

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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Student Leader of the Month Highlight

The student leader for the month of October is **Zulikha Farhat!**

Nominated by Paran Sobati and is acknowledged for her resilience and exceptional communication skills, she maintained a 4.0 GPA while balancing a job and raising three children—doing it all with a positive attitude and unwavering integrity!

Statement from Zulikha: "I am really honored to be chosen as student leader of the month for October. I truly appreciate the nomination from Mrs. Paran Sobati and all the support from the workforce education services team. Balancing school, work, and family has been a big challenge, but I am grateful for the encouragement and resources at Highline that make it possible."

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work, Zulikha!



SAME-C Comfort In Every Knot Event

Time Of Gratitude & Honest Reflection

This month, T-Birds will observe the Thanksgiving holiday on *November 27th and 28th*, a time to gather with loved ones, share gratitude, and enjoy good food. While many of us grew up learning that Thanksgiving celebrates a harmonious 1621 harvest between English colonists and the Wampanoag, history reveals a more complex story.

According to "Truthsgiving: The True History of Thanksgiving," the Wampanoag were not formally invited to the feast, and peace between settlers and Indigenous peoples quickly deteriorated. Later "thanksgiving" celebrations marked colonial victories, such as the Pequot Massacre of 1636.

Today, many schools still teach a simplified version of Thanksgiving, overlooking Indigenous Peoples' ongoing contributions to our culture, food systems, and environmental knowledge.

Learn More:

Truthsgiving: The True History of Thanksgiving

The True, Dark History of Thanksgiving

The Truth Behind Thanksgiving Day

A More Mindful Thanksgiving

Practice Gratitude with Awareness: Recognize Thanksgiving as a time to express thankfulness while also reflecting honestly on its complex history.

Educate Yourself and Others: Explore the fuller story of the holiday to understand Indigenous perspectives and historical context.

Foster Meaningful Dialogue: Encourage open, respectful conversations at the dinner table about how history is taught: discuss whose voices have been highlighted and whose have been marginalized.

Acknowledge Indigenous Presence: Learn about and honor the Native peoples whose lands you live on today.

Model Inclusivity: Create space for diverse stories, and commit to ongoing learning and cultural respect in your celebrations.



UPCOMING CENTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Cryptid Campfire Night

November 17, 2025 | 3 - 5 PM Bldg. 8: Mt. Constance Room

Special Guest: Devon Kelly

Question? Email

CLUBTEAM@highline.edu.



UPCOMING CENTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Homecoming: Connect & Thrive

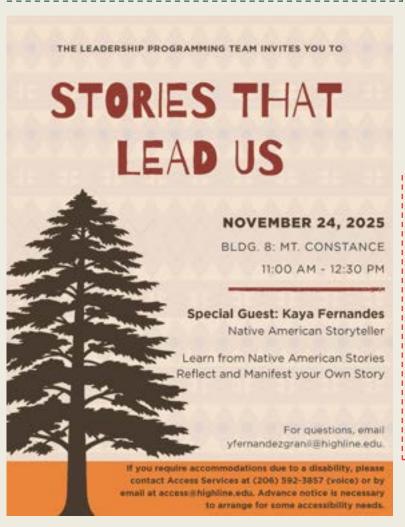
November 19, 2025 | 1 - 4 PM |

Building 8: 1st Floor

Featuring Alumni Guests: Gerie Ventura, Loyal Allen, Jr., Rahma Rashid, Nancy McKay, & Rep. Mia Gregerson

Following the alumni panel, there will be a Resource Fair!

Questions? Email **CCIE@highline.edu**.





Stories That Lead Us

November 24, 2025 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM Building 8: Mt. Constance Room

Featuring Guest Speaker: **Kaya Fernandes**

Native American Storytelling | Writing Your Own Legacy & Destiny

Questions: Email CLS@highline.edu

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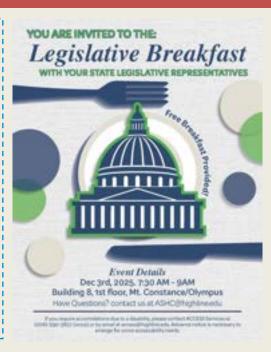
ASHC LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

December 3, 2025 | 7:30 AM

Building 8: Mt. Constance & Mt. Olympus

This annual event carries great significance, providing a valuable forum for our students, faculty, and staff to engage with our honored Washington State Representatives and Senators.

Questions? Email ASHC@highline.edu.



GSA & SAME-C: Hearts Into Action

December 5, 2025 | 10 AM - 3 PM | Tacoma Rescue Mission

SIGN UP NOW: Volunteer Form

Required Pre-departure Meet-

ing: Monday, November 17 @1:00pm,

Building 7

Second Session: Wednesday, November 19 @1:00pm, Inter-Culture Center

What we will Do:

- Prepare, cook, and serve nutritious meals
- Help clean, organize and beautify the center (both outside and inside)

Questions? Email **GSA@highline.edu**.











