

Adult & Higher Education

2022 Winter Newsletter

Information for our students, by our students.

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.

Director: Sondra Cuban

Please join us for our 2022 Spring Retreat on May 21st:

- **1-3pm** Zoom session with a panel of AHE professionals and alumni.
- **5-8pm** in-person social hour at Samish Day Lodge (open to family and friends).

Zoom link for May 21st 1-3pm: <https://wwu-edu.zoom.us/j/94357541904>

Samish Day Lodge: 673 N Lake Samish Dr. Bellingham, WA 98229

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” – John Quincy Adams





Student Spotlight Story

A conversation with
Rahel Weldu

Rahel joined the Adult and Higher Education program in Fall of 2021 and is currently serving as the Director of Financial Aid and VA Benefits Official at Renton Technical College after serving in

various higher education roles. Rahel received her Bachelor's degree in Technology Management prior to attending Western.

What drew you towards the AHE program? “I was searching for something more after having experience working at five different universities, technical and community colleges. I knew I wanted to pursue my Masters degree to learn education policy on a deeper level.”

How has AHE helped you to reach your future goals? “Every course I have taken is very related to what I am dealing with at work and what I care about. But most importantly, every professor I’ve had has been very engaged. They are different in a way that helps adults learn to be accountable while still helping to guide us. Even though I have been in this program during Covid which has made everyone’s lives more difficult, I am honored to keep coming back every week online.”



AHE Program
Spring Retreat

Professional Development

Virtual Session

1:00-3:00 PM VIA ZOOM

Evening Social Activities

5:00-8:00 PM AT SAMISH LODGE

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JOIN AHE GSAC

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GSAC is an organization of Adult & Higher Education graduate students dedicated to enhancing the program's graduate student experience at Western Washington University. The GSAC will meet on May 9th and May 16th in preparation for the Spring Retreat on May 21st.

The GSAC traditionally meets once each month in-person and via teleconferencing throughout the academic year. Meeting dates and times are to be announced (TBA). The committee will also discuss a Graduate School Mentorship program for all WWU Graduate Students.

If you're interested in joining or have questions about the committee you can contact Sondra Cuban or Jared Nilsen. Please don't let distance keep you from getting involved! GSAC is set up to be able to have members attend meetings through online teleconferencing or connecting through email.

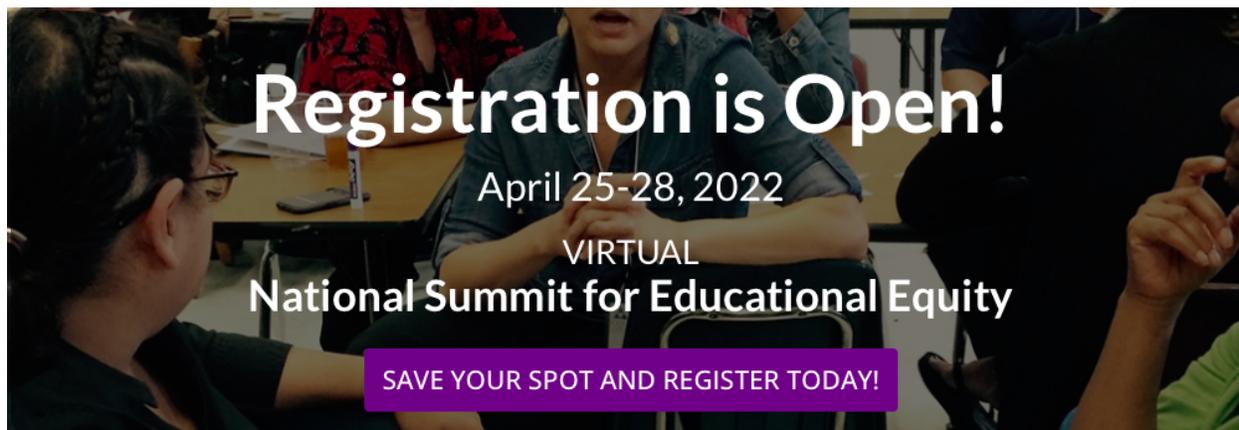
This year GSAC has worked on preparing our two part Spring Retreat events as well as career exploration. Join us at our next meeting using the following link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://wwu-edu.zoom.us/j/94118407426>

Meeting ID: 941 1840 7426

Upcoming Conferences



Registration is Open!
April 25-28, 2022
VIRTUAL
National Summit for Educational Equity
SAVE YOUR SPOT AND REGISTER TODAY!

<https://napesummit.org>




GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY IN
HIGHER EDUCATION
Theme: The Urgency of Now!
Streaming Live Oct. 18, Oct. 26 and Nov. 3, 2022

<https://www.aashe.org/conference/>

Who? Faculty, Graduate Students, Post-Doctoral Researchers, Practitioners, Retired/Emeritus Faculty, and friends in educational leadership

What? Powerful presentations, research sharing, mentoring & networking, exciting events, graduate student programming, mentoring the next generation, and more in the Emerald City. UCEA22 will once again contain in-person and virtual sessions.

Where? Hyatt Regency Seattle – Seattle, WA

When? November 17-20, 2022

Why? To engage participants in discussions about research, policy, practice, and preparation in the field of education with a specific focus on educational leadership



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<http://www.ucea.org/conference/2022-annual-convention/>