grounding in software programming to succeed in the high-tech sector.

“Software engineering needs well-rounded individuals — especially today,” says Erdly. “You have to think
about social consequences and business consequences, everything from ethics and privacy to budgets and intellectual property rights. Those issues go way beyond programming.”

In her globe-trotting consulting work, Angela Druckman (CSS ’98) trains organizations in how to improve their strategies and systems for developing new products through agile project management.

“A lot of the seeds of what I share with my clients now really got planted at UW Bothell: thinking broadly about software, not just in bits and bytes, but in terms of things that are really going to affect people’s lives,” says Angela, owner of The Druckman Company LLC.

Teaming up with Associate Professor Erdly as a teaching assistant in a Management Principles for Software Professionals course, Angela helped students hone their writing skills. In the process, she became a stronger writer herself. Her book, 30 Days to Better Agile, has earned rave reviews as insightful and easy to understand.

Like Angela, Randy Rue went back to school in his late 20s. He was working as a PC components salesman but was eager for a more challenging and rewarding career. When he took a job at Fred Hutchinson, his professors encouraged him to tailor his projects to the cancer research center’s exhibits by sponsors, alumni and community partners. Professors and industry experts will lead workshops. Women who have excelled as astronauts will talk about their stereotype-defying careers and the many doors that math and science opened up for them.

Learn more about Inspire STEM at www.uwb.edu/inspire.
UW Bothell launches new Computing and Software Systems Program in the fall after approval from state legislature and Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Microsoft, Oracle, and other tech companies give more than $2.3 million in lab and programming start-up support. Degree articulation agreements established with local community and technical colleges. Second-year courses added in three concentrations: Application Programming, Systems Analysis and Information Engineering.

Networking & Embedded Systems lab created with donations and support from industry partners. A $1 million gift to advance the interdisciplinary aspects of computing later becomes the Worthington Technology Award.

Program moves to permanent campus from original location at Canyon Park Business Center.
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