Awards season will be upon before we know it! Join Region 4 Awards Chair Sophia Everett to provide an overview of the type of awards that are open for nominations. Attendees are welcome to share tips and strategies as well.
Read and evaluate award and scholarship submissions via the online review system. Review all award and scholarship submissions, or may only read an assigned selection, depending on number of submissions. No prior experience or expertise is necessary.

Region 4 Award Committee is seeking committee members to assist with reading and evaluating award and scholarship submissions by serving on the 2023-2024 Award Committee.

Expectations for Award Committee Members:
- Read and evaluate award and scholarship submissions via the online review system.
- Review all award and scholarship submissions, or may only read an assigned selection, depending on number of submissions.
- No prior experience or expertise is necessary.

Committee members will receive instructions on how to evaluate and score submissions from the Region 4 Award Chair.

If you are interested in serving on the Region 4 Award Committee, please email your first name, last name, institution, and email address to severett@sheltonstate.edu by Monday, September 18, 2023.

For more information on Region 4 Awards and Scholarships, visit REGION 4 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS.
A new report published by Washington Monthly examining the composition of governing boards at 100 higher education institutions was released in late August. The report investigated the validity of the claim that American colleges and universities care deeply about the diversity among their student bodies. The study noted that while those concerns may be the view of the college as a whole, how far it extends to the boards of trustees that govern our colleges our institutions is not as clear. “It stands to reason that the more the demography of a board mirrors the demography of the student body, the more likely it is that the college will solicit and appreciate the perspectives of all its students and endeavor to create equitable opportunities and outcomes for them” (Rall, Morgan, Chait, 2023). Well aligned for the purpose of this study meant that the demographics of the board and students had to be within 10% in both gender and race. The data, while difficult to find for the researchers, showed only 19 of the 100 institutions were considered well aligned. Why does this matter? Governing boards now, more than ever maybe, have a large bearing and say on what happens in the day to day operations and the policies that impact our students, advisors, staff, and faculty. It is of importance to hold your governing board accountable—where do you think yours aligns?

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Zoom link will be sent once registration is complete
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December 2023, TBA

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