



# Puget Sound College and Career Network

Financial Aid Demonstration District



This month we are highlighting PSCCN's partnership with the Fife School District who are the 2019-2020 Financial Aid demonstration district. Their efforts focused on strategic areas to increase financial completion among a target population of Latino, College-bound, ELL, and SpEd. During a year in which we have all faced unprecedented challenges and financial aid completion rates trended downwards across the nation, Fife School district was able to see some minor gains overall. They strengthen relationships with colleges in the region and used disaggregated data to better support their students. Thank you to Fife School District for your commitment to ensuring postsecondary access for your students.

## Meet PSCCN's Summer Intern



Jazzlynn Jefferson is a second-year Master of Public Administration student at the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington. She was born and raised in Delaware then moved to Seattle to pursue her master's degree. Jazzlynn is passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion work within the education field. Her operating philosophy is that the obtainment of college degrees increases one's likelihood of being successful. For the complete interview, [click on this link](#).

## Opportunities and Resources

### **Black Opportunity Fund**

The University of Washington has established the Black Opportunity Fund to acknowledge the harm that systemic racism has on the Black community. The University plans to use some of the funds to address these inequities and injustices, and to fund a strategic agenda that meets immediate and ongoing needs of Black students and faculty. For more information, [click on this link](#).

### **Restarting Amidst The COVID-19 Pandemic**

Check out the [new report](#) from Washington Roundtable and Partnership for Learning underscoring that earning a credential after high school is as important as ever, and that education can be a catapult for those farthest from opportunity and a driver of economic recovery. The report highlights clear steps our schools and our state can take to ensure education quality and rigor during the pandemic, make up for pandemic-related setbacks, address inequities, and knock down barriers to credential attainment.

## News from the Region



ICE Agrees To Rescind Policy Barring Foreign Students From Online Study In The U.S. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Washington state AG Bob Ferguson files for restraining order to halt plan to revoke international student visas. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Universities blast ICE rule that would make international students go home if classes go online. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

How 7 Seattle schools won \$100,000 in coronavirus relief for families. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Some face-to-face classes for workforce training to resume at community colleges following coronavirus closures. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

State colleges and universities are girding for a tough financial future after the coronavirus pandemic. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Western Washington University expects to teach classes in hybrid format this fall: some online learning, some in-person lectures — but no big gatherings. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

It takes 7,200 students before Washington state will pay for a middle school's nurse. How much will it cost to change that? For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

Last year, Washington lawmakers made college free for some. This year, they want to make it more accessible. For more details and to apply, [click here](#).

## Upcoming Events and Trainings



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