



RCSW
Respiratory Care Society of Washington

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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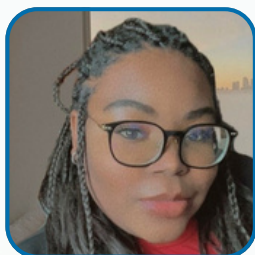
The Student Engagement Committee (SEC) is here to assist and advocate for students and our representatives through every situation they face within their respiratory care programs. The SEC will always do our best to provide as much information, guidance, support, and opportunities with the RCSW as possible.

As recent graduates of respiratory programs themselves, Co-Chairs Jessica and Ja' Shawna are both aware of the many challenges Respiratory Care students face. Their goal is to provide a reliable space to assist students every way they can.

Meet The Team

The Student Engagment Committee (SEC) has student representatives at the following schools:

- Highline College
- Spokane Community College
- Tacoma Community College
- Seattle Central Community College
- PIMA Medical Institute



Ja' Shawna Brown
Co-Chair Western



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Co-Chair Eastern



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Highline College
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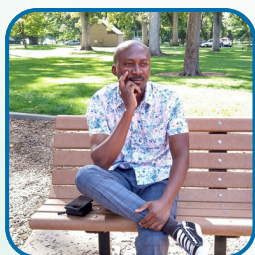
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Junior Representative



Kellie Crisp
Seattle Central College
Senior Representative



Julia Quacquanini
Spokane Community College
Senior Representative



Manne Mahano
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Junior Representative



Tarra Duggins
Tacoma Community College
Senior Representative



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Tacoma Community College
Junior Representative

AARC House of Delegates and Congress

The RCSW Student Engagement Committee (SEC) presents an amazing opportunity for current students in a Washington-approved Respiratory program to attend the AARC House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting and Congress. The American Association for Respiratory Care HOD and Board of Directors (BOD) recognize the importance of our student members. Respiratory Care Students represent the future of our profession and are vital to our goals as an organization. The HOD is composed of state-appointed delegates from each chartered affiliate tasked to adopt rules, regulations, policies, and procedures for our profession. The AARC's International Respiratory Convention & Exhibition (Congress) is the world's largest and most comprehensive respiratory care meeting.

Student attendance at the AARC House of Delegates meeting promotes understanding and awareness of the inner workings of the AARC. Which also develops new leaders for the state affiliates and the AARC. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for students passionate about their chosen Respiratory Therapy profession.

Now, a word from Raegyn Hawkins the 2023 RCSW Sponsored Student who attended the AARC House of Delegates in Nashville. Additionally, Tarra Duggins is partially sponsored by AARC.

My name is Raegyn Hawkins and I am currently a student at Seattle Central College. I was selected by the RCSW Student Engagement Sponsorship to attend the November 2023 AARC House of Delegates meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. This experience completely changed my perspective on the profession and continues to encourage me to be the best student I can be so I can one day become a Washington State Delegate.

The House of Delegates meeting opened up a new side of respiratory that students may not see at the bedside. I got a glimpse of just how much community advocacy and legislation goes into shaping and expanding our scope of practice. I was able to experience how individual committees work with each other to curate policies, and best practices, and apply appropriate resolutions. I felt incredibly privileged to witness debates and vote for policies that would affect our profession. Every delegate in the room had a voice, and they used that voice as a tool to advocate not only for their state but for an entire nation of RTs. That, to me, was such an inspiration.

Since the House of Delegates meeting, I've found myself more active in my local respiratory community, more motivated to take on additional leadership roles within my school's respiratory club and make efforts to pursue higher education by applying to graduate programs in respiratory care. I'm looking forward to following in my delegates' footsteps.



Raegyn Hawkins



Tarra Duggins

I am incredibly grateful to the RCSW for granting me the opportunity to attend the National Conference last November and participate in the House of Delegates. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our state delegates, Greg Carter and Karen LaRoche, as well as everyone involved, for their warm hospitality and inclusiveness throughout my time there. The experience was truly invaluable.

To my fellow students, I wholeheartedly urge you to seize such opportunities in the future. Despite the overwhelming demands of school, work, and life, attending the National AARC Conference as a student is an experience like no other. It opens your eyes to the inner workings of our career field and showcases the close-knit community we belong to.

I'm fortunate to have an amazing and engaged cohort graduating alongside me. Several of us traveled together, turning the conference into a memorable few days filled with learning, laughter, and new connections. It was an enriching experience in every way possible.

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