

NEWSLETTER

Nov - Dec 2024



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PSCCN'S

Reduced capacity during
the Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays
Everyone!





TIME SENSITIVE UPDATE

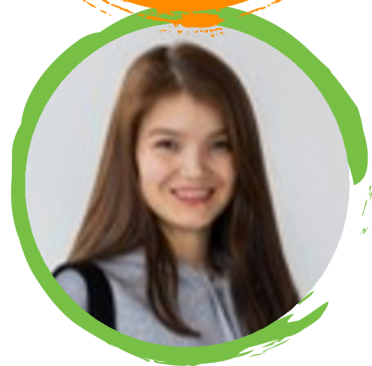
On KCP Initiative

Dear King County Promise Partners,

We're writing to share an important update about the King County Promise (KCP) initiative. After thoughtful discussions, King County's Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) and the Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) have mutually agreed to pause investment in the Systems Supporting Organization (SSO), concluding the current contract at the end of 2024.

While PSCCN - PSESD will no longer serve as the SSO, we remain committed to supporting a seamless transition. Our team will work closely with DCHS to minimize disruptions and ensure continuity in our shared mission.

Looking ahead, PSCCN and PSESD leadership will reevaluate our role to continue providing regional support. Our focus will remain on increasing equitable postsecondary readiness and completion by collaborating with students, educators, community organizations, and state-level partners to develop impactful strategies and programming.





TIME SENSITIVE UPDATE On KCP Initiative



We deeply appreciate your dedication to advancing educational equity and the strong partnerships we've built. As we navigate this transition, we encourage you to reach out with any questions or insights. Open communication will be key as we adapt to better serve our region's students.



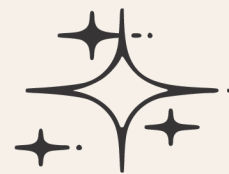
Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We're excited to evolve our efforts together in service of our community's educational goals.

In Partnership,

Puget Sound College & Career Network (PSCCN)



FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO MOLLEE SHULTZ, PHD



Unfortunately, the PSSCN team has faced a significant budget shortfall this year and was informed in October that Dr. Mollee Shultz was part of the recent team restructuring. Dr. Shultz, who has served as a Data Lead and Director of Postsecondary Data & Impact, will be leaving us on January 3, 2025. Her time with us has been both pivotal and impactful - affecting both the King County Promise initiatives as well as the Horizon Gates Partnership.

Throughout her time at PSESD with the Puget Sound College & Career Network, Mollee has led many initiatives to support equity-driven, student-centered practices. Her contributions include enhancing educator tools for postsecondary readiness, advancing data sharing, and documenting the dedication of navigators by fostering joy and resilience through their own personal education pathways. Mollee's unwavering passion for postsecondary education fueled her deep understanding of the foundational work carried out by our community-based organizations, paving the way for meaningful collaboration on postsecondary initiatives.

While we will miss Mollee's presence and ever-expanding expertise, we are excited to see where she lands in this next phase of her career.

Please join us in wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.



The PSSCN team sends warm greetings this holiday season. Most of our team will be taking some time off during the holiday season between **12/20/2024 to 1/3/2025**, with regular operations resuming in the first week of January. We appreciate your patience during this time.

Warmest wishes for the upcoming year,

The PSSCN Team

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INTRODUCING READY WA'S NEW COHORT OF STORYTELLERS!

We're excited to welcome three incredible students to the Ready WA Storytellers program:

◆ **Betül Demir:**

A college freshman at Central Washington University from Izmir, Turkey. Fluent in Turkish, Russian, and English, Betül is passionate about aviation and inspiring women in the field. She's excited to share her journey with us!

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◆ **Lizzy Davis:**

A high school junior and Running Start student at Spokane Falls Community College. Lizzy brings her love for writing, hiking, and law to the program, aiming to tell impactful stories about the legal system and family life.

◆ **Helen Fu:**

A senior at Franklin High School and Running Start student at Seattle Central College. Helen is passionate about robotics, food adventures, and cats, and she's eager to publish creative stories that resonate with her peers.

Stay tuned for their inspiring stories throughout the year! 🌟



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COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWS IN WASHINGTON STATE

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