

Newsletter

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Center Hours

Monday: 8 AM - 4 PM

Tue - Thu: 8 AM - 5 PM

Friday: 8 AM - 2 PM

Building 8: 3rd Floor

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Join The [Center Mailing List!](#)

Your Space, Your Community

Whether you're navigating your first quarter or gearing up for graduation, **The Center** is here for you. We're your go-to spot for connection, support, and growth. Offering everything from leadership opportunities and free events to study spaces and workshops that help you thrive. Drop in, decompress, and discover your campus community. You belong here.



Halloween Costumes & Cultural Appropriation

As Halloween approaches, many of us get excited about choosing creative costumes to celebrate. However, it's important to pause and consider how our costume choices impact others, especially when it comes to wearing costumes that represent cultures different from our own.

Why Does It Matter?

Cultural appropriation happens when someone adopts elements of a culture; such as clothing, symbols, hairstyles, or traditions, without understanding or respecting their significance. This can turn meaningful cultural expressions into stereotypes or costumes, which can be hurtful or offensive to members of that culture.

Not My Culture: A Personal Perspective

For many individuals, seeing their culture reduced to a costume feels invalidating and disrespectful. It can reinforce harmful stereotypes and contribute to misunderstanding rather than appreciation. Halloween is meant to be fun, but it's important that the fun doesn't come at the expense of others' identities.



How Can We Celebrate Respectfully?

- Choose costumes that celebrate creativity without using cultural or religious symbols you don't belong to.
- Consider characters from books, movies, or your own original ideas that don't rely on cultural stereotypes.
- If you're inspired by another culture, take time to learn about its significance and share your appreciation in respectful ways beyond just costumes.
- Engage in conversations about culture and respect—awareness is the first step toward inclusivity.

Let's Make Halloween a Celebration of Fun AND Respect

By being mindful of our choices, we can enjoy Halloween while honoring the diversity and richness of all cultures. If you're ever unsure about a costume, ask yourself: Would I wear this if it represented a culture different from mine? If the answer is uncomfortable or unsure, it might be time to reconsider.

Learn More: [Let's Talk About Halloween Costumes and Cultural Appropriation](#)

Upcoming Center Events & Programs



Celebrate with Us! A Day of Reflection, Storytelling & Community Connection

In the spirit of our theme, we're thrilled to invite you to a vibrant day of community celebration and connection! Join us as we honor the voices and journeys of those who've shaped our story through a dynamic Alumni Panel. Hear powerful stories of resilience, growth, and impact as our alumni reflect on their experiences and share what it means to be part of the Highline legacy.

But that's just the beginning!

After the panel, stick around for an engaging Community Resource Fair, where you'll have the chance to connect with incredible local organizations and Highline partners doing meaningful work in our community. Discover opportunities, build relationships, and find ways to get involved or access support.

Homecoming: Connect & Thrive

When: November 19th, 2025

Where: Building 8: Mt Townsend, Mt. Olympus, & Mt. Constance



10/07: Neurodivergent Belonging Workshops



10/14: Informed & Empowered Program

Upcoming Center Events & Programs



Your Voice. Your Power. Your Future.

**Join ASHC for "Issues to Action: A
Conversation with the Executive Cabinet"**

Make your voice heard and get involved in shaping the future! The Associated Students of Highline College (ASHC) invites you to participate in an engaging conversation with the Executive Cabinet. This is your opportunity to discuss the issues that matter most to you, exercise your power, and influence the decisions that impact your future.

