

Board Member Activities and Alerts

Congratulations to South Bend School Board--2018 WA Small Board of the Year!



The Award was received by School Board Chair and PacMtn WDC Board Treasurer Steve Rogers. The announcement read..."this board exhibits the willingness to listen to staff, review data and make decisions in order to bring about positive change. For example, their annual review of data raised a concern regarding program effectiveness for English Language learners. The board asked the elementary staff to review new ELA curriculum and make a recommendation to the board. The board approved the recommendation and authorized the purchase of the first ELA curriculum adoption in 15 years. In the first year of implementation, there was a 30% increase in the number of students exiting bilingual services.

PacMtn was well represented at November WWA Conference. The States' premier workforce conference held in SeaTac offered great learning opportunities for Board and staff members. See the attached feedback sheet for additional insights.

Congratulations Board Member Alissa Shay Manager of Business Development at Port of Grays Harbor designated a South Sound "40 Under 40" These professionals are ambitious, goal-oriented, passionate and under 40 years of age." Growing up in Hoquiam as the area's timber industry was collapsing, Alissa Shay learned a lot about community development. After college, she used her degree to give back to her hometown through city planning. Now, she works on development through an economic lens, by creating job opportunities and helping customers at Satsop Business Park in Grays Harbor.

PacMtn congratulates Associate Dean of Transition Studies and Fielding Graduate University PhD student Dawn J. Murphy. Her research study earned a two-year, \$200,000 federal research grant through the Corporation of National and Community Service. Murphy and fellow researchers will conduct a "Leading from the Roots" project that examines economic

resilience and vitality options project that examines economic resiliency and vitality options through the lens of sustainable, bottom up, heritage arts-based economic development, centered on the Arbutus Folk School in Olympia. Murphy hopes the project will serve as a model for measuring and broadening the capacity of folk schools to inspire social change nationwide.

Program News

CEO Fambles co-presents My JOB program with Voc. Rehab and Juvenile Rehab State Agency Leaders at National Voc. Rehab Conference. Demonstrating the value and challenges of true partnerships Fambles, Kathleen Harvey and Rob Hines wowed an audience of 50 professionals from around the country. My JOB (Journey Out Beyond) is a cross agency collaboration that provides career exploration and workplace readiness training for the students in State care at Green Hill, Echo Glen and Naselle Youth Camp.

C2C sponsors TEDxTacoma “Transitions: Bridging the Gap” TEDx events bring the spirit of Technology Education Design’s mission of ideas worth spreading to local communities. TEDxTacoma brought together local military families and civilians; bridging the gap between these two communities and discussing the topic of transitions of all sorts. The event drew over 400 attendees who heard from 13 thought provoking speakers on the topic of transition. The TEDxTacoma videos will be available on the TEDx website by year’s end.

Pierce County Career Day 2018 Report...At the request of Board Members PacMtn supports this successful event held at the State Fairgrounds. This year we expanded our support to include being the fiscal agent for contributions made to the event. This allows for not only proper accounting of funds, but because of our non-exempt tax status those contributing can get a tax deductible contribution. Fifty-eight (58) volunteers and 57 schools from the region, including eight Thurston County Schools, Gray Harbor and Lewis County schools sent students. Girls Zone was a big hit and:

- over 2000 students participated
- 90 vendors gave time, experience and equipment
- 7 of 12 Bates Technical College Programs were in attendance
- 6 of 13 Clover Park Technical College Programs were in attendance

Childcare Action Council Report commissioned by PacMtn tells story of much needed childcare facilities and additional supports for working parents. They gathered valuable information from focus groups and interviews. The data and analysis will be useful in determining next steps. Contact Vanessa if you want it sent via email. We will load the report onto the PacMtn website.

Upcoming Events

December 18 Board Members are invited to join partners and staff as we close-out and **celebrate Camo2Commerce at Eagles Pride Golf Course 3-6 pm.**

Changing Lives

Health Care Authority offers Camo2Commerce Internship

Miranda Boyd has always known the military life—her father is a U.S. Marine, and her mother was in the U.S. Navy. And when Miranda grew up, she also married into the armed services life. She enjoys the mobility and the excitement of always seeing new things and meeting new people. But for military spouses especially, that nomadic life can hinder a person's ability to build up experience and longevity in a job and a career.

Camo2Commerce—and its internship program helps service members and their spouse's transition into the civilian workforce. Earlier this year, Miranda entered into a 12-week commitment with HCA as a human resource consultant 1 for HR's recruitment team. She's been responsible for maintaining recruitment records in the applicant-tracking system, and supporting career fairs and sourcing functions.

"I'm loving the work and the opportunity to build a new network here in the state," Miranda said. "The internship doesn't guarantee employment, but I'm meeting a lot of different people and as part of the program am participating in informational interviews several times a week."

