



CESHS Leadership Update

We're pleased to announce that Dr. Kira J. Carbonneau has been appointed Associate Dean for Research & External Funding for the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences, effective May 16, 2026.

A Full Professor and Chair in Kinesiology and Educational Psychology, Dr. Carbonneau brings a strong track record of collaborative leadership, faculty support, and externally funded research spanning NSF, NIH, and the U.S. Department of Education. Her work has strengthened partnerships across WSU and with schools and community organizations statewide.

In this role, she will lead the college's research strategy, expand external funding opportunities, and support faculty development across all campuses—advancing CESH's impact and visibility.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Carbonneau on this well-deserved appointment.



Call for Proposals: International Education Seminar

WSU's College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences and the Nishinomiya Board of Education are now accepting proposals for the International Education Seminar, taking place via a simultaneous Zoom event Tuesday August 25 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM (Pacific Time) and Wednesday August 26 from 8:30 – 10:30 AM (Japan).

This year's focus includes educator and student well-being, the role of AI in education, and innovations in special needs education. Faculty, practitioners, and researchers are encouraged to submit proposals that advance impactful work in these areas.

Proposals (max 400 words) are due **Sunday May 10, 2026**

Submit at <https://forms.office.com/r/QvXKqH8MzT>

Arshan's Challenge Doubles Impact of WSU ROAR Contributions

Inspired by his son Arshan, Mahmood Ghassemi has launched a \$250,000 matching gift challenge to support student success through the ROAR program.

For the next three years, every new gift to the ROAR Scholarship or Programmatic Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar—doubling the impact of every contribution. From \$25 to \$100 and beyond, each gift goes twice as far in expanding access and opportunity.

ROAR creates inclusive college experiences where students can thrive. This challenge will help extend that impact across Washington state and beyond, opening more pathways to higher education and strengthening our broader community.



WSU ROAR ON THE (HOUSE) FLOOR

Washington Representative Michael Baumgartner (WA-5) recently highlighted WSU ROAR on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, recognizing the program's impact in empowering students with intellectual and developmental disabilities—and strengthening communities across the state.

We're proud of the work WSU ROAR continues to lead and grateful for the support of Washington's leaders in advancing this important effort.

[See the video on LinkedIn](#)



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