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Synopsis	The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting.
Guiding questions	Do the activities of the agency align with our statutory mission?
Possible council action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Documents and attachments	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other



November ED Update

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Pave the Way



PAVE THE WAY

ADVANCING EQUITY, ACCESS, READINESS, AND SUPPORT



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MAP

TUESDAY 11/1

7:00 a.m.
Registration Opens

8:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Introduction: Eric Davis
Welcome: Rachelle Sharpe
Breakfast Keynote: Justice Mary Yu
Opening Address: Governor Jay Inslee

10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Breakout Session A

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Featured Speaker: Enrique Cerna
Luncheon Panel: Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight & Accountability Committee

1:10 - 2:25 p.m.
Breakout Session B

2:35 - 3:50 p.m.
Breakout Session C

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Interactive Group Session: Eric Davis

5:00
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All meals, plenary speakers, panel discussions, and group activities take place in Ballroom ABCD.

See Breakout Sessions section for meeting locations.

WEDNESDAY 11/2

7:00 a.m.
Registration Opens

8:00 - 9:15 a.m.
Breakfast Keynote: Gary Orfield
9:25 - 10:40 a.m.
Breakout Session D

10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Breakout Session E

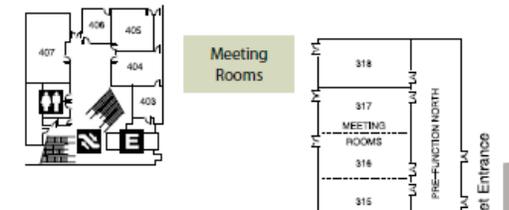
12:20 - 1:45 p.m.
Featured Speakers: Elissa Goss and Jessica Murillo-Rosales
Luncheon Panel: Student Voices

1:45 p.m.
Closing: Eric Davis

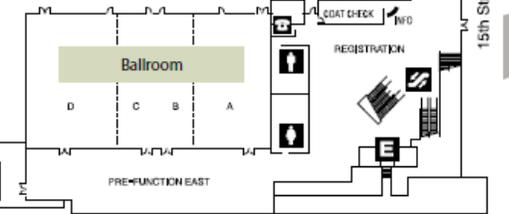
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• Meeting Rooms



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• Ballroom
• Pre-function
• Meeting Rooms
• Registration Area



Recent Highlights



Outreach & Advocacy

GEAR UP; 12th Year; Fall WFAA conference

Programs

CBS; GET; College Savings Plan;
WASFA; WSAC U

Policy & Research

Dual Credit; Prior Learning; Results Washington



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**Agency Update
Two-Month Executive Summary**

Project	Recent Work
Outreach and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Pave the Way</u>: The November 1-2 Pave the Way conference brought together educators and advocates to share strategies to advance equity and increase educational attainment for low-income, first-generation, and historically underrepresented students. • <u>GEAR UP</u>: The 10th Anniversary GEAR UP West conference in Spokane included over 60 breakout sessions on practitioner strategies to help more low-income students prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. • <u>12th Year Campaign</u>: Over 115 sites statewide are hosting one or more admissions and financial aid application events this fall. • <u>Fall WFAA Conference</u>: WSAC staff presented sessions on resources for DREAMers, helping youth from foster care, state aid program information for new aid administrators, and more at the October 12-14 Washington Financial Aid Administrators (WFAA) Annual Conference in Spokane.
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>College Bound</u>: College Bound is seeing an increase in applications submitted and an increase in portal uploads, which allows schools to quickly start applications for all eligible students and then print the required letters for income verification and signature immediately. • <u>GET Update</u>: In October, the GET Committee adopted the 2016 GET Actuarial Valuation Report, which estimates the GET funded status to be at 136 percent. • <u>Washington College Savings Plan Update</u>: Interested bidders for the College Savings Plan investment and program management services RFP must submit their proposals by November 30, 2016. • <u>WASFA</u>: The WASFA application went live on October 1. • <u>WSAC U</u>: WSAC held a WSAC U training day on October 26, with trainings on public records requests, agency travel, providing excellent customer service, and more.
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dual Credit</u>: WSAC staff presented at several sessions at the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships annual conference on October 16-18. • <u>Prior Learning Conference</u>: Nearly 70 attendees participated in a WSAC-led, hands-on review of policies and effective practices in assessing, coding, and awarding credit. • <u>Results Washington</u>: WSAC presented information on the metrics of degree awards produced as well as College Bound application rates.