

2019 Pave the Way: Request for Session Proposals

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in presenting at Pave the Way 2019! We welcome session content highlighting policies, best practices, and partnerships designed to increase educational attainment among underrepresented and historically marginalized populations in Washington. We encourage session proposals for dynamic presentations that engage attendees through an equity lens in one or more of the key areas of focus below:

- **Affordability**: Creating affordable, high-quality pathways toward completion of certificates and degrees, including apprenticeships and other career-connected learning opportunities.
- **Enrollment**: Improving readiness, transitions, and college-going culture among traditional-aged students, in addition to the recruitment of stopped out adults with some college credit and no degree.
- **Completion**: Bolstering institutional policies, resources, and services to support student success and completion in K-12 and college.
- **Student Supports**: Ensuring access to, and coordination of non-academic supports (e.g. institution support services, public benefits, and community-based resources) for students in need.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Share effective equity-focused policies and strategies for educational success among Washington's marginalized and underrepresented student populations.
2. Mobilize, inspire, and engage P-20 educational partners in the state through meaningful professional development.
3. Engage P-20 educators and advocates in the intersect of policy, practice, and partnerships to increase progress toward the state's educational attainment goals.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DETAILS

Conference Date: December 11, 2019

Location: Seattle, WA

Deadline to submit proposal: October 25, 2019

Breakout session length: 75 minutes

Please note: At any point in the application process, you may save progress and continue at a later time. You will receive a confirmation email upon successful completion. You may also preview the questions in PDF prior to submitting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office via email at events@wsac.wa.gov.

Thank you!

-Pave the Way Conference Planning Committee

Contact Information

1. Presenter Information *

First Name *

Last Name *

Title *

Email Address *

Phone Number *

Website *

School/Organization Name (Please do not use acronyms). *

Which sector does your organization represent? *

Early Learning

K12- Elementary

K12- Middle School

K12- High School

K12- District Office

K12 - District Office
Postsecondary- Community or Technical College
Postsecondary- Public Four-Year
Postsecondary- Independent/Private Four-Year
Postsecondary- Private Career College
State Agency
Municipal Agency
Office of an Elected Official
Community-Based/Advocacy Organization
Employer/Industry Representative
Other

If other, please specify.

Please enter a short biography (i.e. educational background and professional experience). If your proposal is selected, this may be printed in our event guide. **(150 word limit).** *

Do you plan to attend the entire conference? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, I only plan to present

Add a Co-Presenter

About the Breakout Sessions

Breakout sessions for Pave the Way 2019 will center on key themes focused on Affordability, Enrollment, Completion, and Non-Academic Student Supports. Below are just a few *general examples* of session topics that may be included within a given area of focus. Additional themes or topics beyond those listed are also encouraged.

Affordability

- Making postsecondary education more affordable to students.
- Increasing FAFSA/WASFA completion.
- Innovative solutions to reduce student debt.

Enrollment

- Increasing dual credit participation for low-income students and/or other underrepresented populations.
- Enhancing College and Career going culture in high school or middle school.
- Addressing access barriers to college and career opportunities.
- Increasing college enrollment and/or career readiness through internships, apprenticeships, etc.
- Engaging and supporting working adults to finish college.

Completion

- Ensuring first generation and/or low-income students enrolling in college from K12 persist and complete post-secondary education.
- Transfer degrees/programs.
- Addressing unique barriers to degree completion for returning adults.
- Alternative Credit for Prior Learning, workforce credentials, and other type of transfers for working age adults.

Non-Academic Student Supports

- Addressing food and housing insecurity on college campuses.
- Increasing access to affordable childcare on college campuses.
- Providing emergency funds to students in college and career programs.

Areas of Focus

2. Please select the area of focus your presentation will address. (Select all that apply).

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- ☐ Affordability: Affordable postsecondary education.
- ☐ Enrollment: Readiness, access, and transitions to college and/or the workforce.
- ☐ Completion: Resources and services to support student success and completion in K12 and college.
- ☐ Non-Academic Student Supports
- ☐ Other

3. Please specify. *

Conference Tracks

4. Which of the following conference tracks does your presentation best align? *

- ☐ Policy: Sharing information about a local, institution, or statewide policy that addresses one of the four priority areas.
- ☐ Practice and Implementation: Presenting real-world examples of best practices and the impact from that work.
- ☐ Partnerships: Demonstration of comprehensive partnerships that have helped to advance post-secondary attainment.

Session Details

5. Session title. *

6. Please provide a brief description of your presentation. If your proposal is selected, this narrative will be printed in our event guide. **(150 word limit).**

*Note: Provided narratives are subject to revision if necessary. **

7. Briefly describe how you plan to incorporate student voice or perspectives in your presentation **(150 word limit).** *

8. Please select the preferred seating arrangement that will help facilitate audience participation and engagement in the presented content.

Please note: Preferred seating arrangements are not guaranteed, though we will do our best to honor selections.

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- ☐ Lecture (Rowed seating without tables)
- ☐ Classroom (Rowed seating with rectangle tables)
- ☐ U-Shaped
- ☐ Open Space
- ☐ Banquet (Seating at round tables)
- ☐ No Preference
- ☐ Other/Undecided

9. Please explain. If unsure, please type "undecided." (150 word limit) *

Completed!

Thank you for your submission! This concludes the session proposal application for Pave the Way 2019. You will be notified of a decision no later than **November 8, 2019**. If you have any questions, please email:

events@wsac.wa.gov

For more information about the conference, please visit: **www.wsac.wa.gov/pavetheway**

- WSAC Conference Planning Team
