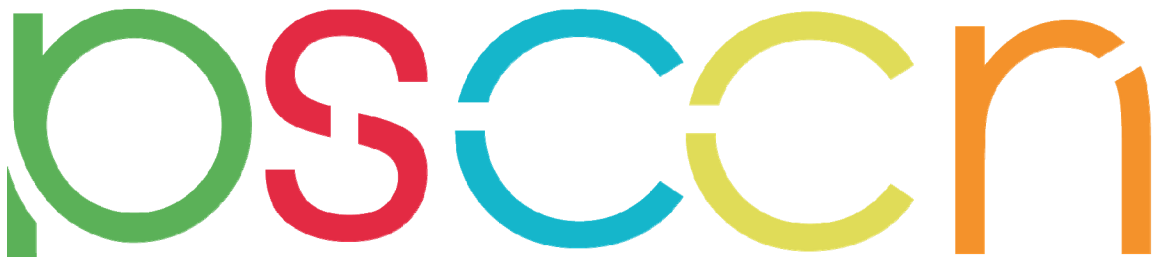


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PSCCN Team Update



Welcome Mollee Shultz to the PSCCN Team

Mollee joins the PSCCN team as the **Director of Postsecondary Data and Impact**. Mollee's professional background includes teaching math at the postsecondary and K-12 level, assisting in research for mathematics education, but most recently she spent the last 2 years as a postdoctoral researcher for the STEM equity project at Texas State. She earned a B.A. in Math at Whitman College, her M.S. in Math at California Polytech, and her Ph.D. in Math Education at the University of Michigan. Please join us in welcoming her to our team! Please join us in welcoming her to our team!



Welcome Rachel Collins to the PSCCN Team

Rachel joins the PSCCN team as an **Interim Manager**. Her professional background includes over a decade of experience working with students and families K-16 both in the school setting and at the district level. She specializes in bridging the gap between underserved communities and higher education attainment. Rachel earned a Bachelor of Arts in History at Washington State University. Join us in formally welcoming Rachel to our team.

King County Promise Status Update



Thank you for your work co-developing the King County Promise Model, spreading the word about the RFP, and thank you to the partners who submitted proposals. It took hundreds of students, parents, educators and systems leaders to get us here, and we are grateful for the investment in time, thought and support.

Request For Proposal (RFP) Review Process

The start of Phase 1 partnerships continues our collective journey to increase postsecondary attainment for our students through collaboration from our most crucial partners: our regional K12 districts, CTCs and CBOs.

Here's a timeline of the RFP Review process:

- RFP Proposal Review: April 6-20, 2022
- Interviews (if needed): April 21-22, 2022
- Notification of Selection/Non-Selection: May 16, 2022
- Anticipated Contracts Start: July 11, 2022

King County DCHS remains the official source of information about the Request for Proposals review and selection. The committee that reviews Phase 1 partners consists of community experts, some of whom were involved in the early phases of the King County Promise Model development.

To keep up with Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) updates, [subscribe by clicking here.](#)

King County Promise Next Steps

PSCCN is committed to providing you with ongoing valuable information about King County Promise and the launch of the first phase partnerships this fall. Going forward, we will be sending King County Promise updates in this [monthly newsletter](#), unless there is urgent or timely information to share, such as our contribution to CCER's [Data for Action series blog](#) about King County Promise.

Thank you again for your support, investment and collaboration with our community.

Opportunities in the Region

PSESD is hosting Interpreter Training

These four-hour virtual trainings will prepare participants to serve as professional interpreters in an educational setting. It covers the fundamentals of professional interpreting, provides opportunities to practice in this role, and offers resources such as the code of ethics, professionalism tips, and information around how to become certified as an interpreter. This course supports both practicing and new interpreters and is interactive, leveraging the experience of participants.

