



CRLA

Northwest Chapter

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NW CRLA WEBSITE LAUNCH

We're Live!

Over the past couple of months, with the help of our new chapter president, Sabrina Stevenson, we've succeeded in designing and launching an updated webpage. This new format should succeed in giving our regional chapter a more polished and professional look. The page will not only be used to convey information and communicate with members, but it's the place to go to register for conference registration, joining a conference committee, or signing up to facilitate or present a workshop.

Visit the new NW CRLA webpage: <http://nwcrla.weebly.com/>

2017 NW CRLA CONFERENCE/REGIONAL MEETING

Building Bridges – Connecting with Students – May 13th

Planning for our spring conference is underway. This is a great chance to get involved with the chapter and take advantage of a leadership opportunity. There are many ways in which members can become involved with planning our conference. Each of us have different talents and skill sets. All are needed and welcome. Please don't hesitate to reach out to an officer and find out how you can contribute to our regional organization! Requests for committee members will also be sent out – keep an eye out for those.

Possible volunteer opportunities:

- *Graphics/Marketing* – assist with design and creation of conference materials
- *Chair for presenters* – coordinate and support presenters
- *Presentation proposal selection committee* – assist in selection of presenter
- *Keynote selection committee* – select, coordinate, and arrange keynote speaker

Visit our webpage for information on conference costs, sign up for a committee, and registration!

NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Well, six months into my presidency and I feel like we've barely scratched the surface what we hope to accomplish in our revival year. However, the best is yet to come...the 2nd Annual NWCRLA Spring Conference!

While not nearly as grand as the national conferences, our goal for the regional conference is to provide learning professional across the Northwest with an opportunity to engage with fellow educators and share ideas, challenges, and successes. We hope to offer a local venue and perspective on many of the topics covered at the conference in Louisville: program assessment strategies, tutor training techniques, culturally responsive environments, developing leaders, academic coaching, and professionalizing your programs. And this year, we are adding a preconference reception on May 12th to give everyone a chance to network and mingle – after all, that's the purpose of a regional chapter: to build professional relationships, to build stronger programming, to build opportunities for student success...

So, let's get build those bridges!

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INVITATION TO PRESENT

One of the benefits of meeting and networking at our regional conference is the chance to learn from our colleagues. If you are thinking about presenting, do it! We are looking for members to share their knowledge and expertise this spring. Whether you are an experienced presenter or someone who has been working up the nerve to present in a larger venue, this is a great opportunity to share your work, research, or program practices. Keep an eye out for the call for proposals in your email!

Possible topics:

Tutoring ELL Students

Online Support for ELL Students

Assessing program Effectiveness

Assessing Student Learning Outcomes

How to get Faculty By-In

Have an idea for a workshop, please visit our webpage to submit!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Jennifer Silkey (President Elect) and Sabrina Stevenson (Chapter President) both noted a focus on professionalizing tutoring at our institutions. This involves interacting and supporting these key members in our mission of student success as the learning assistance professionals they are. This has many benefits, including but not limited to, teaching our student employees what it means to be a professional and work in a professional environment as well as, improving the visibility and image of our programs on campus. Look for a presentation on this topic facilitated by Jennifer and her colleagues from Chemeketa this spring. They are excited to share some ideas they've started implementing at Chemeketa Community College.

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