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Welcome to 2022-23

From The Desk of the Director

Welcome to September PSCCN community,

This month marks one year since beginning this role as director, and what a year it has been! As I look back on the year, I am so grateful to each of you for remaining connected to our shared vision to support our students, educators, and education community in the journey towards postsecondary credential completion for our young people. Like many of you, our team has navigated our work through many unknown surprises since the pandemic. However, having each of you as colleagues remains a welcome constant. Our team has been alongside you all in responding to and supporting our students in our communities every day.

A significant accomplishment to date, I have had the opportunity to launch King County Promise. Here are a few other recognitions and updates:

1. Thank you to all our partners who helped shape KCP. We could not have put together the program without the collective expertise of the work being done with communities in the region.
2. Congratulations to the Phase 1 KCP partners. We have two partnerships. First, the Highline Promise: Highline College, Highline Public Schools, Southwest Youth and Integration Network (BAM program), Northwest Education Access; and second, Promise to Communities: Renton Technical College, Centro Rendu, Congolese Integration Network, Northwest Education Access. We appreciate all the work their leaders have done over the summer, getting their programs off to a strong start this Fall.
3. Later in the Fall, PSCCN will share our vision/programming for the year with King County Promise, PSCCN convenings, trainings, and more.

4. We are expanding our team! Please check out <https://www.psesd.org/careers/jobs> for open positions, including:

- - PSCCN Director of Strategic Development (Posted)
 - PSCCN Director of Postsecondary Programs (Upcoming)
 - PSCCN Postsecondary Manager (Upcoming)

It's a pleasure to join each of you at the start of this year. We wish you all the best, whether you are setting up your classrooms or still negotiating what the beginning of your year will look like. As we start another school year, I'm looking forward to reconnecting with many of you, hiring a few more great people to round up this team, and continuing to engage in our shared work across the region.

In partnership,

Mercy

PSCCN's notice of intent to apply for the WSAC Regional Challenge Grant

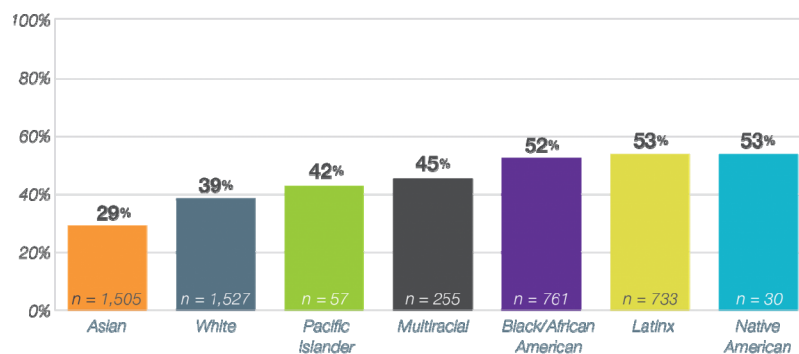
PSCCN would like to share our intention to apply for the Regional WSAC Challenge Grant to support King County Promise work and to increase equitable postsecondary readiness and completion across King and Pierce Counties.

If you are interested in partnering or want to learn more, please reach out to Mercy Daramola, the Director of Postsecondary, at mdaramola@psed.org.

Thank you!

Opportunities and Resources

Figure 2.
Extended Precollege MATH Course-taking
Percent of students who took two or more precollege courses within their first two years of enrollment



2012-2017 award-seeking direct enrollees who took any math/English course in college. Count of precollege courses includes courses that were repeated. Excludes students who ever participated in Running Start. To protect student privacy, groups representing fewer than 10 students omitted from results. Source: OSPI CEDARS student-level data and SBCTC data via ERDC.

College leaders can improve racial equity by honoring high school diplomas as a valid measure of college readiness.

Our public education system has a long history of racist policies that have created barriers to opportunity, particularly for students of color. In the context of our state, English and math placement policies in community and technical colleges act as gatekeepers to college-level courses and eventual degrees.

Read this new piece drawing from the Inequity by Design report and learn how state leaders can move towards antiracist placement policies. [Read the blog post.](#)



3 MONTHS TO 3000: Pledge your support to the King County Youth Bill of Rights project today!

The [King County Youth Bill of Rights](#) is a youth-led and youth-inspired project with the goal of creating policy that will guide policy and budgetary decisions that impact children and young adults in our region. The Taskforce aims to engage 3,000 youth voices in the project over the next 3 months. You can partner in this effort by pledging to engage youth and young adults (ages 5-24) in this effort by the **October 31, 2022** deadline. Click [HERE](#) to pledge.

Once you submit your pledge, a unique quick reference (QR) code is automatically created and a link assigned specifically for your organization to share with young people.

