

What I wish I knew when I started at WA-SEN

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- 1) Get comfortable with all your campuses and email their financial aid, student government, clubs, diversity center, women centers and professors who teach political science. Email them our poster for our event, include the website and short paragraph why you are emailing.
- 2) Keep up with your liaisons they are your best ally when it comes to going to all these schools. It will be way easier to be present on campus with someone who already knows it well.
- 3) Table on campus, visit a class, or speak at a club. Here you can find more liaisons!
- 4) Make an email list of people who would be interested in going to legislative meet ups or any events.
- 5) Practice your speech to legislators! Make your outline and have it ready and tweak it as needed for each different legislators' regions. Do your research on them, it will make it that much easier to find common ground to discuss bills or to talk about community colleges in their region. Since you will have a few students with you make sure you structure how the discussion will go.
- 6) For legislator meet ups make your meet up kit. This is a note pad with your speech and any statistics/facts, WA-SEN sticker to give, pen, and water. **Note if your meet up is on a campus you may need to provide parking and need to find parking yourself. So, make sure to arrive early and get comfortable with your surroundings.**
- 7) Create a schedule for yourself about how much time a week you can dedicate to outreach.
- 8) Use your social media! Easy way to spread awareness and interactive way to connect with other interns to create a social media campaign.
- 9) I created a small possible guide for your daily activities as you move toward the two crucial events of the year below.
- 10) If you're feeling overwhelmed with any of it make sure to speak up! It's hard doing outreach and receiving a lot of no's, so make sure you take plenty of time to relax and

Calendar based on 2019-2020 Academic year

Month	Tasks	
September	Reach out to all your campuses and solidify your connections with your liaisons to be able to start tabling	
October	Focus solely on student recruitment for the Yakima Summit. Take some time to be present on campuses to raise awareness.	
November	Yakima Summit! Check in with everyone you have reached out with to make sure they are still coming to the event.	
December	Legislator meets up! If there are none happening take time to look towards social media campaigns for Engagement day.	
January	Engagement day recruitment! Use all the tactics that were helpful in the past and implement them from our next event.	
February	Engagement day!	
March	Legislator meet ups!	
April	Legislator meet ups! Student of Color Conference!	
May	Legislator meet ups!	
June	Legislator meet ups!	