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President's Pen



Josh Ritchie, PNACAC President,
Borah High School, Boise, Idaho

Several years ago I moved from a traditional counseling position to the full time career position at Borah High School. One of my main goals was to convey to the students that they were all potential college students. An early effort was to have visiting college reps set up in the hallway instead of inside the Career Center. This seemed like a great plan until one of the first reps to visit Borah under my human-billboard-in-the-hallway policy was the sitting president of NACAC, Jim Rawlins, who was in town representing his school. As I showed him to the table in the hall I was sure he must have been thinking, "In the hallway, Josh? Seriously... do you know who I am? I am the PRESIDENT of NACAC, Josh!" I had flashbacks from almost twenty years ago as an admission counselor sitting in the cafeteria at Jackson Hole High School. After spending most of the lunch period

trying to avoid awkward eye contact with the kids who were trying to enjoy their lunch and at the same time appear friendly and inviting, a group finally came to my table. "Is this a real college?" they asked with the disdain that high school students master at an AP level. "This is Albertson College of Idaho (now College of Idaho)," I said. "We have Rhodes Scholars...we're in US News and World Report...this is a great school!" Their lack of recognition of my school was frustrating after all the time and money we spent promoting it, but it hurt more that these kids had no appreciation for something that meant so much to me.

I told this story of making the president of NACAC stand in the hall to several friends and colleagues and at the end of the story usually found myself back in that emotional moment in the Jackson Hole cafeteria. Colleagues generally responded with, "So...was that a big deal?" The entire premise of my story and my embarrassment relied on the listener having an automatic recognition of what the acronym "NACAC" stands for. But even after my explanation of all the "ACAC's" they still didn't see the big deal. It isn't just an issue of our awkward acronyms but one of us not connecting with our broader audience. In my

mind, the people I told this story to should have gasped in awe as if I had unknowingly served the president of PETA a plate of ribs. Instead their response highlighted PNACAC's anonymity, its lack of name recognition outside of our membership.

The members of PNACAC and the other regional affiliates are experts on all things related to getting people to go to college. People making decisions about education should turn to us anytime the topic comes up. Our name should roll around in peoples' brains anytime a discussion about going to college comes up, much like PETA probably comes to mind if an animal rights topic comes up. They need to know that when it comes to going to college we are the ones looking out for students and working to advance this profession. You as members can help by simply referencing us more. Mention that you are a member in your own publications. Offer a link to the SPGP and make sure every student you work with knows that we are looking out for them. Add your membership to the list of credentials in your email signature. Most importantly tell your colleagues and anyone with an interest in helping people go to college about the incredible work we do for students and the wonderful resources that are available to everyone, even if they are not members.

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Membership Report

**Sarah Weiss, PNACAC Membership Chair
Assistant Director of College Access
and Support , Washington Student
Achievement Council**



It was great to see PNACAC represented so well at the SuperACAC conference. PNACAC's membership year runs June 1-May 31 and renewal for 2015-2016 membership year opens June 1.

Renew today at www.pnacac.org/membership/

PNACAC Membership as of May 2015

Colleges in PNACAC region	83
Colleges outside PNACAC region	121
High Schools (including districts)	97
Independent Counselors	65
Service Organizations	10
Retired	5
Grad Students	5
Total Paying Organizations/Individuals	386
Total Members	1171

Alaska

Paying Organizations/Individuals	7
Total Members	22

Idaho

Paying Organizations/Individuals	21
Total Members	108

Montana

Paying Organizations/Individuals	12
Total Members	43

Oregon

Paying Organizations/Individuals	83
Total Members	327

Washington

Paying Organizations/Individuals	131
Total Members	461

Outside Region

Paying Organizations/Individuals	132
Total Members	210

2015 Fall Performing & Visual Arts College Fairs

SEPTEMBER

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27	28	29	30			

28th: Portland

29th: Seattle

2015 Fall National College Fairs

OCTOBER

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16-17th: Seattle

19th: Boise

21st: Spokane

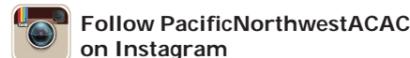
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NACAC 71st National Conference

Oct 1-3, 2015

San Diego, CA

Join PNACAC Online!



