

The Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators

# WSASEA Newsletter—Fall 2013

Brought to you by the WSASEA Executive Board and contributing members.

## SAVE THE DATE:

WFAA  
October 23-25, 2013  
Leavenworth, WA

WSASEA FALL  
TOWN HALL  
October 18, 2013  
CWU, Ellensburg

WASEA  
Spring Conf.  
April 2013  
Portland, OR

WSASEA  
SPRING CONF  
May 5-7 2014  
North Bend

WASFAA  
April 13-15, 2014  
Reno, Nevada

Know of an upcoming  
training or confer-  
ence? Let us know!

It's not too early to  
start thinking about  
Student Employee of  
the Year!  
April is Student  
Employee Month

## Message from our President

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is doing well! As the year begins and problems arise, it is always great to know that you have someone to count on.

This year we are looking at some fun changes that would assist new members and current members with our everyday student issues. With this implementation, my hope is that WSASEA can continue serving each of you as a resource and a place to share questions and concerns.

Looking ahead to the coming months, the 2013-2014 Fall Town meeting will be held October 18<sup>th</sup> at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, and I hope that everyone will be able to attend.

The 2013-2014 Spring Conference will be held May 5–7 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. With updates on Federal changes headed our way, as well as WSAC's annual report, the Spring Conference is bound to be a hit—as always!

You're welcome to email me with any topics you would like to see addressed in our roundtable discussions or if you have suggestions for topics or speakers. We're always open to ideas on improving the experience.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and hope to see you at Fall Town!

Sincerely,  
Michael Grosso  
WSASEA President

## Fall Town Meeting - October 18th, 2013

WSASEA's Fall Town Meeting is a great place to be to receive critical updates from our WSAC liaisons, professional development, JLD discussion, roundtable discussion time, and so much more!

Centrally located at CWU, our meeting from 10am-3pm is conveniently timed and will be packed full of useful information. WSASEA members attend free, additional guests can attend for \$15, which includes your morning refreshments, lunch, and materials. This is a perfect opportunity to bring anyone from your institution that helps administer the Work Study program.

This is a great time to network with others; consider carpooling with staff from another institution! Looking forward to seeing you there!

## How will the new minimum wage change your program?

Starting January 1st, 2014 the new minimum wage in Washington State will rise to \$9.32. How this will change your work study program will vary by college. Some strategies include increasing award amounts, decreasing hours, decreasing number of students hired, or increasing the college match. What works best for your college? Share ideas and strategies at the Fall Town Hall!

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### Current Board Members:

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Consider joining the board! Becoming a board member not only provides professional development, leadership, networking and a deeper understanding of WSASEA, it is always a way to give back and have a great time. If interested, be sure to talk with one of the current or past board members. More information will be shared at Fall Town Hall.

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**Are you in?** LinkedIn has become a popular and resourceful way for professionals to network and learn from other professionals and those with common interests. Many colleges also have LinkedIn pages, does yours? Colleges use LinkedIn for many reasons but most common are to promote their college, advertise events, recruit new students, post jobs, retain alumni interest, and much more.

As an professional, I appreciate being able to put questions out and get responses from folks locally and nationally on issues we experience every day. I have also been able to learn about webinars and training opportunities - usually free - that I can take advantage of. As an employment professional, I know that nearly 90% of finding a job comes not from applying to a job in the classifieds, but networking. It's who you know! LinkedIn lets you reach out to others who may know someone looking to fill a position you would be great at or for you to research a potential employer. Check it out and get 'in' today!

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### Benefits of WSASEA Membership



WSASEA is a group a student employment administrators across Washington State, coming together to collectively address issues and concerns directly related to administering Work Study and student employment programs.

Some of the member benefits of WSASEA include:

- \*Information on training, issues and regulatory support
- \*Updates on budget trends, forecasts, and pending legislation
- \*Opportunity to gain information and network with others plus a member-only email list-serve
- \*Forum to discuss problems, issues and programs related to student employment.