

# NEWSLETTER

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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







## **KING COUNTY PROMISE HOSTS THEIR YEAR 2 LAUNCH CONVENING**

As we embarked on Year 2 of the [King County Promise](#), we took a moment earlier this October to celebrate the collective achievements and milestones we've reached in partnership with our seven Promise Partner Organizations. The launch included relationship-building, cross-partner learning, and discussions about collective decision-making, all to strengthen our collaborative efforts.

In the first year of implementation, our Promise Partners collectively served over 220 students, providing advising and financial support on their journeys to higher education. Both partnerships experienced high rates of FAFSA completion and overall engagement. Students attending partner colleges received equity stipends to help cover unexpected expenses.

In Year 2, the King County Promise is co-developing a youth voice strategy in collaboration with our partners. This model will serve as a robust framework to integrate student voice into promise programming. By doing so, we aim to empower our students, ensuring that their voices are centered and their unique perspectives are valued. We look forward to sharing more progress on this in the future.



## Advice for a Successful Senior Year

Hey Seniors!

Get ready for a fun, productive, and balanced school year with these tips from Richland High School seniors, compiled by @WWU student and @ReadyWashington Student Storyteller Arianna!

[Click on this link](#) to check out the full infographic.

- 1 Plan ahead for goals and aspirations.
- 2 Embrace new opportunities.
- 3 Enjoy special moments.

[Click on this link](#) for more information.

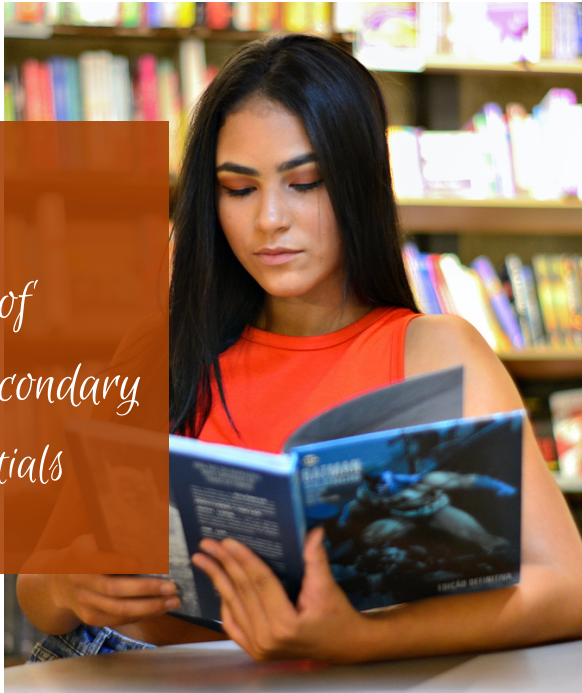
## Happy back-to-school season!

Tip: Use your students' High School and Beyond Plans to better understand their interests. With students' personalized contexts in mind, you'll be able to engage them more deeply with what they are learning in class and help them picture how it could apply to their future.

[Click on this link](#) for more information.







## *The Value of Postsecondary Credentials*

Research from Partnership for Learning and Washington Roundtable highlights the perspectives of Washingtonians who do not have a post-high school credential. Learn about five profiles of Washington adults who have not pursued postsecondary education, along with the supports and messages that could encourage and enable their education and career advancement.

Here are [opportunities for shared action](#).

## **Why Washingtonians value credentials but aren't completing them**

Washington's job market continues to deliver – our state has added more than 500,000 jobs since the pandemic's peak, with another 500,000 expected by 2030. But there's a problem: employers are facing an exceptionally tight labor market, with the skills they need are increasingly outpacing workforce capabilities.

At the same time, fewer students are showing up in postsecondary programs that offer the education and training that can launch Washingtonians into career opportunities and success. How can our state ensure more residents gain the skills and knowledge the economy needs?



## *Postsecondary Scholarships at your Finger tips!*

## **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.



# HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN

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## HELPING STUDENTS WITH 'WHAT'S NEXT'

Every student has big dreams, and every educator wants to see these dreams reached. That's what teachers work toward every day!

One way to support students this year: learn more and talk with students about their High School & Beyond Plan process.

[Click here](#) to check out Ready Washington resources for educators.



