



WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS E-NEWSLETTER

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The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community—advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity and benefits for African-Americans

“Creating an Equitable Future in Washington State” is our newly commissioned comprehensive report that researches the major ways our social, economic, and political systems in Washington State intertwine to create barriers that impede progress within the Black community. The study delves into thought-provoking questions as well as proposing multiple solutions for improving opportunities for Blacks in our state.

2015 Commission Public Meeting Schedule:

Friday, November 6, 2015 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Location: Centerstone 722—18th Ave. Seattle, WA

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Formerly known as Washington CASH, Ventures empowers aspiring entrepreneurs with limited resources and unlimited potential to improve their lives through small business ownership. If you have a focused business idea or want to grow into an existing one and you fit into the income guidelines, you may be interested in Ventures. Visit www.venturesnonprofit.org for more information about access to business training, capital, coaching and hands-on learning opportunities

EDUCATION / SCHOLARSHIPS

Two remaining information sessions for the **Race To the Top Investment Fund for Community-School Partnerships**. Learn more about the final process and structure;

Thursday October 1, 9-11, Puget Sound ESD – Cayuse Room (3rd floor)

To register: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ms8c5nhab&oeidk=a07ebk8ccv730c9b9f>

The RFI for the third round of the Investment Fund for Community-School Partnerships (DD3) was released September 18. Responses to the RFI are due November 10. Please see website for more information: <https://roadmapracetotheop.org/doing-business/deep-dive-3-investment-fund-to-develop-additional-site-based-community-school-partnerships/>

Teachers! The Professional Educator Standards Board announces the expansion of the Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship Program. This program provides financial support (scholarships up to \$3,000) to Washington State certified teachers who seek to add an endorsement in a subject or geographic shortage area. Up until recently, this program covered math and science only, but the state legislature recently amended the law to expand this program to cover more shortage areas, as determined by the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Typical shortage areas include Bilingual Education, Computer Science Education, English Language Learner, Environmental and Sustainability Education, Mathematics, Science, and Special Education. In addition, other shortage areas will also be considered, with all applications being evaluated based in part on the strength of their shortage evidence.

The first application deadline is quickly approaching on September 25, with the first awards going out two to three weeks thereafter. There are two additional application deadlines over the course of the year: January 8, 2016, and April 29, 2016.

For additional details, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, please visit our website at: <http://www.pesb.wa.gov/pesb-programs/scholarships/retooling>. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the PESB at PESB@k12.wa.us.

Please spread the word to teachers, districts, institutions of higher education, and other stakeholders who might be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to help address critical shortage area needs.

STUDENTS— ACT-SO

What is ACT-SO? It's the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics—a year-long achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. ACT-SO recruits students in grades 9th - 12th annually. The 29 competitions in the categories of: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), humanities, business, and performing, visual and culinary arts are held in NAACP Branches throughout the country.

To learn more about the King County ACT-SO program and the specific categories and application process please email at act-so@seattlekingcountynaacp.org or 206-324-6600. We're are calling on all high school students in grades 9-12! The ACT-SO Committee is available to meet with any group or school to discuss the program. Contact Carolyn Riley-Payne, the ACT-SO chair.

To start an ACT-SO program in your area, contact the National ACT-SO office at 410-580-5650, by mail: NAACP ACT-SO 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215 or via the web at www.naacppconnect.org

YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTORY

Parents, guardians, school counselors, teachers, community workers or youth in King County—are you looking for engaging programs for young people? View the Youth Program Directory. This comprehensive, regularly updated web directory www.youthprogramdirectory.org guides you to select programs from more than 750 free and reduced-fee programs and services for youth ages five to twenty-five. If you represent a youth-serving organization that is not yet included in the directory, please go to: <http://youthprogramdirectory.org/list-your-program/>

PAGE PROGRAM

Once each year, students between the ages of 14 and 16 have the opportunity to serve as **Pages for the Washington State Legislature**. Discover how to take part in a paid, one-week educational experience observing and participating in the legislative process. For more information about the program, housing options and applications, Senate application are available at this [link](#). House application available [here](#).

EMPLOYMENT

Search for federal jobs at USAJOBS.gov

Airport Jobs, a program of the Port of Seattle, offers services for job seekers as well as listings for various employers at Sea-Tac Airport.

