RSVP for the Confluence Award Research Showcase



Shannon Lenze and the EleVATE Collaborative — the 2025 Confluence Award recipients.

We are excited to invite you to the 2026 William H. Danforth St. Louis Confluence Award Research Showcase.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 (5-7 p.m.)

5 p.m. — Remarks and Research Presentations

6:15 p.m. — Reception and Poster Session

Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall (Danforth Campus)

On April 15, WashU faculty members and their community partners will be elevated and recognized for their innovative and impactful research and for

their deep engagement with the region.

RSVP and learn more here

Community Collaborative Profile

Ways to Prioritize You: Q&A with Coach Melody McClellan, AADP



After nearly two decades in pharmaceutical sales, Coach Melody McClellan founded Unwrap You, a wellness consulting practice that offers corporate programs, motivational speaking, youth programming, and a 90-day course. We spoke with McClellan, a member of the Community Collaborative, about her life's philosophy and the impact of her work.

Read the Q&A here and learn how to collaborate with McClellan and engage with her wellness programming.


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SUCCESFUL GRANT WRITING
TIPS & TOOLS OF THE TRADE
Join us for a three-part grant writing seminar
Session 1
Overview of Successful Grant Writing:
articulating your big idea(s), building your portfolio, identifying funders, working with program officers.
Date: April 3, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM (Virtual)
Co-leads: Dr. Ross Brownson, Dr. Kia Davis, Dr. Robin Vanderpool
Session 2
Writing Effective Aims
Date: May 8, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM (Virtual)
Co-leads: Dr. Ross Brownson, Dr. Erika Waters, and Dr. Heather Siedhoff
Session 3
Building and Engaging Teams, Networks, and Collaborations; Prioritizing Opportunities
Date: June 26, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM (Hybrid)
Co-leads: Dr. Kia Davis, Dr. Bettina Drake
Register Here: Fill out form
For questions and info please contact phswashuaccert@wustl.edu
Co-Sponsored By:
• Confluence Collaborative for Community Engagement
• Siteman Cancer Center (Prevention and Control Program, Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination)
• Center for Diabetes Translation Research
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Resources

Lectures & Conferences

WashU is hosting +AI Perspectives Week (March 23-27), a week of conversations about the role of AI in the academic mission of WashU and the opportunities it creates for student success, teaching, and new approaches to research. Learn more about the week's events and opportunities at

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The St. Louis Community Foundation is excited to host a variety of FREE virtual Give STL Day trainings for nonprofits in the St. Louis region. These trainings will help you plan your Give STL Day campaign and strengthen your year-round digital and fundraising strategies. Learn more here.

Midwest Climate Summit 2026. March 30-April 1 in Cleveland, OH. The Midwest Climate Summit is a three-day gathering focused on expanding knowledge, accelerating climate action, and catalyzing new partnerships for an equitable Midwestern response to the climate crisis.

Addressing Wicked Issues through Community-Engaged Scholarship. This series, presented by Campus Compact and the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship, highlights ways higher education can make a difference on critical issues facing our community. Learn more here.

Other Opportunities & Resources

The Engaged City is accepting applications for its 2026 funding opportunities with approaching deadlines. In an attempt to bridge divides instead of highlight or enforce them, this project will create publicly accessible co-created cultural maps of St. Louis that spatialize the individual and collective cultural knowledge bearers, organizations, and community members in STL. Learn more here.

WashU's 'In St. Louis, For St. Louis' team is launching their 'K–12 Campus Visit Pilot Program.' This pilot creates a simple, coordinated internal process to

reduce common barriers local K–12 schools and youth-serving organizations face when visiting campus. Learn more and apply here.

You can view the latest issue of the International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement here.

Transcend Initiative Grants: Growing University-Wide Research, accepted until May 15th, 2026.

The Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic has issued a follow-up to its 2019 report “Environmental Racism in St. Louis.” You can view the 2026 Report here, co-developed by Elizabeth Hubertz, a 2026 Provost Impact Award Winner.

Article: WashU researchers bring findings — and questions — to St. Louis gardeners: From toxic metals in the soil to hidden hunger, researchers shared knowledge with local growers and asked for theirs in return.

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.

Inquiry Form

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