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Come join the PSCCN Team!



PSCCN is excited to share another amazing job opportunity! We are hiring for a **Director of Postsecondary Strategy and Sustainability** who will play a key role in strategic alignment and funding for PSCCN's work, including King County Promise. [Click this link](#) to get more information about this opportunity.

The role of Epistemological Beliefs in STEM Ed

The role of epistemological beliefs in STEM faculty's decisions to use culturally relevant pedagogy at Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

The growing understanding of the oppressive inequities that exist in postsecondary education has led to an increasing need for culturally relevant pedagogy. Researchers have found evidence that beliefs about the nature of knowledge predict pedagogical practices. [Check out this article](#) written by Mollee Shultz, our Director of Postsecondary Data and Impact who examines why postsecondary STEM instructors are resistant to integrating culturally relevant pedagogy into their curricula.

Opportunities and Resources

Ready Washington Announces #PlanYourPathWA Student Video Contest Winners

Five Washington high school students have been selected as the winners of Ready Washington's annual #PlanYourPathWA student voices video contest. This year's theme was *#PlanYourPathWA: What are your education and career dreams, and how are you going to get there?*

Congratulations to:

- Lina McRoberts, Ballard High School
- Josue Salgado, Mossyrock High School
- Rachel Cram, La Conner High School
- Nathan Chien, South Kitsap High School
- Meghan Pemberton, Heritage High School (Evergreen Schools)

Each student has been awarded a \$500 scholarship and nominated a teacher who received a \$100 gift card. Check out all the winning videos on [YouTube](#).

Congratulations to the next generation of STEM Leaders.

Forty-nine students from across Washington state received honors on May 19 from Boeing, [Tallo](#), and [Partnership for Learning](#) on Washington State STEM Signing Day. The event recognizes students who are committing to study a science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) discipline after high school. Just like college signing days for athletes, the next generation of STEM leaders signed a letter of intent to pursue a two- or four-year credential in a STEM field. The Washington state high school seniors were chosen based on their accomplishments and involvement in STEM education. Help celebrate these students' successes and postsecondary pathways!

Explore careers featuring BIPOC profiles.

Vitae is a [website](#) with the mission of helping BIPOC youth explore rewarding careers. The site has video informational interviews with successful BIPOC professionals from fields such as journalism, business management, education, finance, health science, IT, manufacturing, STEM, and more.

Basics about state learning standards and assessments.

It's state assessment season, which means students in grades 3-8 and in high school are taking assessments in English language arts, math, and science. The assessments are used by schools, districts, and the state to help improve instruction for all students. In partnership with OSPI, Ready WA has updated our foundational fact sheet about learning standards and assessments. Please share with your networks to get this information into the hands of families. The resource is available in English and Spanish. [Click here](#) for more information.

NEWS

Washington State's Education Shortfall: Washington state ranks near last out of states sending their students to college. [Click here](#) for more information.

Higher education funding in Washington State: Federal stimulus dollars flowing to States kept appropriations strong in the 2021 fiscal year even as enrollment kept declining. [Click here](#) for more information.

The U.S. Department of Education mistakenly made available about \$73 million extra in federal coronavirus relief money to 24 colleges, [a new government watchdog report found](#). [Click here](#) for more information

The U.S. Department of Education expands Second Chance Pell program for third time. The program aims to keep people from returning to prison by providing educational opportunities during incarceration. [Click here](#) for more information

As Pell Grants program turns 50 on June 23, it's expanding to make the dream of college possible for more students. [Click here](#) for more information.

New data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center show total enrollment declined 4.1 percent since last spring. Community colleges are once again the sector hit the hardest. [Click here](#) for more information.

A closer look at which stopped-out students are reenrolling in college. understanding who has returned could help future recruiting. [Click here](#) for more information

Enrollment plummets at Washington's colleges, especially among men. The state's colleges should have seen a rush of applicants. [Click here](#) for more information.

Jan Yoshiwara, the director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges Community college leader, says the state is not doing enough to help low-income students. [Click here](#) for more information.

Lessons from another State:

California is enrolling fewer Latino and Black college students in remedial courses. It's working. [Click here](#) for more information.

Student Voices:

I was a foster youth, and my high school didn't prepare me for higher education. [Click here](#) for more information.

How can schools do a better job of serving students were giving these youth their say. [Click here](#) for more information

Washington Universities struggle to serve all their students' mental health needs here's why. [Click here](#) for more information.

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