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CELEBRATING & WELCOMING AHE STUDENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL 2023 GRADUATES:
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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW FALL 2023 STUDENTS:
Ashley Bobowski
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Persistence Workshop

Persistence- The quality that allows someone to continue or trying to do something even though it is difficult or opposed by other people. This workshop will connect persistence to an I am from poem. These poems help us acknowledge those who came before us and motivates our lives, to combine our roots, community and work.

“I am From Poem” Creators-
George Ella Lyon & Julie Landsman
This poem highlights a list of experiences that shaped you into the person you are today. Brainstorm a list of people, places, foods, music, family sayings, etc. that shaped you.

If you would like to join us in this workshop, please fill out the form below. it will be a space to learn, write, reflect and to persist in this program.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDDGHZ7
Meet New AHE Students

Jenny Garcia-Barrera

I am a first-generation college graduate from the human services program at WWU, and I am from Renton, WA. My family is from Mexico, and I am the oldest of three siblings.

I want to help make a difference in my community, and education is something that should be accessible to all. I believe education is incredibly valuable and powerful.

I hope I can gain more knowledge about the challenges faced by first-generation students and how to provide them with adequate support to overcome these barriers.
I grew up in a small rural town outside of Augusta, Georgia. The town is called Wrens and it’s a very small community. Interesting thing about my family is they are all educators. My dad, mom, grandparents, aunts, uncles are all teachers, principals, or some other type of work in the K-12 or Higher Education School system. Another interesting fact is I’m a Fourth-Generation Western student. My Dad, Grandpa, and Great-Grandma all attended WWU.

I applied to AHE because I saw it as a crucial step in advancing my career in Higher Education. Hearing positive feedback from multiple colleagues who have graduated from the program solidified my belief that this is the right direction to strengthen me in this field.

I hope to come out with a better understanding on how Higher Education works and how it’s changing. I want to enhance my leadership and management skills, develop philosophies for advancing in Higher Education, promote an environment that embraces new ideas and programs, and cultivate a more open-minded perspective toward the world at large. I’m so excited to be here and thankful for this opportunity to further my learning.
Upcoming Conferences

https://www.aera.net/Events-Meetings/Annual-Meeting/2024-Annual-Meeting

https://www.aaace.org

https://www.aacrao.org/home

https://danzantes.org/duf2024/