Super ACAC 2015 Reflections

**Kristine Whipple, Dean of Students, College & Career Center,
Mariner High School, Everett, WA**

Oh yeah, I wore that cape. The silky red flutter you glimpsed just around the last corner. That was me. Ready or not, I answered your most urgent directional needs: sent you up the staircase, past the waterfall, under the bulbous, hanging light fixture, across from the gift shop to the coffee bar. Or should that have been past the coffee bar, around the gaming tables up the escalator and through that frenzied, blinking, buzzing fun zone?

Call it super hero training-in-progress. That cape represents transformation and empowerment- what important ideas to take away from my first SuperACAC experience.

The people I met, the sessions I attended, all were infused with the idea of empowering others. I learned strategies for leading students and parents in discussions of campus safety. I gained data knowledge I can use with my administration that captures the urgency of bringing in mentors and role models that reflect the diverse faces of my high school's students. I met new partners for implementing state-wide programs geared at increasing college access.

And I took home a cape. Inspired by the passion, knowledge and dedication of the people in this profession, I left Reno with strategies and ideas for our newly expanding Career and College Ready Center. I am an English teacher - turned - advisor, pleased to be part of a group that questions, talks about daring ideas, and challenges each other. I hope we do work for justice: examining policies, practice, curriculum and bias that may limit access to or success within higher education. That cape is one reminder that how we lead has the potential to empower and transform, what a gift. What a responsibility.



Andrea Schumaker, Assistant Director, College of Western Idaho

First and foremost, it is crucial that I just say thank you so much for the opportunity to attend the Super ACAC conference. I have never attended this before and I found that it was not only a great opportunity to meet others in my profession but that the sessions were especially valuable. I was able to attend a few of the women in leadership sessions which helped reignite my spark and passion for what I am doing and help me see that, "Hey you know what, these ladies experience the same things as me, and I'm not alone!" I also enjoyed the sessions related to diversity and some of the underrepresented populations that we serve.

In addition to the professional development, I also found the social aspect to be very rewarding. I was able to sit down at tables with folks I had never met and get to know them. Everyone was so welcoming and easy to talk to. I left with some great contacts and people I can reach out to in the future with questions I might have. Finally, I greatly enjoyed the social events, especially the talent show on the second night. Thank you again for hosting this and providing such valuable information for me to bring back to my institution. I left the conference feeling revitalized for my job and profession. Thank you again for the opportunity, PNACAC.



2015 Spring Newsletter Committee:

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SuperACAC 2015 Return to Reno was my first professional conference experience and was a whirlwind of new information, intriguing discussions and fresh faces. Not only did I learn from the many sessions I attended, but I also gained a deeper insight into the admissions world from the wise words of the colleagues I was able to meet. To best summarize my professional development experience at SuperACAC, I'd like to share both the major takeaways I brought back to Oregon with me and the various highlights that will forever form a reel in my mind.

Takeaways: 1) A heightened understanding of and interest in NACAC's Statement of Principles of Good Practice (SPGP). As a first year admissions road warrior, I was first trained on SPGP back in August when I was hired by OSU. It's safe to say that I did not fully understand the purpose or significance of SPGP at that time, due to nothing more than my lack of experience. Sitting in on numerous presentations and roundtable discussions centered on the topic of ethics enabled me to view my first travel season through a new lens and develop an interest in sitting on the Admission Practices Committee in the future; 2) A familiarity with the phrases "other side of the desk" and "both sides of the desk". Want a crash course in admissions counseling lingo? Head to the next PNACAC conference or SuperACAC!

Highlights: 1) Witnessing the extreme talent, both in professional presentations and on the SuperACAC's Got Talent stage, of my fellow PNACAC members, along with those from WACAC and RMACAC; 2) Reconnecting with the many fantastic colleagues I was able to meet on this year's Oregon Public University Tour, as well as networking with fresh faces, throughout my three days in Reno; 3) Spending time with my fellow recruit team members from Oregon State. While conferences are not necessarily where one is supposed to catch up with their own staff, OSU's team is located in five different geographical locations, and it was wonderful to see our regional reps, sans webcam and computer screen; 4) Running into my own high school counselor (Eloise Schneider, Miramonte High School, WACAC). Seeing the very person I used to bring my career center passes to when I was a high school junior at the SuperACAC social was a pleasant surprise.

I'd like to thank all of the seasoned and wise road warriors, as well as those "on the other side of the desk" whom continually show us "First Time Attendees" patience and guidance. I'd also like to thank the PNACAC board and Claire Nold-Glaser for awarding me a scholarship to attend this year's SuperACAC. It was truly an unforgettable learning experience!

