

# AHE WINTER Newsletter

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# CELEBRATING & WELCOMING THE STUDENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR FALL 2023  
GRADUATES:**

Korry Harvey  
Emily Marrs  
Elmira Utz



**A WARM  
WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW  
FALL 2023  
STUDENTS:**

Ashley Bobowski  
Andria Donnenwerth  
Nate Gaines  
Jenny Garcia-Barrera  
Linda Hegeberg  
J Chaves Lande  
Lisa Nordlund  
Jessica Par  
Darragh Schulte

# 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.





# Nate Gaines



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

## DISMANTLING RACIAL INJUSTICE AND CONSTRUCTING EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES: A CALL TO ACTION

2024 AERA ANNUAL MEETING  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
April 11-14, 2024

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

The banner features a large orange circular graphic with the AAACE logo in the center. The logo includes the text "AAACE" and "AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION" with the tagline "TRANSFORMING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES". To the right, the text "AAACE 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE" is displayed above a stylized "ReNO" logo. Below the logo, the dates "OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 1" and the location "RENO, NEVADA" are listed.

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<https://www.aaace.org>

The banner is divided into three sections. The left section has a green background with the AACRAO logo and the text "GROW YOUR ENROLLMENT. DEVELOP YOUR CAREER." The middle section features a stylized illustration of a city skyline. The right section has a purple background with a circular graphic containing the text "SEM 2024" and "STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE". Below this, the dates "November 3-6, 2024" and the website "www.aacrao.org" are listed.

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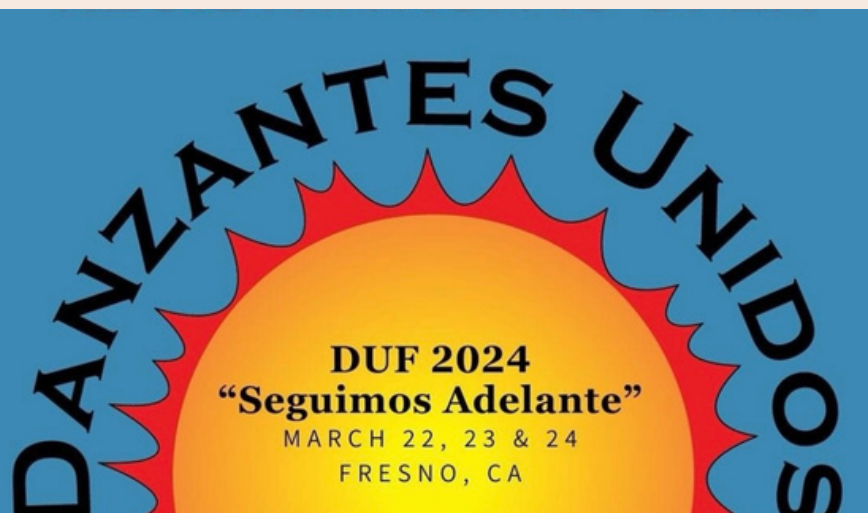
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The banner features a large, stylized sun graphic with the text "DANZANTES UNIDOS" curved around it. In the center, the text "DUF 2024" and "Seguimos Adelante" is displayed, followed by the dates "MARCH 22, 23 & 24" and the location "FRESNO, CA".

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<https://danzantes.org/duf2024/>