Adult and Higher Education
2020-2021 Academic Year

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The Adult & Higher Education (AHE) program is housed in the Department of Health & Community Studies, Woodring College of Education at Western Washington University. We are located on the fourth floor of Miller Hall.

We are pleased to provide this news to keep you informed about work and activities of our

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Congratulations
AHE Graduates

Sara Airoldi
Tyler Ciokiewicz
Emily Gaston
Ricardo Martinez
Michael Nielsen
Katherine Petrie

“You don’t go to university so you can punch a clock. You go to university so you can be in a position to make a difference.”
—Janet Napolitano
Looking Back at 2020-2021

Western Stays Home
Covid-19 meant big changes this year. While people stayed home, classes were conducted remotely. Classrooms, hallways, and courtyards were empty while classes were conducted via Zoom.

End of Year Survey
Please keep an eye out for the AHE End of Year Survey. Your responses will help the program be the best program possible.

Shevell Thibou earns Celebration of Excellence Awards
Shevell Thibou, AHE Faculty, is the recipient of two Celebration of Excellence awards. She received the Equity and Inclusion Award and the Professional Staff Award for Excellence.

The Spring Retreat was re-invented as an evening event to stay within Covid guidelines.

AHE turned out to vote in the highly-contested presidential election.
COVID-19 Updates

News on Returning to Campus
Currently plans are to return to about 2/3 of Western’s fall 2021 classes in-person. Things may change, so visit Western’s Covid-19 website to keep up with the latest news.

Scholar’s Week
Every May, Western hosts Scholar’s Week, a chance for graduate and undergraduate students to show your research. Completed and in-progress works can be presented, Creative work and performances can also be presented,

Next year’s Scholar’s week will be May 16-20, 2022, so it is time to start thinking about what you might share. The website for Scholars Week 2021 academic year is available, but please be aware that this year’s Scholar’s Week was different than normal because of the restrictions on in-person meetings.

Proof of Covid-19 Vaccination required for Fall 2021
Students, faculties, and staff will be required to provide proof of vaccination before returning to campus in the fall.

If you haven’t been vaccinated yet, go to the WA vaccine locator to find where you can be vaccinated.

Once you have your completed vaccination card, send a legible copy to the Student Health Center via your secure MyWestern-Health patient portal.

If you have additional questions, please check Western’s Vaccine Information website.

Do you have a submission?
We’d love to put it in the newsletter!

If you, an alumni, or current student is doing something interesting, incredible, or newsworthy, please let us know! We love to publish stories about how the AHE program has influenced, directed, or supported its students and faculty.

Please send ideas or submissions to Lisa Eddleman at eddleml@wwu.edu for consideration.
Upcoming Conferences

**Proliteracy 2021 Conference**

**Adult Education Literacy**

September 20-22, 2021
San Antonio, TX

**Proliteracy**

**AAACE 2021 Conference**

**Moving the Needle: Digital Divide, Social Justice, and Adult Education**

October 5-8, 2021
Sandestin Beach, FL

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education

**CAEL 2021 Conference**

- Working & Learning Nation
- Reskilling and Upskilling Adult Learners
- Expanding Opportunity for Adult Learners and Workers
- Transforming Education and Workforce

November 17-19, 2021
San Diego, CA

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning