

# NEWSLETTER

September 2023



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Update: KCP Partners
- Postsecondary Resources & Opportunities
- September Poem
- College & Career News

Welcome  
to the  
2023 - 2024  
School year!



## Dear Regional Partners & Friends,

Welcome to another academic year! We are so grateful to each of you for your investment in our shared vision of support for students, educators, and the community in their commitment to postsecondary success and completion. We are currently entering our second year of King County Promise implementation, and would like to share with you a few appreciations as we enter the fall season:

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- As we head back to school, we appreciate the students involved in our Youth Wisdom Council. A central aspect of the KCP model is the centering of youth voices and uplifting their lived experiences to guide the program. We value that they have full academic schedules and are able to prioritize showing up to represent their communities.
- We recognize all the College and Career leaders in the region who volunteered their time to allow us to learn and uplift their work.
- Finally, we appreciate the guidance and support of our partners at the King County Department of Community and Human Services who continue to be responsive and willing to adjust to new challenges and opportunities.

Looking ahead to the 2023-24 academic year, PSCCN will continue to play the key intermediary role of Systems Supporting Organization for the King County Promise. Our commitment in this work is towards centering the lived experiences and dreams of our Black, Brown, and Indigenous Youth of Color. Some of the immediate upcoming work is to use the partnerships' foundation of co-design and collective commitment to move towards active power sharing, collaborative and data-based decision-making, and participatory budgeting. Together with our partners, youth, and family, we are co-creating smoother pathways through existing systems while imagining new pathways and systems.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with many of you and continuing to share our learnings as a community.

In Partnership,  
The PSCCN team 



Mark your calendars for

# DiscoverU 2023:

a week of college and career exploration

October 16 - 20

## DISCOVERU MINI-GRANT 2023

DiscoverU is an exciting week for us to come together and support students in exploring career and college options and pathways. [Community Center for Education Results](#) is awarding up to \$10,000 in mini-grants to better support educators, youth-serving organizations, and students in furthering college-going culture and career excitement with students. Apply for funds to implement virtual or in-person college and career-related activities for students during DiscoverU, October 16-20, 2023!

[Click on the link](#) for more information about eligibility, award amounts, guidelines, and more.



## LAUNCHING THE SCHOLARSHIP BANK

The Cultural Leadership Fellowship is happy to present the brand-new [Scholarship Bank](#). The scholarship directory is an easy-to-use directory of scholarships for all types of students. The first 10 students to reach out (CLF) via [Twitter](#) direct messages (DMs) with their name and major of interest will score a personalized list of 10 scholarships! [Click on this link](#) for more information.







*Opportunities  
for the youth  
to get involved  
in advocacy*

## COLLEGE BOUND REGIONAL OFFICER CONTACT LIST

Feeling lost when it comes to College Bound and Financial Aid Completion? Cennady Coleman with the College Success Foundation serves practitioners just like you in the South Puget Sound and Southwest region of WA. Whether you need to book a staff training, be referred to helpful resources, or brainstorm your next financial aid completion event, they're here to help. Email [crcoleman@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:crcoleman@collegesuccessfoundation.org) or [Sign up for the Contact List here.](#)

## League of Education Voters SPYAC is recruiting its 2023-24 cohort

Educators, we would like to share with you an exciting opportunity for Washington Students who want to get more involved in advocacy. Investing in Student Potential (ISP) is looking for youth who have lived experience in Washington state's [#SpecialEducation](#) system to join the SPYAC! The **Student Potential Youth Advisory Council (SPYAC)** is a program launched last year that aims to gather, support, and center the voices of students with disabilities in Washington education policy and advocacy work. Members will help shape coalition priorities, participate in the legislative session, and have opportunities to speak up about issues that matter to them. SPYAC members will be paid a stipend of \$550 for their work from October 2023 through June 2024. [Click on the link](#) to learn more and apply.



*Washington's  
Dual  
Credit  
Courses*

## STAND FOR CHILDREN WASHINGTON Washington's Dual Credit Courses

In a new [blog post](#), [Stand's](#) summer high school communications intern published an article featuring voices from students and others connected to dual credit in Washington. [Click on the link](#) for more information.



## Washington Family Engagement: Free learning opportunities

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) is a program of Washington Family Engagement. The PLTI is a free 12-week online course that teaches parents, community members, and professionals working with families to understand systems and develop civic, leadership, and public speaking skills.

Virtual classes begin on Saturday, September 16th, and end Saturday, December 16th.

Course in English:

Thursdays, 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturdays, 9 am to 12 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#) for the course in [English](#)

Curso en Español:

Wednesdays, 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturdays, 9 am to 12 pm

[REGISTRESE AQUI](#) para el curso en [Español](#)

## SEPTEMBER POETRY Back to School Poetry

For many of us, the first thing that comes to mind about September is going back to school (though many schools did come back in August!).



The Editors at the Poetry Foundation have put together a poem sampler where “you’ll find solace, comfort, answers, and poems to woo anybody in these back-to-school lists of poems.” Enjoy!

[Back to School Poems by The Editors](#) | [Poetry Foundation](#)





## 2023-24 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION CHALLENGE!

One central finding of the **Pathways to Adult Success** learning community is the critical importance of collaboration among organizations at different levels and in different sectors for young people's progress and well-being—especially for those who face the greatest challenges in pursuing postsecondary and career education to equip them for fulfilling, productive adult lives.



PAS now invites learning community members to innovatively design or further develop a local cross-sector community collaboration of organizations working together at the local level to support students' pathways to adult success. This builds on the success of the past three years' Design and Collaboration Challenges, and insights from **the 2023 PAS annual conference**.

[Click on this link](#) for more information on **PAS' 2023-24 Community Collaboration Challenge**. 

# College and Career News in Washington State

The Seattle Times:

- [Student loan payments are due again. Here are 5 things to know.](#)
- [High school seniors: Tell us how you're planning for the future | Education Lab](#)
- [WA National Merit semifinalists announced](#)
- [They earned advanced degrees. Now comes the hard part for these Seattle women](#)
- [Lowe's gifts \\$750,000 to Seattle Colleges' Wood Technology Center](#)



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