## WHITE SWAN HIGH SCHOOL: NADYA'S JOURNEY

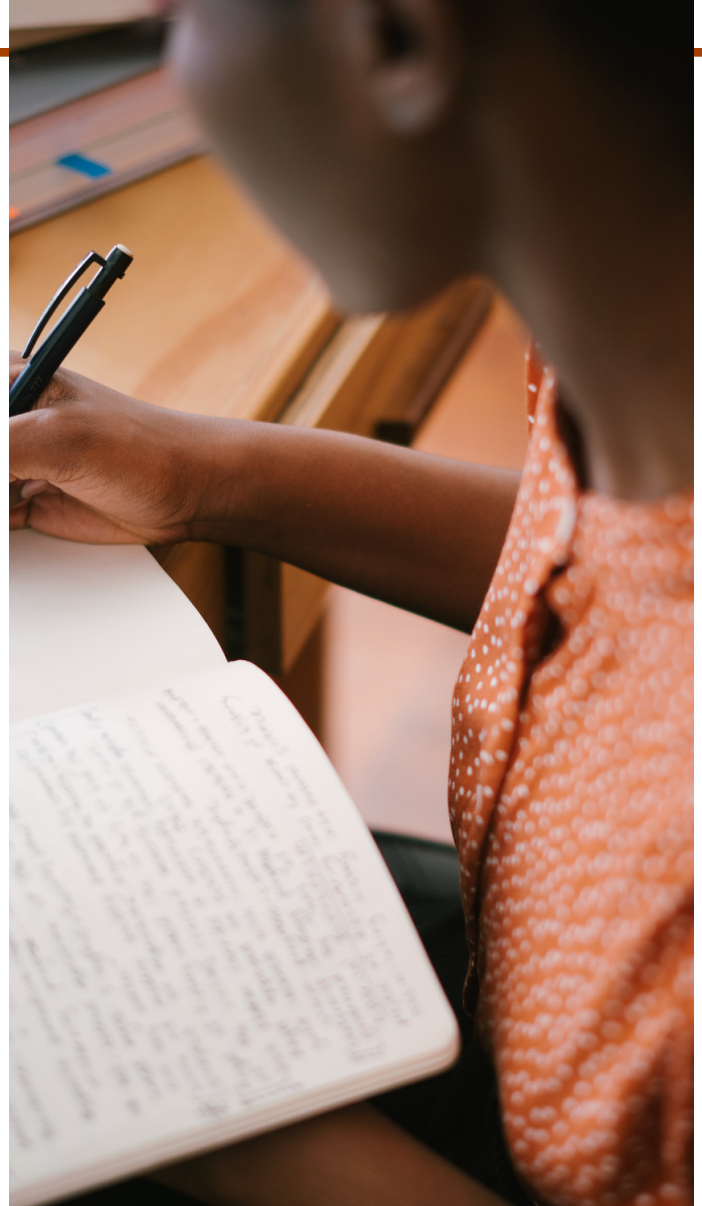
The High School and Beyond Plan helps students explore their options after high school.

[Listen to Nadya](#) from White Swan as she shares what she's learned about herself and her future.



# Tool to support family conversations about the future

This tool provides guidance for families to have conversations about students' plans after high school. It was co-created with a small group of parents and students representing various ethnicities and languages. Each step in the student's journey focuses on a different topic, including their interests, who can help them, and steps they can take to achieve their dreams.



Families can choose the pace of the conversation and take time in between topics to think and explore.

*\*The tool is brand new, and Arabic and Somali translations are currently in progress and will be shared once ready.*

For more information, [click on the link](#) to find both PDF and mp4 files of the tool, along with a PDF of the accompanying worksheet.





## NOVEMBER POETRY Fall Poems

Please enjoy this selection of [fall poetry from the Poetry Foundation](#).



Remember to enjoy these beautiful days of sunshine and the changing colors of nature before winter begins. Our collective work always feels more urgent at the start of each academic year. Please remember to take a moment for yourself and do something you love!



## 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](#)



# College and Career News in Washington State

The Seattle Times:

- AI might disrupt math and computer science classes — in a good way
- Incumbents, newcomers vie for seats in Seattle School Board districts 1 and 2
- Seattle School Board elections: The contenders for districts 3 and 6
- Seattle Schools apologizes for class reshuffle disruption
- Transferring colleges can be a puzzle. One WA program is hoping to fix that.
- Students at West Seattle school walk out over texts about assault
- Experts share tips to help kids learn and enjoy math



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