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Collective Action in Uncertain Times

As we collectively navigate the impacts of COVID-19 and this period of uncertainty, PSCCN is committed to our roles of supporting you and your institutions, and most importantly our students whose need for postsecondary access and success will persist beyond the challenges we face today. We know that students of color, students impacted by poverty, and students who are first-generation are often [furthest from educational justice](#) and are hit hardest in times like these.

PSCCN has compiled resources and recommendations to support you. Here are a few of our top recommendations:

- [PSCCN Emergent Resources & Recommendations](#): Locally sourced expertise and strategies from across King & Pierce County, developed out of the 200+ educators who have contributed to recent strategy calls.
- [Essential actions to keep students on track to postsecondary success](#): A detailed, step-by-step guide to provide postsecondary support to students at this time. Interested in implementing these strategies with support from PSCCN? Contact [us](#) about our new College Transition workgroup.
- [NCAN's curated roundup](#), including lists of useful articles, webinars, sample student communications, and more.

We appreciate your resilience and creativity as we work in new and different ways, including forming new partnerships, using technology in new ways, and collaborating with colleagues to

provide online support to students. Thank you! Be sure to check out our upcoming convening for community-based organizations. We want to hear from you! Details below.

College Transition Resources

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLEGE TRANSITION CHECKLIST

CONGRATULATIONS
on your decision to attend Tacoma Community College!

Remember, deciding to attend TCC is just the start of your college journey – there is a lot you have to do before you show up on the first day of class. Please check the tasks below to make sure you are ready to start, and be sure to check your email (and register mail) often so you do not miss important information or requests from the school.

Write in high school, during college your address and email will not be updated. Check with your advisor about sending mail to your address and email. You will be required to reach out for assistance and information. Do not be afraid to ask questions, check with advisors and professors, or seek out additional support if you need it. Staff and resources are here for you!

FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTER

Accept or decline all or part of your award letter and return it to the Financial Aid Office in order to receive accepted aid. You will receive an emailed financial aid award notification from the TCC email account that you accepted to you when you first accepted to TCC unless you cannot receive emails, contact us in the spring. TCC recommends students register for classes as soon as possible so that they may expedite when their award is possible.

Scholarships:

If you received outside scholarships that awarded through financial aid and/or TCC you need to report them to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. By email or phone or your funding may be impacted.

Contact the Financial Aid Office at (253) 863-3333 or financialaid@tcc.edu with any questions or concerns.

EVERY YEAR:

Revisit FAFSA or WAFSA and the TCC Institutional Form before the incoming student deadline and return your award letter.

Bates Technical College

BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE COLLEGE TRANSITION CHECKLIST

CONGRATULATIONS
on your decision to attend Bates Technical College!

Remember, deciding to attend BTC is just the start of your college journey – there is a lot you have to do before you show up on the first day of class. Read the list below to make sure you are ready to start, and be sure to check your email (and register mail) so you do not miss important information or requests.

Write in high school, during college your address and college staff will not typically check it with you about deadlines and sending work or information, you will be expected to reach out for assistance and information. Do not be afraid to ask questions, check in with advisors and professors, or seek out additional support if you need it. Staff and resources are here for you!

Scholarships:

Apply for scholarships if your financial aid does not cover your education expenses. <http://www.bates.edu/scholarships>

If you received outside scholarships that awarded through financial aid and/or BTC, you need to report them to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible by email or phone.

Contact the Financial Aid Office at (206) 835-1225 or financialaid@bates.edu with any questions or concerns.

EVERY YEAR:

Revisit FAFSA or WAFSA before the incoming student deadline and return your award letter.

COMPLETE TESTING OR SEND TRANSCRIPTS

Let us know if you need to complete placement testing. If you have high school transcripts, transfer placement assessment, eligible AP or other eligible placement exams and possible do not need to complete placement testing.

Deliver to your Financial Aid Office can be used: <https://www.bates.edu/student-resources/registration-offices/working-to-bates>

High school transcripts and flow for placement assessment scores can be used if you are a high school graduate as of June 2020.

Ask your high school counselor or college readiness staff for help if you need a copy of your high school transcript or test scores.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

If you haven't already, submit your FAFSA or WAFSA as soon as possible so there may still be aid available to you. <http://www.fafsa.gov> and <http://www.wafsa.edu>

TCC Institutional Form is available to students on a limited basis for emergency funds. Contact us for more information. <http://www.tcc.edu/financial-aid/emergency-funds>

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PSCCN is pleased to share our newly updated [College Transition Checklists & Resources](#) to help you provide clear communication and support to students navigating the college enrollment process. We've also included some new resources in collaboration with our partners at the Community Center for Education Results (CCER), as well as some COVID-19 college transition resources.