Mike Jansen, Admissions Advisor, Oregon State University

My first SuperACAC conference is over and I am glad to be back at home, but am already missing the new friends and counselors I have met from across the country! I had an amazing time in Reno, and was most impressed with the amazing sense of community that I had gained while there. I met rookie Admissions Counselors such as myself, Admissions Counselors that have been in the game for many years, as well as High School Counselors that I had connected with to learn what it's like on the other side of the desk. Not only was I able to make connections with others in the same profession, but I was able to attend presentations and panels discussing some of the big issues in admissions/high school counseling. My favorite session was presented by a couple of people from Cornerstone Reputation; they specialize in making sure student's online profiles are up to par before applying to college. When you open up their webpage, there is a graphic that reads: "You are great. Make sure your online reputation is, too." We all know how important it is to keep our social media profiles in check in your adult life, but it was very interesting to see how your profiles can affect you even before you graduate high school.

SuperACAC was not only extremely fun, but it was a great opportunity to professionally develop, as well. If you ever have the opportunity to attend one of these awesome conferences, I would highly recommend you do so!



Nina Lococo, PNACAC Admission Practices Chair Vice President of Enrollment Management, Carroll College

I wish to begin my first newsletter article by acknowledging Paula Sutton's years of service as the outgoing Admission Practices Chair. Paula has served PNACAC and our profession well over the past several years, providing guidance and leadership as concerns with admission practices were brought to her attention. Paula, thank you!

By way of introduction, I am Nina Lococo, the incoming AP Chair. I currently serve as the Vice President of Enrollment Management at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. From my earliest days as an admission counselor at the University of San Diego and fast forwarding to my present day role at Carroll College, I marvel at the growth and ever evolving policies and practices of the college admission counseling profession on "both sides of the desk". My interest in serving as your AP Chair is my sincere desire to give back to the profession that has supported me in my work with students, families, school counselors and other college admission counseling colleagues.

As PNACAC members we agree to abide by the NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice (SPGP). If you are uncertain as to policies or practices in your office relative to the SPGP please connect with me so that I may serve as a resource. If you have a concern about a possible violation please contact me and submit the Admission Practices Confidential Complaint Form which is found on the PNACAC website under the "About PNACAC" tab. All inquiries are handled in a sensitive and confidential manner.

I look forward to contributing to future newsletters and to serving the PNACAC membership. I wish you an enjoyable summer.



Congratulations to this year's PNACAC award winners!

Sister Shawn Marie Barry Distinguished Service to Youth Award

Joe Raniero, Wilson High School

Rising Star Program Award

Pirates to Raiders, Southern Oregon University

Rising Star Award

Monzerrath 'Monze' Stark, University of Idaho

PNACAC Exemplary Service Award

Kevin Dyerly, University of Redlands



Megan Diefenbach, PNACAC Professional Development Committee Chair, College Counselor, Holy Names Academy



It has been a busy spring for the PD Committee!

College Board-trained Ambassadors Cathy McMeekan (Spokane) and I presented a total of five workshops to approximately 200 total counselors (from public schools, private schools, independent agencies and community based organizations) in Washington, Oregon and Idaho during the month of April. The featured topic of these workshops was the Redesigned SAT. Many thanks to Sarah Weiss from Washington Student Achievement Council and Adrienne Enriquez from Oregon GEAR UP for presenting with us at several of these workshops. Clock hours were provided to Washington state counselors through Washington School Counselors Association.

PNACAC wishes to thank Boise State University, University of Portland, Seattle University, Gonzaga University and Meadowdale High School for being the host sites of these very well-attended workshops!

In late June, the 2015 PNACAC Summer College Tour will bring approximately 35 high school and independent counselors to Eastern Washington and Idaho. The tour will make stops at: Eastern Washington University, Whitworth University, Gonzaga University, Washington State University, University of Idaho, Whitman College, Lewis-Clark State College, College of Idaho and Boise State University. In an ongoing effort to reach out to counselors at public high schools, PNACAC has awarded a number of scholarships to assist interested counselors in attending this tour.

Save the Date – the 2016 Summer College Tour will showcase colleges and universities in Western Oregon!

