

# The Center NEWSLETTER



## Welcome Back T-Birds!

Welcome back, and happy start to the winter quarter! We're excited to kick off a new year filled with fresh opportunities, campus events, and moments to learn and grow together. Wishing you a productive, healthy, and successful quarter ahead!

### Location:

Building 8: 3rd Floor

### Hours:

Mon: 8 AM - 4 PM

Tue - Thu: 8 AM - 5 PM

Fri: 8 AM - 2 PM

## CCIE Rev. MLK Jr. Series Programs



### King In The Wilderness - Film & Discussion

**January 22, 2026** | Building 8: Mt. Constance/Olympus (1st Floor) |  
11 AM - 1:30 PM

Facilitated by Dr. Darryl Brice

### Feed the Future - Black Panther Party Then & Now

**February 4, 2026** | Building 2 | 11 AM - 1 PM

Special Guests: Tacoma Black Panther Party

### Silent Thunder - A Protest for Justice

**February 17, 2026** | Building 8: Room 204 |  
12 PM - 2 PM

**Center for Cultural & Inclusive Excellence**

### FEED THE FUTURE: COMMUNITY CARE DRIVE

*Inspired by the Black Panther Party's Legacy of Mutual Aid*

**WHY WE'RE DOING THIS**  
As part of our MLK Series event, **Feed the Future: Black Panther Party Then and Now**, we are collecting donations to continue the legacy of community care, service, and collective responsibility.

**WE'RE COLLECTING:**  
**Warm clean clothing** (hats, gloves, ponchos, jackets, etc.)  
**Camping gear** (tents, tarps, 18-hr hand warmers, etc.)  
**Toiletries** (deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.)

**DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**  
Bldg. 6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Bldg. 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Bldg. 25 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**DROP-OFF DATES**  
Jan 20th 2026 -  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Attend the event: Feb 4 | 11-1pm | Bldg. 2**  
Learn about the Black Panther Party's history, impact, and relevance today through a panel discussion.  
For more info contact: [ccie@highline.edu](mailto:ccie@highline.edu)

Stay Connected!





# Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We have a longer weekend this week in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day. Celebrated on the third Monday of every January, MLK Day was not always a federally recognized holiday. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an American civil rights activist and Southern Baptist minister who was born in Atlanta, Georgia. Through nonviolent protest and civil disobedience, he advanced civil rights for people of color. However, before the holiday was officially recognized, there was a decades-long struggle for equal rights in the United States.

After the Civil War, slavery was officially abolished, but discrimination against Black Americans continued. Although Black Americans were gaining leadership roles and constitutional rights through amendments, many White Americans in the South opposed these changes. In order to maintain racial inequality, Jim Crow laws were established. These laws enforced segregation between Black and White Americans; preventing Black people from using the same public facilities, attending the same schools, or living in the same neighborhoods.

Through his ministry and countless activism and awareness campaigns, King became one of the most influential leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. Along with other activists, he helped organize the March on Washington, which drew over 250,000 protesters to the Lincoln Memorial. It was there that King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his leadership and commitment to nonviolent resistance. King was later assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a federally recognized holiday in 1983 after being signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. King's efforts helped influence the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. To this day, Dr. King provides a blueprint for modern activism and continues to inspire people to rise up in the face of adversity.

## Learn More:

- [Dr. King's Legacy](#)
- [Civil Rights Movement](#)



Photo Credit: [LIFE The Washington March, 1963](#)  
[Article](#)

*Written by Moira Barrington*

## Highline College is Going to the Capitol

### HIGHLINE COLLEGE IS GOING TO THE CAPITOL!

**WHAT:** This event provides a valuable opportunity for you to engage directly with state legislators and advocate on behalf of students across WA State.

**WHEN:** Thursday, 2/5/2026  
8 AM - 3:00 PM\*  
\*DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAVEL TIME

**WHERE:** 416 Sid Snyder Ave SW,  
Olympia, WA 98501

\*DEPART FROM & RETURN TO HIGHLINE COLLEGE.  
\*TRANSPORTATION & MEAL MONEY IS PROVIDED!  
\*FREE (NO COST FOR YOU!)

LIMITED SPOTS, SIGN UP BY 1/30!

If you need accommodations due to a disability, please contact Access Services at (206) 592-3857 (voice) or email [access@highline.edu](mailto:access@highline.edu). Advance notice is essential to arrange for certain accessibility needs.

### Community and Technical College (CTC) Legislative Advocacy Day

**February 5, 2026** | Washington State Capitol |  
8 AM - 2:30 PM

**Sign Up by January 30th:** [HC at the Capitol](#)

This event provides a valuable opportunity for students to engage directly with state legislators and advocate on behalf of students across Washington State.

**REMINDER:** Please note that spots for this event are limited. If there are more applicants than available spots, participants will be selected randomly. For selected students, transportation from Highline College and meal money (breakfast and lunch) will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact [ashc@highline.edu](mailto:ashc@highline.edu) or visit our office in Building 8, 3rd Floor.

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# Upcoming Center Programs and Events

## GSA Lunar New Year Festival

February 19, 2026

Building 8: 1st Floor | 1 PM - 3 PM

A festival to celebrate the Asian cultural holiday of Lunar New Year where students and staff at Highline can experience an authentic and exciting connection to deeply-rooted tradition.

For questions, reach out to [gsa@highline.edu](mailto:gsa@highline.edu)

## Discover Africa

February 3, 2026

Building 8: Mt. Constance | 2 PM - 3 PM

An event to learn about the African and African American culture as we celebrate Black history month.

For questions, reach out to [gsa@highline.edu](mailto:gsa@highline.edu)



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# LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

## YEAR OF THE HORSE

**ENJOY EXCITING ACTIVITIES**

- LION DANCE OPENING
- TRADITIONAL GAMES
- DELICIOUS FOOD

Thursday, 19 February 2026  
At 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Building 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Questions?  
Email [gsa@highline.edu](mailto:gsa@highline.edu)

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## Highline College Clubs Highlight



**Highline College**  
**R.I.P.P.L.E. Club**

(Restoring and improving our pond, park, and local ecosystem)

Want to explore Highlines forest? Do you need volunteer hours? Do you want to learn how to be more sustainable this year? Scan QR code to join!

Join us for our first meeting of the quarter! We'll be meeting **every other Thursday** starting on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> In **Building 29, Room 102** from **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Contact: [ilash26@students.highline.edu](mailto:ilash26@students.highline.edu)

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## We are delighted to introduce Highline College's R.I.P.P.L.E. Club!

The Restoring and Improving Pond, park, and Local Ecosystem is a student-led organization that aims and focus on the well-being of our environment through cleaning and protection.

You can follow them on Instagram  
[@HC.RIPPLECLUB](https://www.instagram.com/HC.RIPPLECLUB)

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