Your QR code and link will lead to a brief 3-minute survey where participants are asked to "**declare their rights**" by sharing what important issues are confronting youth today and what changes they would like to see.

Other ways to engage young people in the project:

- **Video Ask** - An [interactive video and audio questionnaire](#) where young people can provide their input in video, audio, or text format.
- **Share Existing Survey Data** – If you have surveyed young people in the past two years and are willing to share your findings with us, that is another way you can contribute.
- **Host a Virtual or in-person listening session** – If youth you are serving are gathering virtually and/or in person, invite our YBOR Task Force members and support team to host a listening session.

The taskforce is available to speak at youth conventions, summits, and conferences in King County.

The input phase for this project will end October 31, 2022. It will be followed by a ratification period where young people who have provided their contact information will be asked to prioritize the issues put forth by youth in King County and the Youth Bill of Rights Task Force. The final document will be drafted early 2023.

All participating organizations will be listed as partners in this endeavor.

Partnership for Learning: Case Study: The Promise of Automatic Admissions.

Employers will create 373,000 net new jobs in Washington state by 2026, and 70% of these jobs are expected to require or be filled by workers with a post-high school credential. One promising strategy: Automatically admit students to reduce enrollment barriers. Learn about three benefits from automatic admissions processes in [the Partnership for Learning's newest case study](#).

College Promise Coalition: Updated Infographic – Pathway to Great Jobs in WA.

Washington students have big dreams, and we all want to see them succeed! Employers in our state are expected to add an estimated 373,000 net new jobs in Washington state over the next five years. About 70% of these jobs will require or be filled by workers with a post-high school credential, such as a degree, apprenticeship, or certificate.

Here are the updated interactive [Pathways Infographic](#) for students to learn more about credentials that can lead to great jobs in Washington state.

Financial Aid: The latest resources and information for people supporting students.

Big thank you to the Washington Student Achievement Council for their work to support students in completing their financial aid applications! [This blog](#) contains the latest information from WSAC about resources that adults can use in making sure students have the resources they need to complete the FAFSA or WASFA. Learn more about about Financial Aid Advising Day, workshops, and other resources in [the blog](#).

Clearer pathways to post-high school education in Pasco.

The journey from high school to the first day of college requires many steps. From college and financial aid application forms, to selecting courses and navigating a new campus, the changes can be daunting. In Pasco, education leaders are striving to make part of the journey easier by creating a clearer and more seamless academic path for students. Learn more about these initiatives in [the blog](#).

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Student Resources

Back-to-school: Get ready with High School and Beyond Planning resources.

As students, families, and educators prepare for another school year, one way students can start the year with a spark is to use the [High School and Beyond Plan](#) (HSBP) to connect their coursework to their future goals. The Plan is a process students engage in throughout middle and high school to explore their interests, plan aligned coursework, research education and training opportunities after high school, and more. When students see a clear path from their education into a future that fits their interests, school becomes more relevant and engaging.

#PlanYourPathWA: student video contest winners share their goals and plans to get there.

This year's five contest winners plan to pursue careers in government leadership, user-experience design, speech language pathology, and financial technology, and they are all taking steps today to reach their goals. Hear more from the winners of the [2022 #PlanYourPathWA Student Video Contest](#) and enjoy some inspiration as a new school year approaches.

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News



After more than a year of debates, protests, meetings and deliberations, President Biden is fulfilling a campaign promise [to cancel some](#) of the federal student debt held by millions of Americans. Who qualifies for Biden's plan to cancel \$10,000 in student debt? [Click here](#) for more information.

President Biden's move means the student loan balances of millions of people could fall by as much as \$20,000. [Click here](#) to find out what you need to know about President Biden's student loan forgiveness plan.

Washington will bridge the wide gap between job seekers' qualifications and workforce needs only when every student has access to an excellent education. Help students prepare for tomorrow's jobs. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Washington's top education official is putting a plan in motion for high schoolers to earn elective credits for their after-school jobs. WA high school students will soon earn credit for after-school jobs. [Click here](#) for more information.

A state legislator here [suggested this past week](#) that our two big universities, UW and WSU, ought to stick it out together in the same conference. [Click here](#) for more information.

The University of Washington has ranked well among American universities for a long time, but now a new global ranking places it academically among the best in the world. [Click here](#) for more information.

For students of color, debt forgiveness doesn't go far enough - Attaining a high-quality education at all levels — from pre-K to college — has been a struggle for Black and brown Americans. Although there is a legal right to attend school, [quality education is just as difficult to pursue today as it was a century ago](#). [Click here](#) to learn more information.

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