Intercollege Relations Commission Update

Fall Meeting
October 2013
Mission:
To inspire and foster excellence in educational attainment.
We can make no better investment in our future than education.
The Council
2012 House Bill (ESSHB) 2483

Five Governor appointed citizen members

Four Education sector members

WSAC Agency Executive Director
Council Members
Governor Appointees

Jeff Charbonneau
2013 National Teacher of the Year
Chemistry, Physics, Engineering

Maud Daudon, Chair
President & CEO of Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Karen Lee, Vice Chair
CEO of Pioneer Human Services, Western WA University Trustee

Dr. Susana Reyes
Assistant Superintendent, Mead School District

Rai Nauman Mumtaz
Premed Student, University of Washington Tacoma
Council Members
Education Sector Representatives

Marty Brown
Executive Director of SBCTC
Two year public colleges

Paul Francis
Executive Director of Council of Presidents
Four year public institutions

Ray Lawton, Secretary
Rungeletes & Lawton, LLC
Independent Colleges of Washington

Scott Brittain
Assistant Superintendent, Ferndale School District
K-12 education system
Agency Executive Director

Agency staff support Council’s work in the following areas:

• Student Financial Assistance
• Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET)
• Policy, Planning, and Research
• Administrative Services
• Communications
Education • Opportunity • Results

WSAC Agency

Financial aid
Access & Readiness (GEAR UP)
GET
Policy & Research
Advocacy
Institutional authorization
5 Challenge Areas

Readiness
Affordability
Capacity & Success
Technology
Accountable Funding
National Context

By 2020, 65 percent of all jobs in the economy will require postsecondary education and training beyond high school.

By educational attainment:
- 35 percent will require at least a bachelor’s degree.
- 30 percent will require some college or an associate’s degree.
- 35 percent will not require education beyond high school.

Judgment/decision making, communications, analysis, and administration will be the four most in-demand competencies in the labor market.

The United States will fall short by 5 million workers with postsecondary education – at the current production rate – by 2020.

Georgetown University, Public Policy Institute, Spring 2013
There are 25,000 unfilled jobs in Washington as a result of the job skills gap (growing to 50,000 by 2017), 80 percent of which are in high-skill STEM and health care roles.

- Eliminating the job skills gap by 2017 could result in 160,000 new jobs in the state and reduce the unemployment rate by up to two percentage points.
- Solving the job skills gap would generate $720 million in additional state tax revenues and $80 million in local tax revenues annually; and produce $350,000 million in unemployment trust savings.

The Boston Consulting Group and the Washington Roundtable, March 2013
Roadmap Supports Results WA

GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

Vision
A Working Washington built on education and innovation...where all Washingtonians thrive.

Mission
To build a thriving Washington by fostering the spirit of continuous improvement, enhancing the conditions for job creation, preparing students for the future and valuing our environment, our health and our people.

Foundational Commitments
- Create a responsive, innovative and data driven culture of continuous improvement.
- Recognize Washington’s richly endowed natural resources, wonderfully diverse people, uniquely entrepreneurial drive and acknowledge our responsibility for stewardship to build upon this legacy.
- Operate state government with the expectation that success is dependent on the success of ALL.
- Create effective communication and transparency with the public regarding goals, measures and our progress in meeting and exceeding expectations.
- Deepen our focus, understanding and commitment to our citizens: Know Our Customers.

World Class Education
Goal 1

Prosperous Economy
Goal 2

Sustainable Energy and a Clean Environment
Goal 3

Healthy and Safe Communities
Goal 4

Efficient, Effective and Accountable Government
Goal 5
READY
SET
GRAD
Ready Set Grad helps students earn their high school and postsecondary diplomas. We are your resource to find, pay for, and complete the education path that’s right for you or the student in your life.

"By 2018, 67% of jobs in Washington State will require a college degree or a career credential."

Ready Set Grad is a program to help ensure every student in Washington State has access to the tools, information, and support they need to graduate high school and make college accessible and affordable.

Our online tools help students of all ages—from middle schoolers to adult scholars—create their own college plan. We know the path to college is not the same for every student. The right path for you may be a certificate program, vocational training, or an associate, bachelor’s, or graduate degree. We’re here to help you earn whichever fits your life goals.

Our website works with students to plan their classes and extracurricular activities, discover college-planning events, connect with mentors, and learn how to get into, pay for, and complete college. Washington students have a wide range of potential opportunities, and we’ll help you identify those applicable to you.

Students, parents, and educators can also sign up for email and text updates about important college and financial aid deadlines to help you stay on track.

What are you waiting for? Get started on your plan now.
Ready Set Grad

Information Needs
• Finding information is easy, but finding relevant and trustworthy information is not.

Support Integration
• Web portal should augment, not replace, existing services offered by institutions and agencies.

Commitment
• Creating, maintaining, and supporting a higher education and career planning web portal will be a significant task and will not be a one-time effort.
Ready, Set, Grad Website

- Updates and deadline reminders
- Inspirational and instructional videos
- Student portfolio builder on about.me
- Timeline management tool
- Counseling and financial literacy curriculum for educators

Students, families, and educators planning for the next step after high school.
SO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, NOW WHAT?

1. SELECT YOUR GRADE

READY SET GRAD

2. START YOUR JOURNEY

I'M AN 8th GRADER

EMAIL SIGN UP

TEXT ALERTS

VIDEO

FACEBOOK
Timeline Management

Almost in high school
- Different types of postsecondary institutions
- Career planning – what are your strengths and skills?
- Transition to high school

Get ready
- September – August calendar of preparation activities
- Choosing a college
- FAFSA4Caster

Returning to school
- Residency & citizenship
- Workforce Board’s Career Bridge link
- Career, transfer planning, and military info
Updates & Reminders

Students and families receive updates about events and deadlines.

