



## **STUDENT WELCOME LETTER**

### **SOCC 2019 – WE ARE: Empowered by our Past Forging our Future**

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Dear Student,

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Students of Color Conference. We are pleased to have you and hundreds of other outstanding students from across Washington State, join us for such a special event. The goal of the Multicultural Student Services Directors' Council is to provide a fun, educational experience that promotes leadership, diversity, and academic success. It is also important to us that we provide a safe environment for each participant; the following is a summary of our expectations for a successful conference.

Please remember as a student representative, your behavior during the conference reflects your college and your role as a student leader. Please be cordial and respectful to your fellow conference participants and the hotel staff. We expect you to comply with the Conference Conduct Policies & Procedures. By signing the form, you will acknowledge that you have read, understand and will comply with these policies. Any violation of the Conduct Policies & Procedures will immediately result in discipline and behavioral intervention outlined in these disciplinary Conduct Policies & Procedures. Please note you may be subject to additional disciplinary action according to your institution policy. We have a zero tolerance policy on alcohol and controlled substances.

We encourage you to socialize with others and we have provided time in the conference schedule for informal networking. However, the first priority is your leadership development. Therefore, we believe you will best benefit by participating fully in the workshops that will address challenging topics such as cultural identity issues and how to unify diverse college communities. In order to create productive group discussions, we have included a list of Ground Rules for Group Discussions about Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Equity. Please take the time to read and discuss the list with your advisor prior to the conference.

Again, it is our privilege to host the 29th Annual Students of Color Conference with you as our honored guest. We are very enthusiastic about your attendance and participation!

Sincerely,

2019 Students of Color Conference Planning Committee  
Multicultural Student Services Directors' Council