Registration information:

- **Fundamentals of Interpretation (AM Sessions) - April 19 & 21 | 9 am - 11 am.**
 - [Register here via Pdenroller.](#)
- **Fundamentals of Interpretation (PM Sessions) - April 19 & 21 | 1 pm - 3 pm.**
 - [Register here via Pdenroller.](#)
- **Interpreting in Specialized Contexts (AM Session) - May 3 | 9 am - 11 am.**
 - [Register here via Pdenroller.](#)

Listening Sessions About Graduation Requirements.

Want to learn about graduation requirements in our state and how they should change to be more relevant for students? SBE is exploring and developing recommendations related to graduation requirements (a charge from the Legislature). The request is to align graduation requirements with the Washington State [Profile of a Graduate](#).

Student Opportunities



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Palmer Pathways Pre-Apprenticeship Spring Cohort

Palmer Pathways is extending the incentive applied to the Winter 2022 cohort to the Spring 2022 cohort! Everyone who meets program requirements, is accepted into the program, and completes the first 6-week phase of the Palmer Pathways training will receive an \$1,800 stipend. Those who remain in the program for the second 8-week phase will receive an additional \$2,400 stipend upon completion of the program.

Spring Program Dates:

- ***Application deadline:*** May 2, 2022
- Orientation: May 12, 2022
- Start: May 16, 2022
- Week 6 completion: June 22, 2022
- Construction Trades Prep starts: July 5, 2022
- Graduation: August 24, 2022

For more information, check out their [website](#) or reach out directly to Mandy Aaberg via email at maaberg@palmerscholars.org

2022 WA STEM Signing Day: Now Accepting Applications.

Applications are open for 2022 Washington STEM Signing Day, presented by Boeing. All Washington high school seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college or university and pursue a STEM degree or program are eligible to apply [here](#). The virtual event, which will be held this spring, celebrates high school seniors who choose to pursue STEM education. Honorees sign a letter of intent to pursue their STEM goals.

Why Not You Scholarship

CSF is partnering with Ciara and Russell Wilson's Why Not You Foundation on a new scholarship program to help King County students achieve their college dreams. All Why Not You Scholars are invited to complete the end-of-year form and donor update each spring to renew the scholarship for the following academic year.

In the form, students will be able to indicate whether:

- they are renewing the Why Not You Scholarship for the next academic year;
- they have graduated with an associate or bachelor's degree; OR
- they will not be renewing the scholarship because they no longer meet the renewal criteria.

The form will open on May 1, 2022 and must be completed by the June 30, 2022 deadline. For more information, [click here](#).

Nitro Scholarship

Nitro is providing you the resources needed to successfully navigate financing college. They are offering the opportunity to **earn a \$2,000** scholarship. They know that college is a big step forward in achieving your goals and want to help you get there using all the tools Nitro has to offer. [Click here](#) for more information.

Everyone Learns Differently Scholarship

The Xavier Cooper Everyone Learns Differently Scholarship (ELD) provides financial assistance to students with academic needs and related expenses which may include but are not limited to tuition, fees, transportation, room/board, books/stationery, lab materials, food vouchers, meal plans, phones, computers, and internet access. [Click here](#) for more information.

Study.com Scholarships

The team at Study.com recently developed [a complete guide to scholarships for college](#). The following scholarships are \$500 awards that will be accepting applications now through July 1st:

- [Scholarship for Homeschool Students](#)
- [Scholarship for First Generation Students](#)
- [Scholarship for Asian American & Pacific Islander Students](#)
- [Scholarship for Mothers](#)
- [Scholarship for Students of Color](#)

Contact studentsuccess@email.study.com for more information.

News from the Region



Biden Seeks Big Increase for Pell: [Click here to read the article.](#)

'Remarkable' student-led group puts a new spin on STEM with free classes in Bellevue and beyond: [Click here to read the article.](#)

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Seattle students walk out of school, demand mask mandates be reinstated: [Click here to read the article.](#)

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Biden extends student loan freeze through August: [Click here to read the article.](#)

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