

## **Congratulations to the three DEI Mini Grant Recipients!**

### **Improving Access to a Transformative Intercultural Experience via Student Scholarships for Inaugural Faculty-Led Study-Abroad Trip to Uruguay**

Study-abroad programs contribute to personal growth, improve problem-solving and teamwork skills, build confidence and cultural sensitivity, and expand career opportunities. One recognized pathway of enhancing access is through student scholarships, which can help mitigate the high cost of study-abroad programs. This mini-grant will fund five scholarships for CAHNRS student from underrepresented groups to participate in the inaugural study-abroad trip titled “Exploring Agriculture, Community, and Sustainable Livelihoods in Uruguay” and will be led by Ms. Holly Henning and Dr. Jessica Goldberger. Students will expand their knowledge of agriculture, food systems, community development, and sustainable livelihoods through hands-on projects with small-scale farmers. The study-abroad trip and associated course(AFS 483: Special Topics in Study Abroad) will emphasize critical thinking, community building, intercultural connections, and international careers.

Student Success and Academic Programs has partnered with the DEI Committee to fund this proposal.

### **WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener Program**

Clark County Master Gardener Program will be partnering with Good Rain Farm, an indigenous women-led farm who provides instruction on processing and saving seeds from plants traditionally prized by Indigenous People. Participants in this program will learn hands-on skills, historical and cultural information, and practice the reverence and reciprocity of seed saving from an Indigenous lens. The Clark County Master Gardener’s role in this partnership will be recruiting participants, provide physical space, coordination for two workshops, and provide a portion of their farm property where their office is located to grow seed material for use in the workshops. The Master Gardeners will help with formalizing the educational curriculum in an effort to streamline/support future delivery and increasing capacity of this organization to offer the course.

### **Salmon Cook-Off at Reany Park, Pullman WA**

Furthering collaborative relationships with Indigenous First Nations peoples through increased inclusion in research and educational opportunity will boost the impact of CAHNRS research efforts. In line with this, and Theme 4 of the CAHNRS DEI strategic plan, Dr. Michal Phelps and Dr. Contessa Ricci will host a Salmon Cook-Off at Reany Park in Pullman, WA. This event will celebrate the rich cultural heritage of local Indigenous peoples(centering on Pacific salmon),and educate CAHNRS students, faculty, staff, and the public on the importance of restoring and protecting Pacific

salmon for future generations. Wild-caught salmon sourced from local Tribes and Nations will be prepared for attendees while educational talks are held by individuals of Indigenous First Nations descent, and WSU researchers working in salmon conservation. The event will support CAHNRS commitment to serve Indigenous communities and highlight the unique nexus between Western Science and Indigenous Ways of Knowing that Pacific Salmon occupy.