Event Details:

Date: October 22nd, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

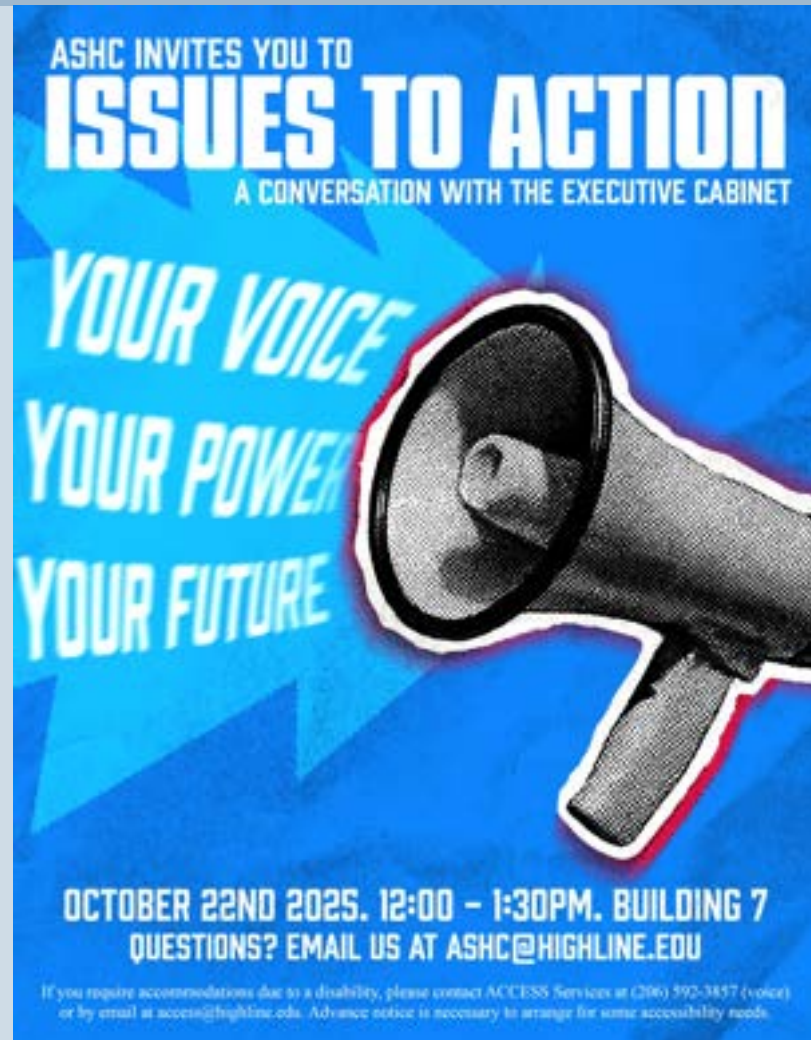
Location: Building 7, Highline College

Have questions? Reach out to
[**ASHC@highline.edu**](mailto:ASHC@highline.edu).

Click the Link Below:

YOUR VOICE @ HIGHLINE

to share your questions, concerns, or ideas
you'd like ASHC to bring to the Executive
Cabinet on your behalf.



Upcoming Center Events & Programs



Join GSA & ISP for an Epic Field Trip to the Seattle Underground Tour!

Discover the hidden history beneath Seattle's streets on this unforgettable adventure with the **Global Student Ambassadors (GSA)** and **International Student Programs (ISP)**. Explore the city's buried past, make new friends, and have some fun off campus!

Sign Up Now: [Secrets Below Seattle](#)

Questions? Email GSA@highline.edu



SPOOKTACULAR TIME!

Join us on **Thursday, October 23rd**, from **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** at **Building 8 - 1st Floor** for a day full of excitement and mystery.

- **Twisted Carnival:** Play fun games, earn tickets, and trade them for amazing prizes!
- **Music Club Performance:** Groove to some wicked tunes from **1:30 PM to 2:00 PM**.
- **Costume Contest:** Show off your most creative Halloween costume from **2:00 PM to 3:00 PM** and compete for awesome prizes!

This is an event you won't want to miss. Bring your friends and dive into the fun!

Running Start, ISP, GSA, Campus View & Music Club Presents

INTO THE TWILIGHT ZONE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
1:00PM TO 3:00PM
BUILDING 8- 1ST FLOOR

Now featuring even more!!

- 01 TWISTED CARNIVAL**
Play games, earn tickets, trade for prizes
- 02 MUSIC CLUB PERFORMANCE**
1:30pm to 2:00pm
- 03 COSTUME CONTEST**
2:00pm to 3:00pm - Show off your costume on stage for a chance to win prizes!
- 04 AND SO MUCH MORE!**
Food, potion making, bingo, temp tattoos, mask making, etc!

