



# Washington Student Engagement Networks

SEATTLE LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY CLINIC

WA



SEN

# Welcome!

- ▶ Name
- ▶ School
- ▶ Major/year in school
- ▶ What brought you here today?

# WA-SEN's History and Background



# Why? Education, Equity, and Economy



# What? State Need Grant (#FundSNG)



# How do I do this?

During the Legislative session:

- ▶ Build up the relationship—schedule appointments, attend hearings, testify, write emails, send thank you cards
- ▶ Just remember....we educate, not lobby. Easiest way to remember—avoid mentioning specific bills, dollar amounts, or making a specific ask to a legislator

# How do I do this?

## Outside of the legislative session

- ▶ Keep building up the relationship
- ▶ Find creative ways to educate
- ▶ Send emails, letters, thank you cards
- ▶ Attend town halls, other meetings posted on your legislators website
- ▶ Write an op-ed and get it published



# What does it mean to be a WA-SEN student?

- ▶ Broadly:
  - ▶ Tell legislators your story
  - ▶ Recruit other students to do the same

It's pretty simple!

For leadership opportunities in WA-SEN, pursue a liaison role on your campus!

# What's up next?

- ▶ Over the summer: Create an action plan today for the summer.
- ▶ In the fall: Symposium!
- ▶ During the legislative session: See you all in Olympia 😊

# Innovative Communication Grants

- ▶ Kris from Independent Colleges of Washington
- ▶ Work on your applications and turn them in today
- ▶ Ask staff for any support you need to complete the application

# Quick Survey

<https://icwashington.wufoo.com/forms/wasen-clinic-followup-survey/>

# Thank you!!

- ▶ Questions come up later? Email Darcy at [Darcy@WA-SEN.org](mailto:Darcy@WA-SEN.org)
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