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Meet PSCCN's New Director of Postsecondary



We are excited to announce Mercy Daramola has been selected as PSESD's Director of Postsecondary as of September 2021.

Prior to this role, Mercy was PSCCN's interim Director, following her role as manager with PSCCN since 2018. As manager, she supported PSCCN's regional work on college and career readiness, transition and success through technical assistance, project management, and stakeholder coordination. She was a crucial support in securing funding for King County Promise, a 15-year grant supporting secondary opportunities for K12 students, CTC students and opportunity youth across King County via King County PSTAA funds.

Mercy's experience spans the education pipeline from early learning to postsecondary. Prior to joining PSESD, Mercy worked as Director of Programs at College Access Now, a Seattle based nonprofit providing college access and success support to students in high school and college from low-income backgrounds across Seattle and South King County. She has also worked at various higher education institutions across the US, from small private liberal arts colleges to private research universities, to large public universities and more, and also served as a board member for Launch, a Seattle-based early learning program.

Mercy has an MA in Higher Education and Student Affairs from New York University and a BA in Political Science from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

A proud LA native, Mercy is also a proud Burien resident. Outside of work, you can find her flexing creative muscles practicing stand-up comedy, at a thrift store with friends, or building the perfect playlist!

Favorite quote: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style" Maya Angelou

King County Promise Information and Feedback Sessions

PSCCN is excited to share the first few recorded King County Promise information and feedback sessions. Mercy Daramola dives deeper into the specific strategies behind King County Promise.

In the videos, we discuss:

1. Background, vision, strategies, mission, and program model for King County Promise,
2. Promise components that will be in King County Promise Phase 1,
3. Opportunities for feedback on key aspects of Promise including:
 - - Students: Student experience, advising elements, and outcomes.
 - Staffing: Staff role and professional development.
 - System: data, tracking, partnership requirements, and program outcomes, and much more.

To watch the recorded sessions, [click here](#) to access the videos on our brand-new King County Promise YouTube channel. **Be sure to subscribe for new content!**

Checkout upcoming [King County Promise Sessions](#) below.

King County Phase 1 Readiness Session Dates	Topic	Registration Link
Session 1- September 22, 2021 12:00pm- 2:00pm	Advising Support & Strategies	Register here for Session 1
Session 2- September 27, 2021 9:00am- 11:00am	King County Promise from a Systems-level	Register here for Session 2
Session 3- September 30, 2021 3:00pm- 5:00pm	Promise Partnerships	Register here for Session 3
Session 4 - October 5, 2021 10:00am- 12:00pm	Fundraising & Financial Commitments	Register here for Session 4
Session 5 - October 11, 2021 2:30pm- 4:30pm	Additional Phase 1 Readiness Support Time	Register here for Session 5

Postsecondary Transition Demonstration Project: September Update!

PSCCN has been working with two Pierce County partners since Spring of 2021 for the 2021 Postsecondary Transition Demonstration Project. The first partnership is between Fife School District, Clover Park School District, and Clover Park Technical College. The second is a partnership with Bethel School District. This regional postsecondary transition effort has focused on supporting the % 2021 to enroll in postsecondary programs in coordination with high school/districts and community and technical colleges.

This demonstration is intended to model reduced barriers for incoming college students, leverage expertise and support of K-12 and college partners, and acknowledge the known and potential heightened personal and educational impacts of COVID-19 on students and communities of color. Each partnership has worked together, using a [continuous improvement framework](#), in identifying a clear aim, collecting student feedback, identifying potential performance indicators, and brainstorming/testing change ideas. [Click here](#) for more information.

Opportunities in the Region



KING COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION PACKET 2021

The King County Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB) is seeking individuals interested in serving on the CYAB for a three-year term beginning February 1, 2022. The CYAB serves as the oversight and advisory body for the [Best Starts for Kids Initiative](#), the [King County Youth Action Plan](#), and the [Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account \(PSTAA\)](#).

The CYAB has a strong commitment to equity and intentionally seeks to maintain balanced representation of board members who reflect all communities they serve. Individuals residing in King County, especially those who identify as Native America/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, LGBTQ, residents from rural areas of King County, seniors, and youth 24 years of age or younger are encouraged to apply. The application process is open now and will end September 30, 2021.

To learn more about the appointment application process, email kwade@kingcounty.gov.

Student Opportunities



AVID TUTORS NEEDED



Auburn School District Middle & High School tutors needed!

The Auburn School District is hiring AVID Tutors for middle and high school. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. This is a great job opportunity for current or graduated college students with flexibility to fit almost any schedule. [Click here for full job description and to apply.](#)

Please share the linked [job posting](#), and contact Tom McDermott - [College & Career Readiness](#) Director | AVID District Director - Auburn School District

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program!

The scholarship is designed to help reduce financial barriers for talented students applying to the nation's top colleges and universities. In addition to the financial benefits, selected students receive individualized college advising and ongoing support throughout their college experience and early career. Students also benefit from joining a unique network of Cooke Scholars and Alumni, and have access to a scholarship for graduate school if they choose to apply.

Applications due Nov. 18th, 2021 - [Click Here to Learn More](#)

Student Shout Out



This past summer, PSCCN's Dinda Davis participated in CCER's Youth Storytelling Project as a mentor. Dinda had the privilege of working with Sophia Vazquez; a third-year student at the University of Washington, majoring in education, communities and organizations. She is committed to understanding and addressing systemic barriers impacting youth and communities, within education and beyond. Her goal is to gain experience in various kinds of media production and advocacy work, while exploring careers in both entertainment and education"

Sophia participated in this project because she was drawn to how focused it was on the elevation of student and community perspectives. Ultimately, she hoped to highlight school programs she has partnered with in the past, and share the support they need to continue growing. Through the process of interviewing both students and teachers, she learned how vital partnership is to success, and the importance of turning intentions into actions.

Her story is about "The Perks of Being Bilingual." Sophia guides her readers through the struggles of both the students and teachers as also touches on how to support dual-language classrooms. [Click here to read](#) the entire article.

News from the Region



Most Washington state community colleges will require students to get COVID vaccines this fall. [Click here for more information](#)

Why Washington's high school seniors aren't applying for college financial aid. [Click here for more information](#)

Meet the UW Law student who may be the first to wear a hijab at graduation and hopes not to be the last. [Click here for more information](#)

Why Washington's public universities will no longer require SAT or ACT scores. [Click here for more information](#)

Why Washington state won't consider requiring COVID vaccines for schoolchildren — yet. [Click here for more information](#)

The UW turned 2020 into a course. You're invited to check it out. [Click here for more information](#)

Upcoming Events and Trainings



King County Promise Phase 1 Readiness Sessions

The King County Promise RFP will be launching soon! Join PSCCN for a series of optional work sessions where interested applicants can dive into specific components of King County Promise Phase 1 to get ready for applying. All sessions will be recorded and posted online.

- King County Promise: Advising support & strategies
 - Date: 9/22
 - Time: 12pm – 2pm
 - [Register here for session 1](#)
- King county promise: Systems-level Strategies
 - Date: 9/27
 - Time: 9am – 11am
 - [Register here for session 2](#)
- King County Promise: Partnerships
 - Date: 9/30
 - Time: 3pm - 5pm
 - [Register here for session 3](#)
- King County Promise: Fundraising & Financial Requirements
 - Date: 10/05
 - Time: 10am – 12pm
 - [Register here for session 4](#)
- Additional King County Promise
 - Date: 10/11
 - Time: 2:30pm - 4:30pm
 - [Register here for session 5](#)

uAspire: Financial Aid 101

Date: 9/22

Time: 11 am - 12pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

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