Director’s Welcome

Christina Walsh

Greetings and welcome to Region IV's quarterly newsletter! I'm Christina Walsh, and I'm honored to serve you as the Region IV director. As your director, it is my goal to serve our members by providing the most dynamic, relevant, and inclusive experience for our members. Our region has made its mark within the association with our enthusiastic regional presence, our high student participation rate, and our creative solutions to challenges.

This coming year, we hope to build on this energy by creating more opportunities for you to connect with regional peers, participate in drive-in and online programs, and keep current on trends and issues that help us serve our students. We hope to gather with you in Anaheim in March for the Annual Conference, and we are very excited to see you at our Regional Conference at Gonzaga University in October. It’s going to be a spectacular year for Region IV. We’re glad you’re along for the ride!
Member Spotlight: Jenn Cook

Griffin Uchida

We're spotlighting students and staff from across Region IV to learn about your campus, your impact, and your passion for ACUI. Want to be in the spotlight? Email griffin.uchida@wsu.edu.

GRIFFIN: Jenn, tell me about your position.
JENN: I've been at Western Washington University for just over three years now. My current position, club activities coordinator, is the sole advisor for the entire Associated Students club system and supervisor for the Club Activities Office student staff.

GRIFFIN: Where were you before Western Washington University?
JENN: I worked at University of Northern Colorado, Hope College, Adams State University, and the College of William & Mary. I earned my B.S. in marine biology at Roger Williams University and M.S. in college student personnel at Western Illinois University.

GRIFFIN: Tell me some cool qualities or tidbits about your campus.
JENN: Western is recognized nationally for its leadership as one of the most sustainable, “green” campuses in the nation by the Sierra Club and as the top master’s granting institution in the Pacific Northwest by U.S. News and World Report.

GRIFFIN: What is one thing or place a visitor to your campus or area MUST experience?
JENN: Whatcom Falls and the surrounding trails. A close second, in my opinion, is all of Fairhaven, Washington.

GRIFFIN: Any fun facts about you that we should know?
JENN: I have lived in 10 different states, I am a paranormal nerd (ghosts, UFOs, cryptozoology), my husband also works in my field, and I have a 10-year-old son born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome.

GRIFFIN: What’s your ACUI and Region IV story?
JENN: I've been a member of Region IV for three years. I attended the 2016 Regional Conference in Boulder, the 2005 Annual Conference in Reno, and a Region VI Conference in [2004?]. I also helped our grad students coordinate game tournaments. I am excited to be part of the 2018 Conference Planning Team. I love working on a team, meeting new colleagues, and giving back to the profession using my event planning passion and skills.

GRIFFIN: What could you say to convince others why they should get involved in ACUI and in Region IV?
JENN: There is always something new to learn from ACUI webinars, articles, and conference attendance, but there is no better way to challenge yourself and give back to the organization than through a volunteer position!
Region IV Leadership Profile: Cody Rogers

Cody Rogers

Hello, Region IV!

My name is Cody Rogers and I am the associate director of the Wood Center at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. I have been involved with ACUI since 2006 as an undergraduate, when I attended my first ACUI Regional Conference at the University of Washington. This experience, along with mentoring from active ACUI regional members, inspired me to pursue an M.Ed. in student affairs at Western Washington University. Post-graduate school, I continued my involvement in ACUI by volunteering at conferences, participating in the Battle of the Regions (GO region IV!!), serving on the 2015 Conference Planning Team, and currently I am enjoying my new role on the Regional Leadership Team as the awards and scholarships coordinator!

I try to take full advantage of living in Alaska. I spend my summers fly-fishing, kayaking, and riding my motorcycle in the 24 hours of daylight. In the winter I tie my own flies, watch the northern lights from my bedroom window, and go snowshoeing with my two dogs.

If you have questions about scholarships for students to attend I-LEAD® or a Regional Conference, please let me know. Also, don’t forget to start thinking about submitting a colleague’s name for some of the awards we offer regionally and throughout the association.

2018 Conference Planning Team Announced

Donnyale Ambrosine* 
Colorado State University

Ernie Bastidas Arvizu 
University of Utah

Jennifer Cook 
Western Washington University

Spencer Desmarais 
Washington State University

Nick Eppley 
Colorado State University

Lisa Latronica 
University of Alaska-Fairbanks

Kate McHargue 
University of Denver

Heather McKenzie 
Spokane Falls Community College

Hailey Michelson 
University of Montana

Carissa Outen 
Gonzaga University

Tara Peris 
Weber State University

Ali Raza 
Colorado State University

* Regional Conference Coordinator

Help wanted: Drive-In campus host for June or July. Contact erin.dewese@colorado.edu.
Resources

- ACUI Website
- ACUI Directory
- Regional Conference
- Regional Awards
- Regional Scholarships
- Regional Volunteer Opportunities

Save These Dates

**FEBRUARY 6**
Attending Conferences on a Grad Student Budget, online

**FEBRUARY 13**
Annual Conference regular registration ends, online

**FEBRUARY 13**
Career Advancement through Competency Achievement, online

**FEBRUARY 16**
2019 ACUI Event Host RFPs due

**FEBRUARY 27**
Mitigating Bias in the Volunteer Selection Process, online

**FEBRUARY 27**
Campus Programs with Heart, online

**MARCH 9**
Oregon State University Poetry Slam, Corvallis, Oregon

**MARCH 21 - 25**
Annual Conference, Anaheim, California

**MARCH 26 - APRIL 1**
Collegiate Clay Target Championships, San Antonio, Texas

**APRIL 4 - 7**
CUPSI | College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational, Temple University

**OCTOBER 26**
Region IV Conference, Gonzaga University

**JUNE OR JULY**
Region IV Drive-In, location and final date information coming soon!

Visit the ACUI Events Calendar for the most current event information.