



Monthly Newsletter, November 17th

Student Service Shout-Out

Basic Needs Hub:



The Basic Needs Hub is a great resource to support students who experience basic needs insecurity and help students thrive academically, pursue their career goals, and foster community relationships. The Western Hub of Living Essentials (WHOLE) Pantry is funded by student fees and individual donations. Located in VU 435 from 8:00am-5:00pm, the WHOLE pantry offers free food, toiletries, and even clothing. Other pantries are in Miller Hall 150H, Communications

Facility 257, Bond Hall 403, Arntzen Hall 510, Parks Hall 045, and the third floor of Fairhaven College. The Basic Needs Hub offers supportive and educational financial assistance through The Merriman Financial Literacy Program, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and short-term emergency housing and student emergency funds. The Basic Needs Hub is ready to meet you where you are and offers support of all kinds

Addressing Student Concerns

As fall quarter wraps up, several areas of concern from students have been brought to our attention. Your AS Government representatives will continue to listen to your concerns and look forward to learning more about how we can best represent you. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to share, please submit a [feedback form](#) to let us know.

The Miller Hall Heating Repair Project:

The heating system in Miller Hall is damaged and undergoing repairs. A temporary steam line has been installed, restoring heat until a permanent solution is implemented. As construction continues, East College Way will remain closed through the end of the fall quarter. The emergency vehicle access lane (marked by red tape in Red Square) should stay clear. For updates, refer to the Miller Hall Construction Impacts [webpage](#). Please direct any accessibility concerns to the [Disability Access Center](#).

University Budget Updates:

ASWWU is actively tracking the status of the university budget, cuts to funding, and reorganization efforts. The AS Executive Board voted 7-0 to establish a Budget Response Workgroup to advocate for more budget transparency at Western and communicate the impact cuts have had on students, faculty, and staff. The workgroup will write a letter to the President Randhawa outlining grievances with the cuts made over the summer, as well as write a detailed report on the impact on students and what input was considered in the decision. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the AS President at aspres@wwu.edu.

AS Executive Board and Senate Updates

Student Senate Appointed 5 Senators:

The Student Senate voted to appoint 5 students to the Senate at their October 22nd meeting to fill the positions left vacant after last Spring's General Election. Thank you to everyone who applied – we received 77 total applications, making these decisions incredibly difficult.

The newly appointed Senators are:

- Emma Brown – Senator At-Large
- Heather Curfman – College of Business and Economics
- Emma Fredlund – College of the Environment
- Kaya Wimmer – Graduate College
- Mia Bartoli – Graduate College

Congratulations everyone! We are excited to see the excellent work they will do this year!

Students for Renewable Energy:

The Students for Renewable Energy (SRE) club attended the October 9th Executive Board meeting to discuss efforts to get Western and the WWU foundation to divest from fossil fuels. They also gave postcards from over 250 students to the AS President, Aspen Cates-Doglio which were delivered to the Board of Trustees at their October meeting. Thank you to the Students for Renewable Energy for all their excellent work! You can find more information about the SRE on [WIN](#).

Club Spotlight!

Honoring, Uplifting Unheard Experiences in Storytelling (H.U.E.S.) is a club for BIPOC students, serving as a safe space for community building through the creation and sharing of various student art. Meetings are bi-weekly. Stay updated by following [@hues.the.other.voices](https://www.instagram.com/hues.the.other.voices) on Instagram or contact huestheothervoices@gmail.com



AS Government Around Campus



Fall Info Fair:



ASWWU Government tabled at the Fall Info. Fair on September 22nd and had a blast meeting new and returning students and discussing opportunities to get involved. We plan to engage more with students this year and hope everyone we talked to at Info Fair learned more about their representatives and get involved in civic participation during their time at Western!

Pictured: Senator At-large, Amirah Al-Nagar, and Vice President of Activities, Ruby Stegeman, tabling at Fall Info. Fair.

Fall Harvest Jubilee:

The Fall Harvest Jubilee is an annual celebration that welcomes autumn with live music, food, crafts, and other fun activities at Western's Outback Farm. Many were in attendance on October 24, including Fairhaven College student senators, other AS Government members, faculty from various colleges, and students from across campus.

Ingredients grown in the Outback were featured at a tasting booth offering apple butter, mixed green pesto, lavender syrup, herbal teas, and more. A pizza food truck served food with a special dish that included produce from the Outback Farm.

The apple cider press was a big hit, with many choosing to socialize, listen to live music from Moth Garden, and make art using stamps carved from vegetables. A scavenger hunt also led attendees on a guided tour of the Outback Farm, with stops at the chicken coop, tree swing, herb and forest gardens, and a garlic planting activity.

Look out for more events hosted by the Outback Farm and opportunities to get involved throughout the school year!

Events of the Month

- ASWWU Senate Weekly Meetings | Every Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:00 pm | VU 567
- ASWWU Executive Board Weekly Meetings | Every Thursday from 4:00 – 5:30 pm | VU 567
- AMP Fall Craft Night | Monday Nov. 17th at 7:00 pm | The Underground Coffee House
- Basic Needs Hub Pack the Pantry | Tuesday Nov. at 9:00 am | Red Square
- Blue Resource Center Safety Plan Workshop | Wednesday Nov. 19th at 5:00 pm | Viking Union
- LGBTQ+ Western | Trans Week | Nov 17th-21st | [Website Link](#)