

## e-Learning spotlighted in Spokane

National and local e-Learning experts met with the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board in Spokane May 21, to discuss the role of e-Learning in accomplishing key goals of the Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.

The four-member panel also held a live video conference the morning of May 21 with representatives from various college and university campuses. A meeting that afternoon with the Board also was broadcast as a live video conference and recorded by TVW for broadcast.

- View the morning video conference [here](#).
- The afternoon discussion with the Board was recorded by TVW and is available [here](#).
- View highlights of the panel discussion and regular Board meeting [here](#).

## Betti Sheldon steps down from HECB

Betti Sheldon, a member of the HECB since June 2005, announced her retirement from the Board at the May Board meeting. She served as state senator from Silverdale for 12 years prior to being named to the Board by Gov. Chris Gregoire. To read the Board resolution honoring Betti, go [here](#).



## College Bound sign-ups surge

Following two spectacularly successful sign-up events held in Tacoma and Spokane, the number of seventh and eighth graders who have signed up for the College Bound Scholarship program has grown to more than 12,000.

An estimated 700 students, from the Tacoma middle schools, and their parents attended a morning sign-up session Saturday, May 17 at Tacoma Community College.

More than 1,300 students and parents from the Spokane School District attended an evening sign-up event May 21 at Roosevelt High School.

- For pictures of the Tacoma and Spokane events go [here](#).
- **School Superintendents:** It's not too late to do your own College Bound sign-up event. Go [here](#) to find out more.

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### Spokane Board Meeting

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### College Access Challenge Grant Program Deadline

Applications for the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) are due **Friday, June 9, 2008.**

The program will increase the number of students from under-represented groups who enter and remain in postsecondary education.

To apply go [here](#).

## Executive director's report

Ann Daley, HECB executive director, reported on recent activity at the Board meeting in Spokane May 22.

## UW North Campus

The HECB and UW are working to help interested parties reach agreement on a site for the UW North Campus. The Legislature has asked for a recommendation prior to the 2009 session.

## Kitsap Higher Education Center

William Chance, executive officer of the Northwest Educational Research Center, has been retained as a consultant to conduct a needs assessment and develop a plan for a new higher education center to serve Kitsap and surrounding counties.

## Meaningful High School Diploma Project

The HECB has been working closely with the State Board of Education on its new Meaningful High School Diploma project. The new standards raise the number of required courses from 19 to 24.

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## More than 12,000 open GET accounts

The Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program had a strong enrollment year in FY 2008, with nearly 12,000 new accounts valued at more than \$135 million. Families have opened more than 90,000 GET accounts with a total value in excess of \$1 billion since the state program began 10 years ago. [Link to GET](#)

## Strategic Master Plan update

- A report aligning the master plan's degree and enrollment goals with statewide economic needs will be completed this summer.
- A report on the facilities, technology, and programs needed to meet degree and enrollment goals will be completed in the fall.
- A committee is addressing policy and K-12 pipeline improvement issues: 1) how to improve performance; 2) how to remove barriers; and 3) how to attract more young adults back to postsecondary education. Initial recommendations will be made this fall.
  - [Read the Strategic Master Plan](#)
  - [Read SMP planning documents](#)

## Performance Agreements

The state's four-year college and universities will submit their budget requests to the HECB in July. Later this fall, the institutions will develop draft performance agreements to accompany those budget requests. Draft agreements will include goals, outcome measures and funding to achieve specific objectives. A committee with representatives from OFM, the Legislature, the Governor's Office, OSPI, and the HECB will review the proposals prior to submission to the 2009 Legislature.



## Minimum College Admissions Standards Guidelines for Educators

The HECB's revised College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR) for four-year colleges and universities will go into effect in 2012.

These new requirements reflect the **minimum** number of credits in six subject areas needed to be eligible for admission at the state's four-year public baccalaureate institutions.

The new requirements are more rigorous than the new 'Core 24' standard being considered by State Board of Education as part of the Meaningful High School Diploma Project.

However, they can easily be attained within the framework of the Core 24.

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