

Training & Education Fund News

SEIU HEALTHCARE 1199NW MULTI-EMPLOYER TRAINING AND EDUCATION FUND

WINTER QUARTER, 2018

Member Spotlight

MEET DANA GIBSON, MEDICAL ASSISTANT
KAISER PERMANENTE OF WASHINGTON



Dana Gibson has worked at Kaiser Permanente's Rainier Medical Center for eight years, but has been in the medical field for nearly 17. After working with the Training Fund to complete her prerequisites in the summer of 2014, she made the decision to go back and earn her bachelor's degree as well.

"Being a parent, working full-time, and attending school was a challenge. However, it was always reassuring to know I had the support of the tuition assistance, my Education Navigators, and access to knowledgeable tutors. I loved utilizing my tutors because they gave me the confidence to excel in the more technical and difficult classes like math, accounting, and finance."

In October 2017, Dana graduated from Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences with a Bachelor's of Science in Healthcare Administration and Management, achieving a goal many years in the making. Congratulations, Dana! The Training Fund is proud to have been able to support and assist you in all that you have accomplished.

Winter Quarter Success Tips

WINTER IS PROGRAM APPLICATION SEASON!
HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Stay organized while applying to programs.

Identify which programs you want to apply to and create a folder for each one. Create an application 'checklist' so that you know what materials (transcripts, personal statement, etc.) to include with your application. Also, keep track of each school's application deadline so you apply on time.

If your program deadline is within the next six months, you should allow yourself plenty of time to get started. Requesting transcripts is relatively quick, but writing a quality personal statement is a process that can take months to complete. Set aside time during the quarter to work on and edit your personal statement to make sure you allow time between work and school responsibilities!

Sign up to attend the Training Fund's Personal Statement Workshop. Having a strong personal statement improves your chance of being accepted. This workshop can help you learn:

- Tips and tools to help make your personal statement stand out.
- Effective mechanics of a personal statement.
- How to draft a great personal statement.

Visit our website at: www.healthcareerfund.org to register.

Stay in contact with your Career and Education Navigator and class instructors. Let your Navigator know if you have questions about applying to a program. Also, tell your instructor if you're going to miss a class or are struggling so that they can best help you succeed. This will strengthen your grades AND chances of getting into your desired program/school.

Welcome New Training Fund Members!

The Training Fund is excited to begin providing benefits to nearly 2,000 members across three employer partners starting January 1, 2018. These partners include one new employer, PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, and MultiCare who has expanded to Valley and Deaconess Hospitals in Spokane.

Training Fund benefits are provided as a result of the collective bargaining agreements between these employers and specific SEIU Healthcare 1199NW bargaining units. New members can access benefits starting January 1, 2018.

MultiCare 
Deaconess Hospital
BetterConnected

MultiCare 
Valley Hospital
BetterConnected



PeaceHealth
St. Joseph Medical Center



New Employee Spotlight

WITH THE ADDITION OF NEARLY 2,000 NEW ELIGIBLE MEMBERS IN 2018, THE TRAINING FUND ADDED NEW STAFF TO PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT TO MEMBERS ACCESSING BENEFITS.



DENNIS LITWIN,
Member Services Representative

Dennis has worked with several regional entities including Amazon, the Museum of Flight, and Jay Inslee for Washington. Dennis' skill-set and diverse professional background greatly enables him to support our members and staff with documentation processing of important paperwork such as vouchers and reimbursements. Serving in this position, Dennis plays a crucial role to make certain our members have everything in place to take the next step towards advancing their careers and education.



JOSHUA PORTER,
*Regional Education Navigator,
Spokane*

Before joining the Training Fund, Joshua served as the Executive Director at the Spokane College of English Language. He brings diverse experience in healthcare, international education and career planning, as well non-profit refugee and immigrant advocacy experience to the Training Fund. Joshua's prior work has helped him develop a strong connection within the Spokane and surrounding communities and he looks forward to sharing this knowledge and supporting regional connectivity to help our members succeed.



LEE CHE LEONG,
*Regional Education Navigator,
Bellingham*

Lee Che recently joined the Training Fund after several years of experience managing admissions for Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies at Western Washington University, serving as primary staff for the North Sound Accountable Community of Health, and directing the Teen Health Initiative for the New York Civil Liberties Union. Lee Che looks forward to working with our Bellingham members and helping them navigate the varied and changing requirements of colleges and universities.



SUKANYA PANI,
*Education and Navigation
Services Director*

Sukanya comes to the Training Fund having recently concluded her tenure as the Deputy Director of Operations at Seattle Jobs Initiative. She brings a wealth of knowledge to her new role and will continue to build, integrate and support the Training Fund's Education and Navigation Services across multiple regions. Sukanya looks forward to facilitating more holistic and coordinated direct service offerings to support members as they work towards excelling in their education and career goals.

Training Fund Myth Buster

PROVIDING ANSWERS TO COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR TRAINING FUND BENEFITS.

MYTH: I cannot find the class I need that fits my schedule!

TRUTH: Actually, we can almost always help you find a certain class at a time that works for you! Get in touch with your Education and Career Navigator so that we can help make sure you're getting into the classes you need.

Partnering for Safety, Staffing & Certification



A team from Seattle presented at the quarterly Healthcare Career Advancement Program (H-CAP) conference in Minneapolis in October, 2017 about a labor/management partnership project spearheaded by Swedish Medical Center's Environmental Service Safety Program. The **Certified Healthcare Environmental Services Technician (CHEST)** program was developed to address Environmental Services (EVS) staffing concerns and to support adequate staffing for front-line infection control.

For more information, please contact the Training Fund at: **425-255-0315**.

(Pictured R to L) Darlene Johansen, Environmental Services Worker, Swedish Medical Center, Ligaya Domingo, Education Director, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Renee Rassilyer-Bomers, Admin Director Nurse Education Clinical Practice, Swedish Medical Center, and Wendy Price, Executive Director, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Multi-Employer Training and Education Fund.