Finally, several members of the PNACAC Executive Board will be presenting a Professional Development Training Day in Anchorage, AK on Tuesday, July 28 at the University of Alaska Anchorage. We will be presenting to members of the Alaska College and Career Advising Corps (ACAC) during their annual training retreat. ACAC places committed recent college graduates in high schools throughout the state of Alaska as near-peer mentors. ACAC guides work with counselors and school staff to get students on track for entry into college and career training pathways.



Dave Morrin, Admissions Counselor, Western Washington University

As I reflect on SuperACAC, I am inspired to share takeaways and shout-outs for our amazing colleagues. Congratulations to the Southern Oregon University team for recognition of your Pirates to Raiders program! Thank you to Seattle’s College Access Now team for a terrific session that shared real voices, struggles, and stories of underrepresented students. 100% of CAN’s students are low income, and most are the first in their families to pursue a college degree – and that matters. I hope your students know that we are listening.

Let me share some practicable takeaways I learned from our Reno presenters. First, check out the TripIt app for organizing recruitment travel and SlideShare for presentations. Visit Ethan Sawyer’s College Essay Guy site (www.collegeessayguy.com) for free resources to help students craft essays. Value the voices of the school counselors who asked college reps to recognize that our words carry monumental weight for students and “it takes hours to undo the tears.” We were reminded that truth and transparency are vital in this work. We were asked to question if a PLUS loan really is need-based aid and to honestly tell students not only what our university is, but also what it is not. We were reminded that “pre-nursing” is not nursing, and to suggest otherwise is to mislead. A presenter shared a bold 11th grader’s quote that still sticks with me: “PLEASE stop saying ‘holistic’. You are smart, you are college-educated. Find another word.” But a quote that left the deepest impact? A high school senior, on getting an admit e-mail in the middle of class while a classmate received a denial notice: **“I got the e-mail, I checked it. I was excited...but the girl behind me burst into tears.” Our words matter. Our timing matters. So do the hearts we serve.**

May these shout-outs be Reno casino jackpot loud! Thank you to Claire Nold-Glaser and the scholarship committee for coordinating and granting scholarships that made it possible for myself and many others to attend the conference – it truly matters. Thank you to Megan Diefenbach, Danielle Yepa Gunderson, and AhYoung Chi for your significant behind-the-scenes work on coordinating volunteers – superheroes indeed! Thank you to Atlantis as well as all of the organizers, speakers, volunteers, and colleagues who contributed to a fantastic conference--especially those who put in tremendous preparation long before May, including the dedicated planning committee. Your day jobs are busy enough! Thank you to Constance Lumumba-Perez, Kati Swanson and Carl Thomas for organizing SuperACAC’s Got Talent and Rafael Figueroa, Alicia Ortega and Jim Rawlins for judging. And the awesome team of talented performers: “Scan Me Maybe” is still totally stuck in my head and I cannot “Let it Go.”

I appreciated the opportunity to share my poetic passion on stage, but I’m most inspired by a beautiful gem expressed by my co-performer, Jibrán Ahmed, “Reach for the stars until they burn you.”

Wendy Krakauer, Head Counselor Roosevelt High School, Seattle, WA

I was fortunate to receive a scholarship from PNACAC to attend the SuperACAC Conference this spring in Reno. I attended some very useful conference sessions. I heard a presentation on gender imbalance in college applications, which, while not providing answers, was very thought provoking, as was the panel discussion on the Effectiveness of College Testing. 60 Tips in 60 minutes was energizing, fast paced, and gave me practical advice for being more efficient as a high school counselor. Getting up to date with the updates to the Common Application was informative, as was the session on applying to college in the UK. The Panel discussion from college admission stalwarts at lunch on Wednesday was the best closing session that I can remember from the approximately 10 annual conferences I have attended. When not attending sessions, I enjoyed the comforts of my Concierge Tower Room and the Concierge Tower Lounge, as well as being totally entertained by the amazing performers in the Talent Show. Finally, thanks to PNACAC’s willingness to support professional development for its members through generous scholarships, I did not have to go anywhere near the Atlantis’ slot machines or other gambling opportunities to finance my attendance at the conference!



Meet Sarah Weiss, PNACAC's Membership Chair

What kind of chair do you like to chair from?

A green chair – it brings good luck!

What has Membership been up to recently?

We've been working quite a bit with the Professional Development and Inter-Association Committee trifecta to tie all of our work together. It's a natural fit. Updating PNACAC's by-laws to meet NACAC regulations. Getting the new membership application ready. Don't forget to renew online at www.pnacac.org/membership/!

What's the best part about your committee?

