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Boundless Washington

2022 has been a year of growth for the Boundless WA program. The WSLB concluded programming for the first two cohorts with a trip to the No Barriers Summit in Estes Park, CO in August 2022 (check out the pictures [here](#))! It was an incredible opportunity for students to experience countless accessible activities available in one place. This trip was also a pillar in cementing the latest modifications to Boundless WA programming for future cohorts.



Above: Josiah in Estes Park, CO at the 2022 No Barriers Summit.

Through the program's first two years, the reality of organizing activities for students requiring various adaptations throughout a pandemic was a considerable learning curve for the WSLB. In an effort to serve Boundless WA students in a more equitable and inclusive manner, staff devised a hybrid model that consists of monthly online leadership development training/mentoring to assist students in becoming more involved with sports and outdoor activities. The evolved programming will culminate in a trip to the [No Barriers](#) (a founding partner of Boundless WA) Summit, where together, students will celebrate personal goals and experience the ultimate accessible outdoor adventure. Applications for the 2023 cohort are currently open until February 15, 2023.



Learn more about
the application
process at
BoundlessWA.org



Above: Ayden helps clean up the campsite from the August 2022 Boundless WA bioluminescence kayaking and camping excursion.



Compassion Scholars



Above: Compassion Scholars hand out teddy bears to children in India during the 2019 Compassion Scholars trip.



After a brief pause in programming throughout the WSLB's transition to a trustee agency, the Compassion Scholars program is back and aims to develop leadership skills through experiential travel, study, and mentorship. This year, scholars and mentors will be researching the topic of forced migration and immigration. In the spring, they will complete a ten day service-learning project in Spain and upon returning, scholars will work with their mentors to create and implement local service projects over the next year.

Follow the Compassion Scholars on WSLB social media accounts and at [CompassionScholars.org](https://www.compassionscholars.org)





Team S.A.M



For more information
and to apply, please
visit TeamSAM.org



The WSLB is thrilled to announce the launch of Team S.A.M (Sports and Mentoring). This program is designed to dispense grants to Washington nonprofit organizations to provide opportunities for underserved youth to participate in sports. Recipient organizations will also qualify to invite their Team S.A.M students to participate in monthly WSLB Leadership Training Sessions specifically focused on leadership development through sports and outdoor activities. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants and this year, applications will be accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis.





WA World Fellows

This was an exciting year for the WA World Fellows (WWF) program. Here are the major highlights:

- WWF first sister program, the Viana World Fellows, was launched in Viana, Spain.
- The summer study abroad programming has moved to Viana, where it has been specifically tailored to meet the needs and goals of students, all while giving them the opportunity to experience Spanish culture.
- The 2020 cohort of high school seniors are in the thick of college and scholarship application season. Many have already received multiple college acceptance and scholarship offers.
- WWF now has three cohorts of alumni in college. These alumni have collectively received more than \$650,000 in grants and scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- The 2021 cohort of high school juniors are learning to balance a rigorous course load, extra-curricular activities, and preparations for the 2023 International Youth Summit, Planet S.O.S.

Applications for the WWF 2023 cohort are open until January 18, 2023 to all current 10th grade students in Washington.

To nominate a student and learn more about the application process visit

[WaWorldFellows.org](https://www.WaWorldFellows.org)



Above: WA World Fellow students gather for the 2022 Programs Celebration at Lumen Field in Seattle, WA.

47th Annual Washington Leadership Awards

The WSLB celebrated this year's Washington Leadership Awards on December 1, 2022, at the Washington State Capitol. Livestreamed by TVW, this year's ceremony beamed a keynote speech by Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck. In case you missed it, the 2022 Washingtonian of the Year is Julia Colson, Director of the Seattle/King County Clinic. This year's Organization of the Year is ANEW. View the ceremony [here!](#)

About the 2022 Awardees



Above: Julia Colson (left) accepts the Washingtonian of the Year award from WSLB President Dale Bright (right).

Julia Colson, a long-time employee of the Seattle Center, is a community-based leader who has been the vision and drive behind the creation of the Seattle/King County Clinic; an event that brings together healthcare organizations, civic agencies, non-profits, private businesses, and volunteers from across the State of Washington to produce a four-day clinic at Seattle Center each year. The volunteer-driven clinic provides free dental, vision, and medical care to anyone in the region who struggles to access and/or afford healthcare.

ANEW, this year's recipient for Washington Organization of the Year, is the oldest, continuously running pre-apprenticeship program in the nation. Anew was founded in 1980 by people dedicated to improving the access and advancement of women in non-traditional career pathways, such as construction and manufacturing, and continues to focus on equity and inclusion in the construction industry for both women and people of color. ANEW sees clients successfully accepted into apprenticeship programs and offers retention services for pre-apprenticeship graduates.



Above: Representative Tina Orwall (left) introduces Karen Dove (center), Executive Director of ANEW, accompanied by ANEW graduate (right) who is a local 528 cement mason.