The Graduation Project is an academic year-long program that supports students by providing common ground for sharing experiences, knowledge, practices, successes, challenges and leadership activities via a dynamic learning community.

Funded through College Spark Washington and managed by Washington Campus Compact (WACC) and five member institutions, this unique program explores the effectiveness of service as a strategy to increase the number of low-income students who successfully complete their degree program.

The project will assess the impact service for the community, and other intentional support, has on improving the pathway to graduation for low-income students by comparing the progress toward graduation of those who participate in the project and those who do not participate.
GRADUATION PROJECT EVENTS

Monthly Meetings

December 4, 3:30-5:00 PM; ATEC Building Simplot Room 1841
January 8, 3:30-5:00 PM; Location TBD (watch your email in box for updates)

October and November Events

Our first BBCC Graduation Project (GP meeting was held on October 30. It was fun to meet everyone, refreshments were served. We reviewed the opportunities for career exploration through the Graduation Project, took a career assessment led by Ken Russell, and established that we are in the Graduation Project to Work Hard and Play Hard!

Our second GP meeting was held on November 6. The agenda included introduction of new members, team building, discussion of future group service projects, individual service learning projects and career exploration.

On November 5 Ramiro Espinoza, a university employee working in student success presented at a Leadership Conference for Graduation Project students.

The topic was how to work as a group with different types of personalities. He was featured recently in an issue of the Seattle Times; GI bill helps Marine graduate from WWU
GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS

Get Connected - Join In!

Moses Lake Food Bank; 509.765.8101
Community Services of Moses Lake is a nonprofit organization that works to feed and help people in need. We are the Moses Lake Food Bank. The Moses Lake food bank is a food distribution center for 3 counties that operates under several grants and programs that provides helpful items to those in need. One of their projects is to provide Thanksgiving meals to families and provide toys to children.

Habitat for Humanity for Greater Moses Lake; 509.765.4030
Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that raises money and recruits volunteers to build houses with Moses Lake's low-income families. Habitat has a broad base of volunteers, partner families and donors and welcomes the involvement of all individuals. Habitat needs volunteers and many skills and interests ranging from construction, and light office work, to board and committee participation. There is a place for every volunteer who desires to be in partnership building homes with Moses Lake's people in need of housing.

World Kindness Day; November 13
World Kindness Day encourages us to be kind to others, helping to create a nicer, butter world. Use today as an opportunity to be kind to family, friends, neighbors, and others. You will find kindness rubs off on others, and generates even more kindness.

Thank Your Mentor Day; January 26
When you were a child or young adult, was there someone in your life - a teacher, neighbor, relative, coach, friend, or bass - who encouraged you; showed you the ropes and helped you become who you are today? That person was a mentor to you. Join many others in honoring an important mentor in your life.

Random Acts of Kindness Week; February 11-17
We know you spread kindness every day, and this is your official invitation to go all out! Celebrate kindness by performing anonymous kind acts all week long.

Cesar Chavez Day; March 31
"Helping ordinary people do extraordinary things." Cesar Chavez was a common man with an uncommon vision for equality, justice, and dignity for all Americans. His universal principles remain as relevant and inspiring today for all people as they were when he was alive. Honor his memory by promoting service to the community in honor of his life and work.

National Volunteer Week; April 21-27
National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. This week focuses national attention on the impact and power of volunteerism and service as an integral aspect of our civic leadership. Take the time to tell people about the impact volunteers have had on your life, or learn more about volunteer recognition programs and how to nominate volunteers for awards.
Global Youth Service Day; April 26-28
Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Each year, millions of children and youth around the world work together to address the world’s most critical issues and changes in their communities.

Join Hands Day; May 4
Join Hands Day is a national volunteer day that specifically targets and develops relationships between young people and adults through neighborhood volunteering. Youth and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize and implement activities. Building relationships across generations restores confidence, trust and respect for each other and creates a sense of community.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER RESOURCES

Scholarships:
- COLLEGEdata
- fastweb!
- Scholarship Help
- Scholarships.com
- Top-Colleges
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- theWashBoard.org

Job Service Center:
Ken Russell, Career Placement Coordinator (509.793.2069)
1400 Building, Room 1414A; kenv@bigbend.edu
Our office provides help with resumes, cover letters, interviewing techniques and other career and job search resources. Visit our website. A web based resume writing program is also available.

Student Advising:
Marsha Nelson, Academic Advisor (509.793.2030)
1400 Building, Counseling Center; marshan@bigbend.edu