Clark College — view full-time and part-time job listings [here](#) or at www.clark.edu

International Paper—Search openings at www.ipaper.com . For questions call 1-800-207-4003

Staff Management | SMX - search job listings at www.apply.smjobs.com

SoundTransit — view openings [here](#)

Seattle University — positions viewable or at <https://jobs.seattleu.edu>

The Mockingbird Society seeking Executive Director —founded 14 years ago to provide a voice for youth in foster care is an advocacy organization that has drawn national attention for its collaborative approach to working with young people and families to improve foster care and end youth homelessness. Please visit the position profile [here](#)

United Way of King County seeks Site Managers for the Free Tax Preparation Campaign and Volunteer Initiatives Manager. Apply [here](#)

YWCA of Pierce County hiring for a Resource Navigator to work with domestic violence emergency shelter residents. For more information regarding this opening, contact kwhite@ywcapiercecounty.org

Washington State University - the Department of Equity & Diversity is currently searching for a [Fiscal Specialist 1](#). All interested parties encouraged to apply at www.wsujobs.com/postings/21226

State of Washington: Search for jobs at careers.wa.gov. New openings include:

- **Employment Security Department** current openings include [Assistant Contracts Administrator](#), [Cash Posting Coordinator](#), [Workforce System Monitor](#), [Office Assistant 3](#), [Appeals Assistant \(Spokane\)](#)
- **Department of Commerce** — Commerce Specialist 3, follow this [link](#).
- **Department of Enterprise Services** seeking applicants for [Statewide Talent Acquisition Officer](#)
- **The Health Care Authority** seeks a seasoned and passionate professional to lead its Diversity and Organizational Development initiatives. To learn more about this position, click or search www.Careers.wa.gov for [Organizational Development & Diversity and Inclusion Manager](#)
- **Office of the Insurance Commissioner** is seeking to fill the positions of [Deputy Insurance Commissioner](#), [Company Supervision \(Civil Service Exempt\)](#), [Functional Program Analyst 3](#), [IT Specialist 4 \(Server/Network Support\)](#)
- **Department of Social and Health of Services (DSHS)** [Executive Medical Director \(07841\) at Western State Hospital - open until filled](#)
[Psychiatric Social Worker 3](#) at Western State Hospital. [Multiple Permanent positions available](#) Job number 07158
[Medical Director \(Western State Hospital\) 00945](#)
[Deputy Director \(09309\)](#) - Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery
[Information Technology Senior Security Architect \(09445\)](#)
[Legislative Policy & Planning Specialist \(09500\)](#)
- **Washington Courts** - Follow this [link](#) for current openings.
- **Washington Technology Services** recruiting for [Project Manager ITS 6](#), [Security Analyst -EMS 2](#), [Security Operational Readiness Analyst – EMS 2](#), [Senior Telecommunications Project Manager \(ITS6\)](#), [Messaging System Administrator ITS4](#), [Chief Information Security Officer](#), [Mainframe Network Specialist - ITS5](#), [Product Engineer](#)
- **Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)** has re-opened its search for a [Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity](#). this office manages a number of valued programs including Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), DBE Supportive Services, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, On the Job Training Supportive Services and a number of other programs.

For inquiries about this position, please contact Kris Rietmann at 360-705-7423 or email to Rietmak@wsdot.wa.gov. Please reference recruitment number 2015-EMS-012.

County & City Employment Links

King County - view all current King County careers, including internships. View a Word document of all current listings [here](#)

Pierce County [Yakima County](#) [Snohomish County](#) [Spokane County](#) [Thurston County](#) [Yakima County](#) [City of Seattle](#) [City of Tacoma](#) [City of Lynnwood](#) [City of Everett](#) [City of Vancouver](#) [City of Spokane](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Special Events

MORAL MONDAYS, Seattle University's #BlackLivesMatter initiative, proudly presents

WE ARE ALL TRAYVON A Conversation With Sybrina Fulton

Monday, October 5, 2015

Alumni have two opportunities to attend this special event.

2:00 pm
Pigott Auditorium, Pigott Building
Free event for SU students, faculty, staff and alumni
RSVP to moralmondays@seattleu.edu

7:00 pm
Campion Ballroom, Campion Tower
914 East Jefferson Street
Ticketed event open to the public
Tickets available at wearealltrayvon.brownpapertickets.com



Sybrina Fulton is dedicating her life to transforming family tragedy into social change. Since the death of her 17 year old son, Trayvon Martin, during the violent confrontation in 2012, Fulton has become an inspiring spokesperson for parents and concerned citizens across the country.

Her message not only appeals to people's hearts as it relates to children, but is also one of hope and change, exemplified by her personal experiences and endeavors. As a mother, she inspires audiences to continuously educate their children about civil rights and to help them feel accepted as part of an ever changing society.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS Sisters! Can I Get A Witness Fighting Breast Cancer and Promoting Survivorship

Witnessing to Save Lives

- Hear the testimony of breast cancer survivors
- Learn about **YOUR** risk for breast cancer and early detection practices from trained community health advisors
- When:
 - **October 4 (Sun)—1:00-3:00pm**
- Where: Mount Zion Baptist Church
- Open to the Public



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