Help us Improve these Resources! We want to ensure these transition resources are as effective as possible. Please take a few moments to let us know how we can improve these resources for you and your students. [TAKE SURVEY](#)

Opportunity for Educators

The City of Seattle has new [Opportunity and Access \(O&A\)](#) investments open for the 2020-21 school year for 1) College and Career Readiness and 2) Expanded Learning Opportunities. If your organization is interested in support Seattle students, please consider applying.

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Student Opportunities

Virtual Graduation | Saturday, June 6

Join Reach Higher on June 6 at 12 PM PT for a commencement celebration to salute your commitment to higher education. Over the past month, President and Mrs. Obama have received dozens of requests from around the globe to address graduating classes whose in-person commencement events have been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Join them on [YouTube's](#) "Dear Class of 2020," a virtual commencement celebration bringing together global leaders, celebrities, creators and other voices to recognize graduates, families, and their communities. For more details, go to ReachHigher.org/virtual-commencement.

Career Connect @Home.

Educators looking for career-focused content to support students at home during these unprecedented times can utilize new [CareerConnect@Home](#) resources, designed to help Washington students learn about Washington careers and industries. Throughout May, every school day at 3:30 p.m., students can join employers in live discussions about jobs and career pathways in our state.

News from the Region

Should I still go to college? Families, students in Washington reevaluate plans amid coronavirus. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

As they brace for budget strain, Washington state school districts will receive some coronavirus aid. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Financial aid from the stimulus bill is on the way for college students hit by coronavirus, but some are getting left out. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Free college: Can Washington keep that promise during a recession? [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Unprecedented numbers of college students seek help to pay rent, buy food during pandemic. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

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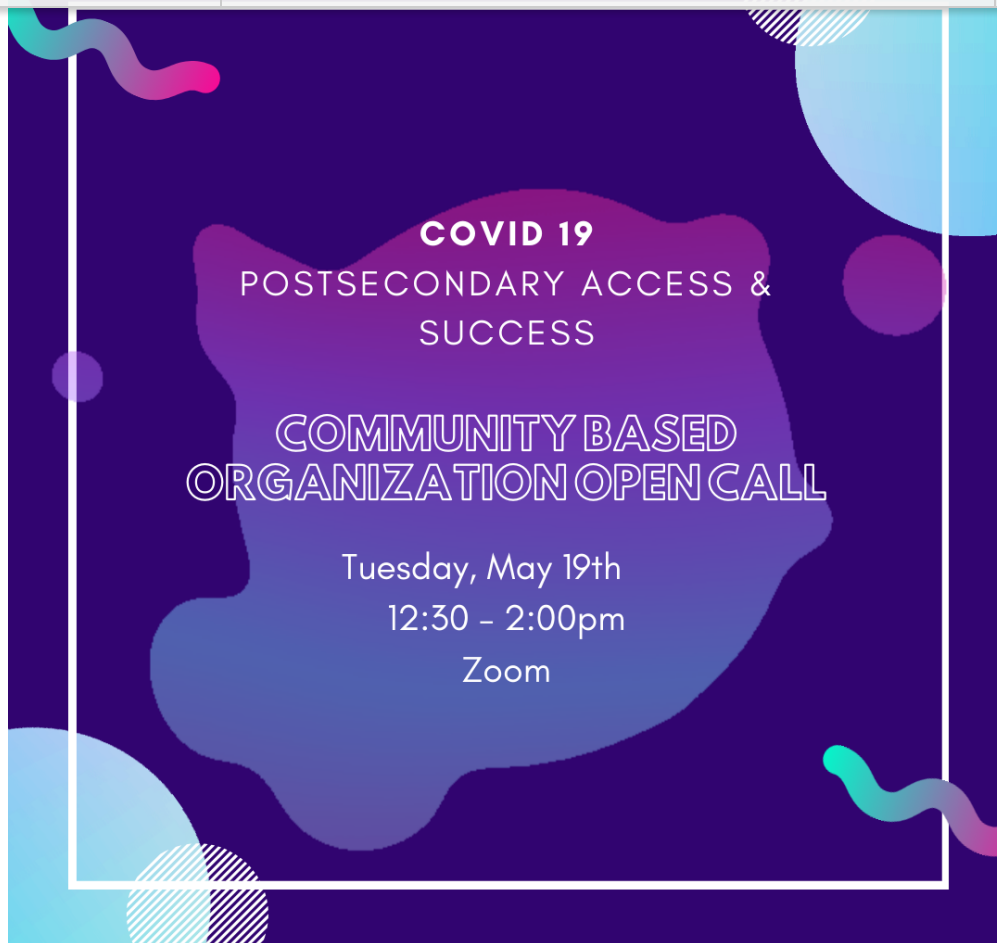


Upcoming Events and Trainings

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PSCCN is hosting the COVID 19 & Postsecondary Access & Success CBO Open Call

Facilitated by Mercy

May 19 from 12:30 - 2pm

Click here to [register](#)

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