That we have this amazing connection with Professional Development and Inter-Association. There is a great deal of potential to be involved in these outreach efforts!

What kind of person would best fit as part of your team?

- Someone with design skills, understanding of social media, creativity, and capacity to be a critical thinker
- Someone with connections to other "pockets" of groups doing similar work in the region

What can someone do to help PNACAC's membership efforts?

Every PNACAC member is an ambassador of the association. When you are talking with colleagues who are unfamiliar with PNACAC this is a great time to talk about what PNACAC means to you, the professional development opportunities, benefits of membership, etc. Everyone plays a role in PNACAC membership efforts within our professional community.

How do members find out more about joining the Membership team?

Please email sarahwe@wsac.wa.gov



Brandon Bruan, PNACAC DEA Chair and Assembly Delegate, Assistant Director of Admission, Pacific Lutheran University



Greetings from Tacoma! My name is Brandon Bruan and I am serving as your DEA Chair. It was great connecting with everyone at the SUPER ACAC Conference at Reno. I want to extend my personal thanks to Robin Beavers and her group from Portland State University and Lorena Landeros and her group from the University of Oregon for presenting at the IDEA Institute at the conference and sharing their work with undocumented students and families.

Moving on to DEA Business, I would like to announce the following NACAC Guiding the Way to Inclusion (GWI) Scholarship Recipients:

- Ayaka Dohi, Admissions Counselor, Gonzaga University
- Amanda Hutchinson, Regional Admission Advisor, Oregon State University

All scholarship recipients have been requested to take notes and pictures of their experience to share with us for our next newsletter.

For those of you that are interested in participating in the committee or learning more about our work, please email me at bruanbj@plu.edu.

International Programming Offered At Seattle National College Fair For Students & Counselors

For the second year, NACAC will be offering a specific program for international students attending high schools, ESL programs, and community colleges in the Seattle area at the Seattle National College Fair, October 16-17, 2015. Building on last year's initiative, NACAC continues its commitment to supporting a growing number of international students in the U.S. interested in pursuing higher education at American institutions, as well as the college counselors that support them through the admission process.

Opportunities include:

- A networking breakfast for college counselors and admission professionals who work with international students.
- An orientation program for international students on how to make the most of their college fair experience.
- Workshops for international students on understanding admission at U.S. colleges and universities and on engaging their parents in the process.
- Meeting with experienced counselors during the fair to address international student related questions.

More information regarding this programming will follow in the coming months. Please contact Erin Miller (erin.miller@northwestschool.org) with questions.

In Our Region

Gettysburg College will be joining the Pacific Northwest! Courtney Wege, Senior Associate Director of Admissions, will become the first regional director beginning in mid-August and will be based out of Portland, OR.

Gettysburg College is located in the world famous-town of Gettysburg, PA. Some of its distinctive programs include the Sunderman Conservatory of Music and the Eisenhower Institute of Public Policy and Leadership, on campus and in Washington, DC.

Courtney looks forward to meeting counselors and interested students and can be contacted at: cwege@gettysburg.edu , 717-337- 6115.

Super ACAC 2015 Reflections

Jeanne Eulberg, SuperACAC II Conference Co-Chair, O'Dea High School, Seattle, WA

The Super ACAC II: Return to Reno annual conference was an overwhelming success. I want to thank all of the PNACAC members of the Conference Planning Committee who worked so diligently to create such a fun and welcoming event. This conference offered not only excellent opportunities for professional development through the outstanding sessions but it also offered a great opportunity to meet and socialize with colleagues from from RMACAC and WACAC, in addition to PNACAC. Thank you to all of the PNACAC members who travelled to Reno to participate in this annual event. Now we will all quickly shift our focus and look to the future as the planning has already begun for next year's PNACAC conference at St. Martin's University in Lacey, Washington. This will be a momentous conference as we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our organization. Make plans to travel to Lacey on May 25-27, 2016 to join the festivities.



Perks of PNACAC Involvement
Michael Sass, Government Relations Committee Member, Assistant Director of Admission, Gonzaga University



Last month during the Super ACAC conference, which brought many of us to the Atlantis Hotel in Reno, we heard from many great speakers and witnessed some outstanding talent (even if WACAC walked away with the Super ACAC's Got Talent title). What I also hear heard loud and clear was for additional involvement in our organization. It was just over a year ago at the PNACAC Conference in Corvallis that I decided to step up and join what at the time was a committee of one, the Government Relations Committee. Ever since I made that decision I have been provided fantastic opportunities to grow professionally and to connect with peers from other regions.