- College Bound Sign-up
- College Application Week and College Goal Washington events
- College admission and financial aid deadlines
Planning Tools & Resources

READY : PREPARING FOR MY EDUCATION

There are so many ways you can prepare for high school graduation and beyond, even in 8th grade! You should also start thinking about visiting colleges and preparing for them by thinking through the classes you need to register for in high school.

Use our checklist to personalize and navigate the process, saving it and your notes – all the way through high school graduation and college acceptance. Below are some of our suggestions:

☐ Take the Measures of Student Progress Test Prep  Add Note »

☐ Take the ACT’s EXPLORE, which prepares you to take the ACT in high school  Add Note »

☐ Take the most challenging English, math, science, and social studies classes you can handle. Don’t be afraid to stretch a little bit – most schools offer extra homework help or tutoring to support you.  Add Note »

☐ Take classes in art, computers, or world language if you can.  Add Note »

✓ Do assignments for extra credit.

☐ Focus on learning and mastering key concepts.  Add Note »

Talk to Mr. Smith about history credit.
College Student Tools & Resources

READY : TIMELINE

December
- Applications for transfer students open for many Washington four-year colleges. Be sure to check the institution’s website to see whether you qualify for an application fee waiver.

January
- January 1 is when you can start submitting your FAFSA. Do it as early as possible each year!

February
- Deadlines for many four-year institutions happen in February for transfer student applications. Apply early to make sure you don’t miss it!
- February 1 is when you have to submit your FAFSA if you haven’t already. Don’t miss this opportunity to get financial aid!

Click here to learn more about college admission deadlines in Washington.
For Educators...

READY : HELP YOUR STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION

If you're here, you know your students need to graduate high school and finish postsecondary education. It's a daunting task, one for which you are not paid, but we know you want to help your students succeed. Ready Set Grad is here to help. With the right resources, your students can complete their high school requirements and pursue their dreams of a postsecondary education.

Some of your students need help to see themselves as future postsecondary students. All of your students need someone who believes in them.

One of the biggest obstacles that keep students from pursuing a postsecondary degree is that most students and parents don't know where to begin, they get overwhelmed quickly and don't realize there are multiple ways to pursue and finance an education. Ready Set Grad offers teachers and administrators information, resources, and tools to help your students succeed. We also offer support on how to discuss postsecondary options with your students' parents, a number of whom may not have attended college.

As an educator, you can be their best hope and resource.
College Bound content on Ready Set Grad includes scholarship eligibility criteria, sign-up information, access to the Council’s secure Portal, and other training resources.
College Bound Scholarship

151,600 Applications 2007 to 2013

Eligible 7th Grade Students (free/reduced price lunch)

*Preliminary number as cohort deadline has not passed.
Financial Aid Resources

Tools for Families & Counselors

• Workbooks at www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov
• MyFSA for students with savings calculator at www.studentaid.gov
• College Score Card compares “net price” loan default and median borrowing at www.whitehouse.gov
• Additional resources www.nasfaa.org/counselors/Resources_for_Counselors.aspx
Smarter Scholarship Matches

Looking for scholarships? theWashBoard.org makes it simple. We connect Washington students of all types with Washington scholarship providers...for FREE.

Whether you'll be attending in-state or out, you save time by entering your profile once and letting us find the scholarship opportunities that fit. theWashBoard.org is spam-free and will never sell your information.

Check us out in this video

Sign In or Register Today!

E-mail Address  Password  Sign In

Forgot your password?

For Seekers
Create a profile and let us do the rest. We will match you with scholarships you are most likely to qualify for and applying online is easy.
Check us out in this video

Seeker Registration

News & Announcements
We're making improvements this month, in response to early feedback, to ensure the most accurate scholarship matches.
New scholarships are being added to theWashBoard.org daily! Check back often.

For Providers
Post your scholarship to reach a larger group of students. We make reviewing and evaluating applications easy. Find the next recipients of your scholarship.
Check us out in this video

Provider Registration

theWashboard.org
Advanced Placement Programs
Advanced Placement programs enable students to take college-level courses while in high school. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) maintains a comprehensive Advanced Placement website [at the link above](http://readysetgrad.org/#12th-grade/ready/what-you-need-know). Interested students should check with their school counselors about the availability of these programs.

Other Dual Credit Programs
Other dual credit programs allow high school students to enroll in college-level courses, either at their own school or at their local community college. Check the OSPI Dual Credit website link above for comprehensive information or visit the program links below. As with AP courses, not all schools offer these options. Interested students should check with their high school counselor.

International Baccalaureate Programs
High-quality programs of international education are offered to a worldwide community of schools. Three programs for students aged 3-19 help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world. Check availability with your high school counselor.

Running Start
The Running Start program in Washington allows 11th and 12th grade students to take college courses at Washington’s community and technical colleges and at Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and Northwest Indian College.

College Admission Standards
New minimum college admission standards for students seeking admission to a public, four-year college or university, went into effect in fall 2012. An academic road map for middle and high school students, the new minimum standards do not guarantee admission but do establish a foundational level of academic achievement needed to do successful college work.
What’s Next on Ready Set Grad?

Ready, Set, Grad marketing campaign
• Seattle-based marketing firm contracted to plan and execute an 18-month marketing campaign, targeting counselors & other educators, students, and families.

Dual Credit look-up
• Drop-down menu feature to look-up and compare AP scores needed for credit at specific universities—Fall 2013

The Vault financial literacy curriculum
• Partnering with WSECU to provide interactive financial literacy curriculum—Late Fall 2013