

NEWSLETTER

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**During the
Holiday
Season!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
EVERYONE**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Update: PSCCN Partners
- Postsecondary Resources & Opportunities
- December Poem
- College & Career News

Welcome

TO THE TEAM



Dr. Saovra "Sy" Ear



PSCCN WELCOMES DR. SAOVRA "SY" EAR

Dr. Saovra 'Sy' Ear joins the PSCCN team as the Lead Director of Puget Sound College and Career Network. His professional background includes 20+ years of experience leading teams that implemented equitable services and programs to foster student access, retention, and completion for under-represented, economically disadvantaged, and first-generation students. He values inclusive excellence and collaboration in his efforts to create opportunities for all students to succeed. Sy earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Washington-Tacoma. He also has a Master's degree in Student Development from Seattle University and a Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology and Ethnic Studies from the University of Washington. Please join us in welcoming Sy to our team!



FINANCIAL AID 201: NAVIGATING FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION

PSCCN and WSAC are partnering to offer a Financial Aid Training Workshop, where we will provide valuable insights into recent simplification changes, guide you through the FAFSA and WASFA platforms, explore key topics for the upcoming financial aid year, and follow up steps after the application. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and prepared for the upcoming financial aid season. Your participation will contribute to the success of both your institution and the students you serve.

Topics covered in this training will include:

- An Overview of FAFSA Simplification
- A walkthrough of the FAFSA and WASFA platforms
- An overview of the corrections process
- Student scenarios
- And more!

Date: 2/21/2023

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Click on this [link](#) for more training information and registration details.

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Most of our team will take some time off during the holiday season between 12/19/23 and 1/04/2024. We apologize for any delay in our response time. We will resume operation at regular capacity in the first week of January.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

From the PSCCN Team!



NEWLY UPDATED COLLEGE & CAREER KNOWLEDGE WORKBOOK

In collaboration with our partners from WSAC, CCER, OSPI, CSF, Highline Public Schools & and Scholar Fund, we are excited to introduce an interactive version of the updated College and Career Knowledge.

Check out the interactive version of the CCK flipbook for both Spanish and English by [clicking this link](#).

The updated College and Career Knowledge hard copies can be ordered [here](#) via the 12th Year Campaign. The workbooks are currently only available in English and Spanish as we continue to work on getting some additional languages translated.

Note: There is currently a backorder for the English booklets.

College & Career Knowledge

A guide to pursuing education and training after high school

Orientación Sobre la Educación Superior y Profesional

**Una guía para continuar los estudios y la formación
después de la preparatoria**



2024 Manufacturing Internships

Boeing Commercial Airplanes

APPLICATION FORM for programs in
Washington, South Carolina & Montana

CORE PLUS AEROSPACE:

SUMMER MANUFACTURING INTERNSHIP APPLICATION OPEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

High school students interested in advanced manufacturing can start planning their summer today by [applying for the 2024 Core Plus Aerospace summer internship](#) hosted by Boeing. Learn more about the internship [here](#).

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore an exciting industry, take your advanced manufacturing skills to the next level, and build your resume with real-world experience.

[Watch this video to hear from the 2023 Summer Interns.](#)

Meet James

Ways to get free money:
Know your financial aid
applications



READY WA STORYTELLER

JAMES' STORY

GET FREE MONEY:

KNOW YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

James was confused by the financial aid application process and spent more time and energy than needed to figure it out. To spare his peers, he created an infographic to demystify acronyms and send the message: You can get free money. Here's how! To learn more, [click on this link](#).





READY WA STORYTELLER



Meet Hannah
A first-generation
college student

Helin's story: Ways to gain skills through opportunities in high school.

Helin was determined to make the most of being a high school student during the pandemic, so she did a lot of research to find opportunities to learn and explore her passions.



She wants to share what she learned with other students. To learn more, [click on this link](#).

Hannah's story: Tips for first-gen college students: exploring majors

“My name is Hannah Phanitchob, and I am a first-generation student at the University of Washington-Seattle. I want to share the knowledge I gained through my college selection and application process to help support other first-generation college students with their own process.

Through a series of stories for Ready Washington, I will share some of the lessons I've learned to make the process easier for others. In this first part, we will go over majors and how to know what you want to study.”

To learn more, [click on this link](#).



READY WA STORYTELLER

Meet Helin

Ways to Gain Skills
Through Opportunities
in High School



DECEMBER POETRY

WHEN THE YEAR GROWS OLD EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY

I cannot but remember
When the year grows old—
October—November—
How she disliked the cold!
She used to watch the swallows
Go down across the sky,
And turn from the window
With a little sharp sigh.
And often when the brown leaves
Were brittle on the ground,
And the wind in the chimney
Made a melancholy sound,
She had a look about her
That I wish I could forget—
The look of a scared thing
Sitting in a net!
Oh, beautiful at nightfall
The soft spitting snow!
And beautiful the bare boughs
Rubbing to and fro!
But the roaring of the fire,
And the warmth of fur,
And the boiling of the kettle
Were beautiful to her!
I cannot but remember
When the year grows old—
October—November—
How she disliked the cold!

College and Career News in Washington State

The Seattle Times:

- [Seattle School Board approves plan to reduce \\$105 million deficit](#)
- [Possible carbon monoxide death at Evergreen under investigation](#)
- [Pistols have no place at track meets, Ingraham students say](#)
- [Carbon monoxide confirmed as cause of Evergreen State student's death](#)
- [Education Department investigating UW, Whitman College over discrimination complaints](#)
- [New plan will help fix 'red flag' in student financial aid, Sen. Patty Murray says](#)
- [What it takes to be a WA school counselor of the year](#)



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