If you require accommodations due to a disability, please contact Access Services at (206) 592-3857 (voice) or by email at access@highline.edu. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

Upcoming Center Events & Programs



Need A Wardrobe Refresh?

Come check out **The Q Boutique**, your *free* on-campus clothing resource! Find stylish, gently-used clothing at no cost to you.

Visit our pop-up shop (location details are in the flyer)!

Got clothes to give? We're accepting donations too!

Questions? Email
QCENTER@highline.edu



Q Center presents

Q BOUTIQUE

Check out our Fall collection for **FREE** student clothing at a variety of locations around campus.

Main location: Inter-Cultural Center (Building 8, outside room 204)	Pop-up: Q Center (Building 8, room 301)
Monday 11am-3pm Tuesday 8:30am-5pm Wednesday 8:30am-5pm Thursday 8:30am-3pm Friday Closed	Monday Closed Tuesday 11am-2pm Wednesday 11am-2pm Thursday 11am-2pm Friday Closed
Pop-up: Library 2nd floor (Building 25)	Pop-up: Food Pantry (Building 16, room 180)
Monday 8am-6pm Tuesday 8am-6pm Wednesday 8am-6pm Thursday 8am-6pm Friday 8am-2pm	Monday Closed Tuesday Closed Wednesday 11am-1pm Thursday 1pm-4pm Friday Closed

For questions please contact qcenter@highline.edu.
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Curious About LGBTQ+ History? Let's Talk!

Join the **Q Center** for **LGBTransformation**, a powerful and interactive event exploring the roots and rise of the LGBTQ+ community.

Engaging discussion
Fun Kahoot trivia
Free snacks

October 28th, 2025
Building 2 | 12 – 2 PM

Come learn, connect, and celebrate community!
Questions? Email QCENTER@highline.edu

Get Involved!



Peer Mentors Wanted!

Want to make a real impact on campus? Join our team of Peer Mentors and help guide new Highline College students as they start their college journey. This is your chance to lead, inspire, and make meaningful connections—all while building your own skills and resume.

Applications are open now – apply by 10/28!

Peer Mentor Application

Questions? Email SAME@highline.edu

Your Money. Your Campus. Your Voice.

Want to have a real say in how student fees are spent? Join the **S&A Budget Committee** and help decide how funds support clubs, programs, and events at Highline College. Represent student voices, promote equity, and help shape a campus experience that works for *everyone*.

Bonus: Earn a \$400 stipend (per quarter) for your leadership!

Ready to make an impact? Apply now!

S&A Committee Application

Questions? Email SAFUNDS@highline.edu

**WANT TO BE A
PEER MENTOR?**

Center for Cultural Inclusive Excellence presents you a Peer Mentorship Program connecting students who are seeking guidance and support from engaged student leaders!

BE A FRIEND, BE A LEADER, BE A MENTOR.

**SCAN THE QR
CODE TO SIGN UP!**

PAID STIPEND!

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 26TH

Questions? Contact us!
same@highline.edu
(206) 592-3901

The poster features an illustration of four diverse students hugging in the center. The text is in various colors (purple, orange, blue) and fonts, with a QR code on the right side.

S&A

APPLICATION DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025

**SERVICES & ACTIVITIES BUDGET
COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!**

**APPLY TO REPRESENT STUDENT VOICES & SHAPE
STUDENT LIFE PROGRAMS AT HIGHLINE COLLEGE!**

ELIGIBILITY

- BE ENROLLED IN AT LEAST 6 CREDITS
- MAINTAIN A GPA OF AT LEAST 2.5

**STIPEND
\$400
PER QUARTER**

APPLY HERE

The poster has a light beige background with blue and green text. It includes a large 'S&A' logo, a starburst graphic for the stipend amount, and a QR code in the bottom right corner.