Back in February I was blessed with the chance to attend the NACAC National Legislative Meetings. On a cold February weekend Government Relations colleagues from around the country came together in Foggy Bottom just a few miles from the heart of the federal government to discuss issues facing our field and to engage with policy makers. After hearing from Senator Patty Murray's (D – WA) legislative aid for higher education policy and discussing the implications of "Prior-prior" (the Senate proposal to allow students to use the prior-prior year's information when filing the FAFSA therefore simplifying the process), we prepared for meetings on the Hill. The next morning, admission staffers and high school counselors descended upon the Capitol and White House to meet with representatives of the legislative and executive branches advocating for our students.

The National Legislative Meeting served as both a doorway and a refreshing reminder. It opened an entirely new avenue of professional development by networking with NACAC staff, and presidents and government relations chairs from other regional affiliates. Finding colleagues with a shared passion for making change both on a personal and a systemic level rejuvenated my energy and passion for the work as well. It opened my eyes to ways to continue growing in the field and to increase my impact. For me, involvement in the Government Relations committee has been a path worth taking. One which has introduced me to influencers in our field and helped me learn about how to influence education policy. It may be the pathway for you too, but there are many other ways to connect with those in our field. Share your social media skills through the technology committee or your writing acumen through the newsletter committee. Whatever your passion and aptitude there are opportunities to use them for the benefit of the students we serve while re-invigorating your passion for the field.

Randy C. Corradine, Coordinator of Diversity Outreach & INWMS Co-Chair, Eastern Washington University

"Boys are twice as likely to drop out of school as girls and four times more likely to be expelled. As early as elementary school, boys confront messages that encourage them to disconnect from their emotions, devalue authentic friendships, objectify and degrade women and girls, and resolve conflicts through violence."

The Mask You Live In Documentary [Source: <http://therepresentationproject.org>]

How can we expect our boys and young men to engage if we cannot get our men to show up and commit? I do not have the answer or believe that there is a single solution to this national epidemic. What I do know is that a few things we can do to move towards transformational change is for us men to be intentional about showing up, being open to vulnerability, and to participate with purpose. Colleagues, let me share with you our attempt in the Inland Northwest to expand the conversation and heighten awareness about male engagement.

Program Overview

The 2nd Annual Inland Northwest Male Summit (INWMS) is a leadership program developed through national best practices and serving boys and young men (6th – 12th graders) in the greater Inland Northwest. Eastern Washington University, in partnership with Spokane Community College, presented INWMS. The Summit is a secondary school-college-community collaborative partnership amongst stakeholders in the region and a demonstration of our commitment to the youth's betterment and access to post-secondary opportunities. The Summit focus is to enhance male engagement and improve outcomes for all young men, particularly multicultural male youth and is offered at no cost to participants.

Purpose

Empower and motivate our boys and young men to excel in academics and social achievement. Participants will acquire tools for personal development, awareness of others, identity development, skill development, and academic success.

Program Summary

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 10am – 3pm at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington this year's Male Summit served thirty four young men including young Sirs who traveled from as far as Walla Walla and Tri-Cities, Washington. The Summit created a space for critical dialogue on issues important to our male youth – youth violence, law enforcement, criminal justice system, education, restorative justice, identity development, and career pathways. We brought together sixteen professional men of diverse backgrounds from the region to facilitate a variety of workshops, lead identity seminars, and serve on a career pathways panel. This year's theme, "Beyond Our Masks ... Into Our Tasks," directly confronts male posturing and the masks today's youth are required to wear. Through discussions about brotherhood, racial and ethnic identity, and social expectations, the participants removed their masks and learned ways to value themselves and each other. I want to express gratitude to our committee, sponsors, and partners for all your hard work and dedication to serving young men. Alongside you we created a space with learning experiences where our young men's voices were heard and strengthened.

Be Inspired!



Thank you to the following people for your service to the PNACAC Executive Board:

- Jeanne Eulberg, Past-President
- Erica Johnson, Past-Treasurer
- Wendy Krakauer, Treasurer
- Paula Sutton, Delegate and Admission Practices Chair
- Morgan Hatcher, Delegate
- Juana Alcala, Awards Chair

Please welcome our new incoming PNACAC Executive Board members:

- Andrea Frangi, President-Elect
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