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Alumni Advocacy for Western Washington University and Higher Ed

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Dear Western Advocate,

Can you believe Election Day is just one week away? If you haven't already done so, make sure your ballot is postmarked or dropped off by 8pm on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

Check out these Election Day resources and events:

- **Voter registration**: Washington residents can register to vote **in person** in by 8pm on Election Day at a County Elections Office.
- **Voter Engagement Center at WWU**: **The Associated Students of WWU and the Whatcom County Auditor's Office have joined together to provide voting resources from 8am-8pm on November 3rd in the Viking Union. Here you can access same-day voter registration and print your ballots all in one stop! The Center is free and open to the public.**
- **WWU Webinar**: Tomorrow, Oct. 28th from 12-1pm, catch some pre-Election Day analysis from WWU professors during the *Western Horizons* webinar "Pandemic Election: Fraud, Voter Suppression, Media and the 2020 Presidential Contest," sponsored by the WWU Alumni Association and Western's College of Humanities and Social Sciences. [Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

We also want to give you an update on the state budget outlook. While the September revenue forecast was an improvement from the last forecast in June, current projections show state revenues are \$4.4 billion *below* previous projections through mid-2023. That means higher education investments remain at risk of being significantly cut back at a time when Washingtonians need those investments the most.

As we seek to recover from the pandemic-induced time of economic hardship, it is clear that a post-high school credential is as important as ever to enable people to succeed in our economy, particularly people of color, young people, and people who are low-income. According to a recent poll of voters, about 7 in 10 Washington voters agree that cutting funding for post-high school education and training is a bad idea.

Credentials are essential for Washingtonians. Let's protect funding so all Washingtonians who need education and training can earn credentials to succeed in our state.

The next state revenue forecast is scheduled for mid-November, and the 2021 Legislative Session begins in January, when legislators will begin negotiating the state's two-year spending plan.

Here's what you can do to help now:

- Stay tuned for more Western Advocates updates and action alerts to know when your advocacy is needed most!
- Send this email to any fellow WWU supporters and ask them to [join Western Advocates!](#)

Stay safe and healthy, and, as always, thanks for your support of higher education and Western!

Cheers,

-The Western Advocates Team