Event & Program Recap



FALL 2025 THUNDERWEEK

ThunderWeek 2025 brought the energy, connection, and community spirit to campus from September 22–25! The week kicked off with *Spice Up Your Day* on Monday, serving up warm drinks, helpful resources, and Thunder swag. Tuesday featured a double-header with *The Center & ICC Open House* and a lively *Resource Fair*, giving students a chance to explore campus programs and support services. On Wednesday, the *Clubs Fair* invited students to meet and join a variety of student-led organizations. The grand finale on Thursday was the *ThunderWeek Carnival*, complete with games, activities, and sweet treats!

Thanks to everyone who joined in — let's keep the Thunder spirit going all year long!



The Cultural Lounge



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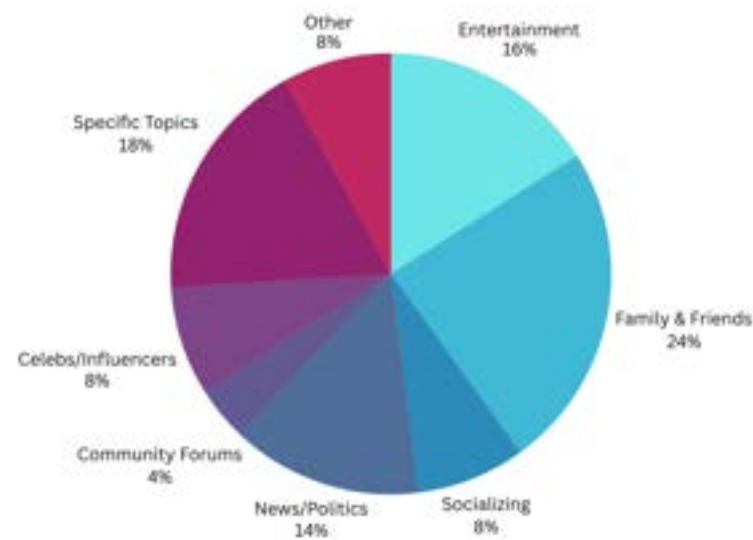
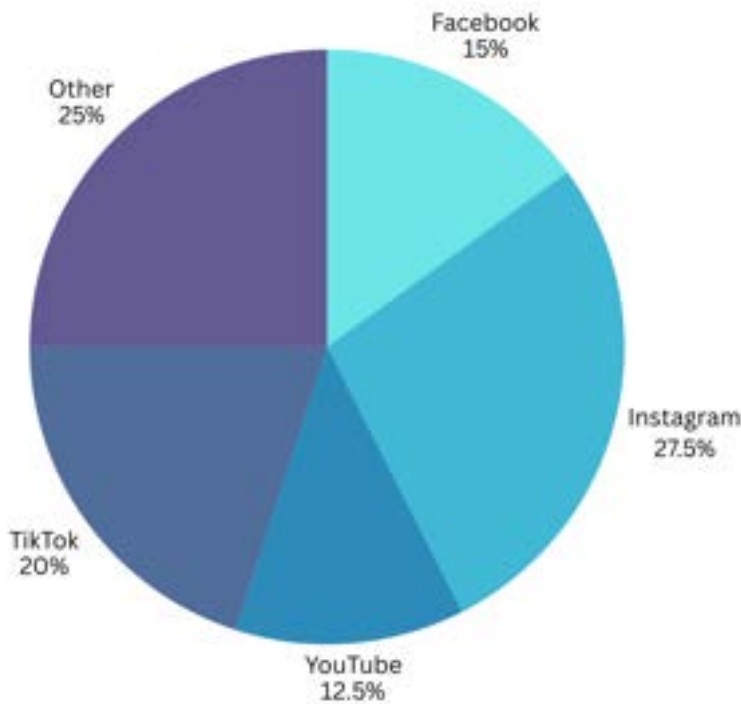


Informed & Empowered

Data Summary on Social Media Usage

Common Social Media Platform Used:

Reason for Usage:



Highline Forest Clean Up Recap

A huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers who came out to help keep Highline Forest beautiful! Together, we picked up litter, cleared trails, and made a positive impact on our local environment. Your dedication and teamwork made this event a success; here's to many more opportunities to care for our community and nature!

