**Higher Education as Collaboration:**

**Partnering for Work, Leadership and Life**

**An Employer-Educator Forum**

**Co-sponsored by the Washington Consortium for the Liberal Arts**

**and the Association of American Colleges & Universities**

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**May 20, 2014**

**Doubletree Inn at SeaTac**

*This mini-conference brings together academic leaders, regional employers, and legislators for purposeful discussion about the kinds of college learning experiences that prepare students for work, leadership, life, and citizenship.  The program is one of a series of events being organized across the country in 2014 to explore new partnerships and strengthen existing ones between educators and employers. The agenda facilitates conversations about the learning outcomes and career and life experiences employers seek in college graduates, and the support students need to reach their goals.  Both WaCLA and AAC&U are committed to advancing the fundamental purpose of providing all college students with the benefits of an intentional and practical liberal education that will serve them as both individuals and citizens.*

**CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS**

In a set of concurrent sessions during the program, participants will learn about how institutions—public and private, two-year and four-year—across Washington state are:

         Re-envisioning and reinventing career services to integrate professional development and planning with students’ academic planning;

         Developing and sustaining partnerships with companies and civic organizations to ensure ongoing opportunities for students to apply their learning in real-world contexts;

         Connecting liberal arts education in college with careers, global engagement, and citizenship

         Creating more successful pathways for students from college to career;

         Developing more engaged and hands-on forms of liberal education to better prepare students for success in work and in their lives as engaged citizens and community members.

Each concurrent session will include 2-3 institutions.  We encourage presenters to include student voice(s) in their presentations (though, please be aware that the time allocated for each institution to present will be less than 15 minutes).  Institutions may submit proposals in concert with partner institutions, or you may submit a proposal individually and the program organizers will partner you with other institutions that submit proposals.  Institutions may submit more than one proposal; however, it is likely that only one proposal per institution will be accepted.

When submitting a proposal, please adhere to the following guidelines:

         Provide your full name, title, institution, and current contact information

         Indicate other individuals who will be presenting with you (no more than 3 per institution)

         Indicate which of the topics from the list above your session will address (choose no more than 2)

         Provide a brief (no more than 2 paragraph) description of what you will discuss—the program, approach, pedagogy, etc.—including links to background information on the web, if available.  If multiple institutions are proposing a session together, the proposal can include 2 paragraphs on each institution’s contribution to the session.

         Please note that A/V, including screens and projectors, will NOT be provided.  PowerPoint or other web-based presentations will not be able to be used.

**The deadline for submitting proposals is Tuesday, April 22, 2014.**

Submit your proposal in a PDF or Word document via email to:

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