



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TRIBES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN WASHINGTON STATE

SHEEO-Higher Education Policy Conference

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What we will cover:

Providing Context & History:

Tribal/State Legislative History & Geography
Contemporary Government-To-Government Relationships Public
Education Impacts

The Work Underway: Current and Future:

Faculty of Learning Community & Curriculum Development Building
CTC to University Pathways
Intentional Hiring

Sustainability:

Statewide Strategy
WCAAB, Advisory Board
Funding

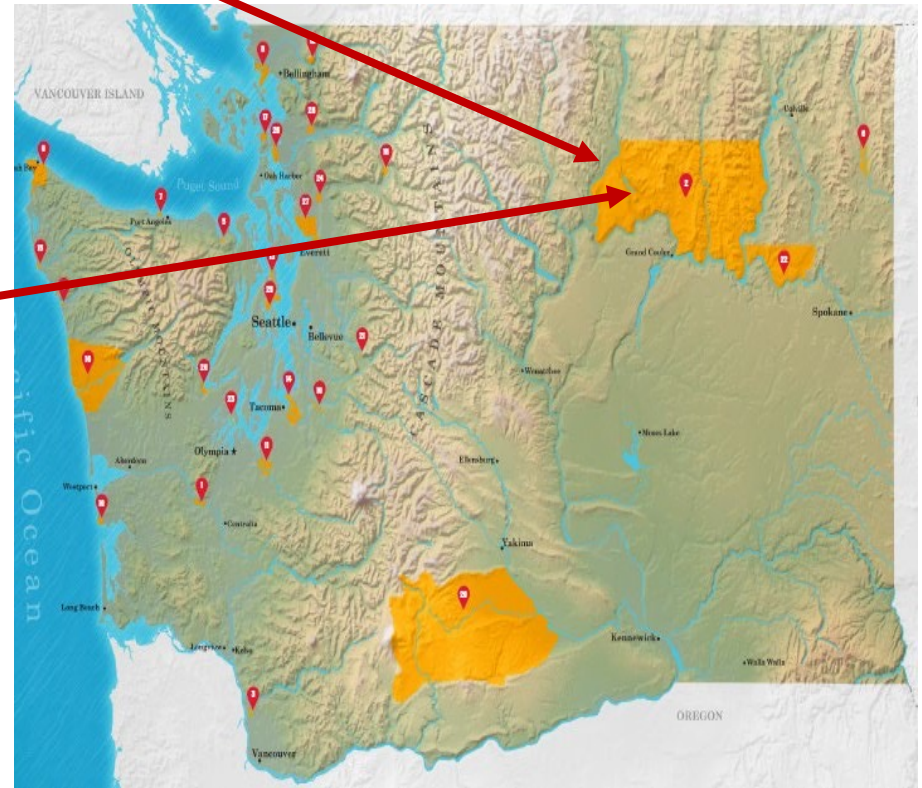


Indian Land Tenure
FOUNDATION.



Colonial Period → Removal → Reservation Era → Allotment & Assimilation → Reorganization → Termination Era → Self-Determination → Sovereignty

After Relocation Era, Tribes were forced to reservations, away from their traditional territories. A visual example of WA's Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation (12 Tribes)



THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 8, CLAUSE 3, ASSERTS THAT CONGRESS SHALL HAVE THE POWER:

"TO REGULATE COMMERCE WITH FOREIGN NATIONS, AND AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES, AND WITH THE INDIAN TRIBES." STATE POWER ON INDIAN ISSUES IS THUS SUBORDINATED TO FEDERAL POWER. SEE ALSO ARTICLE VI, CLAUSE 2, WHERE THE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT TREATIES ARE THE "SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND."



1960s-70s TRIBES SUE WA STATE OVER FISHING RIGHTS
1974 BOLDT DECISION IN FAVOR OF TRIBES



WA Centennial Accord

State Governor & Tribal Leader G2G Gathering 2012 RCW 43.376



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2013 Governor & Tribal Leaders GOVERNMENT-TO-
GOVERNMENT GATHERING

Evergreen State College

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- House of Welcome

OVERVIEW OF WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- 295 WA State Public School Districts
- 9 Educational Service Districts
- 7 State-Tribal Education Compact Schools
- 34 Community & Technical Colleges
- 6 Public Four-Year Colleges & Universities



FACULTY OF LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Indigenizing Curriculum

- Centering Native American Perspectives
- Emphasis on Local

Faculty Learning Communities

- Faculty opt-in
- Relationship building
- Local Knowledge Holders & Subject Matter Experts

Faculty Courses

- Faculty led, Self-Paced, Canvas
- Indigenous Sovereignty, Cultures, Etc.



