May Updates

As we head into summer, we want to thank everyone whose work has powered such a remarkable year of community-engaged scholarship.

This newsletter highlights several upcoming opportunities to spend some time this summer building on the incredible community-engaged scholarship already taking place at WashU and around St. Louis.

Whether you're interested in youth-focused engagement, cancer control engaged research, food access, or community engaged scholarship more generally, we hope you'll take a read.

-The Confluence Collaborative team

Join our third youth-focused Community Café on June 5



Join us for the **third session** of our four-part Confluence Collaborative Community Café series, designed to bring together faculty, community partners, and youth-serving organizations to move from shared understanding to collective

action. This third café will take place on June 5 from 9:00-12:00PM in the Delmar DivINe.

Learn more and RSVP here

WashU ACCERT - Workshop on June 26



WashU-ACCERT | Washington University Advancing Cancer Control Engaged Research Through Transformative Solutions Center is hosting a workshop on June 26. Learn more and register here.

Food is Medicine: Policy and Program Innovation on June 16



Join the Clark-Fox Policy Institute on Tuesday, June 16 from 8:30–10 a.m. at the Delmar DivINe for *Food is Medicine: Policy and Program Innovation in St. Louis*. The Confluence Collaborative is proud to be co-sponsoring this event.

Community Collaborative Highlight: Patricia Bosman



For 40 years, the Haven of Grace has sheltered unhoused pregnant women and their young children in St. Louis. What sets it apart isn't only that it offers a safe place to give birth — it's that it supports families for years afterward, through transitional housing, career-readiness programming, and youth development designed to break cycles of generational poverty. We spoke with Patricia Bosman, the non profit's President and CEO, about Haven of Grace's longitudinal support of women and families and what drew her to lead it.

Read the full Q & A here.

Community Engagement Highlight: Dr. Lannis Hall and Hazelwood School District



Dr. Lannis Hall, Director of Radiation Oncology, Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital, met with young women in the Hazelwood School District this month for a conversation about breast cancer prevention and early detection — part of her program, "Empowering Young Women Through Breast Health Education: A Partnership with Siteman Cancer Center and Hazelwood School District."

Dr. Hall received a Provost Impact Award in 2025 for her partnership with the Hazelwood School District. Read more about her work here.

Resources

Lectures, Conferences, & Other Opportunities

URBAN's Summer Institute, centered on 'The Social Determinants of Health,' will take place from July 13 - 17, 2026 at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Learn More and register here.

The 2026 Engaged Communication Scholarship Conference: 'Growing and Sustaining Ethical Partnerships' will take place July 25-27, 2026 in Fort Collins, CO. Learn more and register here.

Engagement Scholarship Consortium International Conference: Changing Lives and Improving Society: Data-Driven Engagement and Innovation at the

University of Tennessee, Knoxville from October 7-8, 2026. Learn more and register here.

2026 CUMU Conference: 'Anchored in Purpose' from November 8–11, Marriott Marquis Houston, Houston, TX. The annual CUMU Conference brings us together to explore how urban and metropolitan campuses drive regional development, student success, and community impact. Learn more and register here.

If you're interested in advertising an opportunity to our network of scholars and community partners, please send an email to our Communications Specialist at j.m.robbins@wustl.edu.

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