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**COMMUNITY AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGES**
Washington State Board

BUILDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

Partnerships = Pathways

- Building Relationships
- CTC → 4-year Institutions
 - Ex. Seattle Central Community College & University of Washington
- Making connections strong



SEATTLE COLLEGES
Central • North • South • SVI



AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

INTENTIONAL HIRING

Institutional Accountability

- Native American Intentional Hiring
 - Financial Commitment
 - Retention

Challenges & Barriers

- Institutional Racism
- National Search vs Local
- Validity
 - Credentials vs Knowledge Holders



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WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges

- *34 Community and Technical Colleges*
- *Statewide Coverage / Service Districts*
- *SBCTC—advocacy, policy, & funding*
- *Confederation of colleges, not a chancellor model*



Washington State Community and Technical Colleges

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| 1 - Bates Technical College | 13 - Green River College | 25 - Skagit Valley College |
| 2 - Bellevue College | 14 - Highline College | 26 - South Puget Sound CC |
| 3 - Bellingham Technical College | 15 - Lake Washington Institute of Technology | 27 - South Seattle College |
| 4 - Big Bend CC | 16 - Lower Columbia College | 28 - Spokane CC |
| 5 - Cascadia College | 17 - North Seattle College | 29 - Spokane Falls CC |
| 6 - Centralia College | 18 - Olympic College | 30 - Tacoma CC |
| 7 - Clark College | 19 - Peninsula College | 31 - Walla Walla CC |
| 8 - Clover Park Technical College | 20 - Pierce College-Fort Steilacoom | 32 - Wenatchee Valley College |
| 9 - Columbia Basin College | 21 - Pierce College-Puyallup | 33 - Whatcom CC |
| 10 - Edmonds CC | 22 - Renton Technical College | 34 - Yakima Valley CC |
| 11 - Everett CC | 23 - Seattle Central College | |
| 12 - Grays Harbor College | 24 - Shoreline CC | |

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TRANSFORM LIVES WITHIN A CULTURE OF BELONGING
THAT ADVANCES RACIAL, SOCIAL,
AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN SERVICE TO OUR DIVERSE
COMMUNITIES.**

Washington State Community and Technical Colleges American Indian & Indigenous Advisory Committee (WCAAB)

Membership Makeup: Tribal Leadership & College Leadership

Goals:

1. Professional Development – RC)W 43.376 G2G Relationship Building Through Tribal Consultation across 34 CTCs (*Training for CTC Leadership and Faculty*)
2. Tackle Contemporary Challenges (*Hiring of Tribal Relations/ Administration/Faculty/Staff/Student Services/Community Scholars*)
3. Raise the Awareness of AI/AN Historical Burdens (*Intergenerational Historical Trauma i.e., MMIW, Boarding Schools, Relocation & other genocidal policies*)
4. Reduce AI/AN Education and Economic Disparities (). *Develop WA Tribal Student Pathways with intentional recruitment, retention, completion policies and practices, formalize G2G relationships with Tribes to support local workforce training needs.*

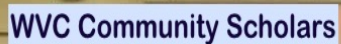
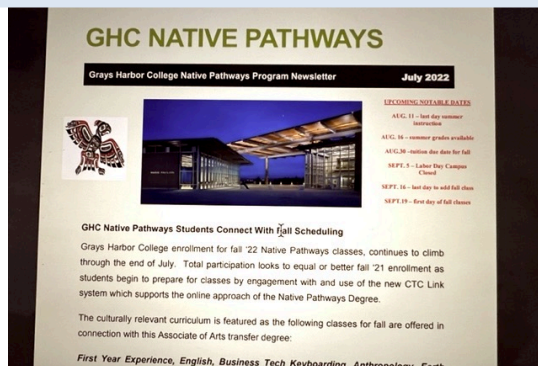
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WA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Wenatchee Valley College
- Peninsula College
- Green River College
- Grays Harbor College





FUTURE PLANNING...

- Regional Trainings, Statewide Approach
- From Grants to Sustainable Funding
- All College Involvement

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