WSU Tri-Cities Fall Education Summit

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences

Saturday, October 10th, 2026

The Connected Future: Integrating AI, Technology, and the Human Work of Learning and Wellbeing

Time	Activities		
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Registration Desk Open – CIC Hallway		
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Opening Session and Welcome from STCU and WSU Tri-Cities - CIC 120		
9:15 – 10:15 AM	***Keynote Address:*** **Keeping Humanity at the Center: AI, Learning, and the Relationships That Matter** Gabriela Whitemarsh, 2026 Washington State Teacher of the Year, Pasco High School, Pasco, WA CIC 120		
10:15 – 10:30 AM	*Transition Time*		
	STEAM Education	***Leadership***	***Community & Culture***
10:30 – 11:30 AM	*STEAM 101: Confidence and Identity with STEAM Thinking* **Tyler Hansen**, WSU TCOL 102 Moderator: Jonah Firestone	*Social Emotional Learning* **Jill Young-McMurchie** and **Amy Ashton-Williams**, WSU and **Olivia Mancinelli**, Olive Branch Counseling TCOL 202 Moderator: Yuliya Ardasheva	*Developments in AI and SEL in Education in Taiwan,* National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan) **Tze-Chang Liu, Yu-Jan Tseng, Yu-Shan Ting, Ting-Wei Huang, Yu-Chia Wan, Ying Fan, Yulis Yang,** and **Chen An Wang,** CIC 120 Moderator: Eric Johnson
11:30 – 1:00 PM	**LUNCH** CIC Hallway Poster Session TCOL 102 Art Exhibit CIC Art Center Exhibit Tables TCOL Atrium		
1:00 – 1:50 PM	*STEAM 102: We Can Model It!* **Ethan Smith**, WSU TCOL 102 Moderator: Tyler Hansen	*Best Mentoring Practices: Tips for Success* **Kathleen Cowin** TCOL 202 Moderator: Yuliya Ardasheva	*Trauma-Informed Instruction: A Window into Understanding and Connecting with Students* **Jihee Im**, WSU CIC 120 Moderator: Sarah Newcomer
1:50 – 2:00 PM	*Transition Time*		
2:00 – 3:00 PM	*Beyond the Answer Engine: Partnering with AI to Build Solution Pathways* **Elizabeth Stephens** and **Ann Wright-Mockler**, PNNL TCOL 102 Moderator: Lindsay Lightner	*Round Table: Developing Central Office Support for Principals* **Kristi Hofheins**, ESD 123 CIC 120 Moderator: Kathleen Cowin	*Mindful Making: Zentangle for Educators* **Lisa Brouwer-Thompson**, ESD 123 TCOL 202 Moderator: Yichien Cooper
3:00 – 3:10 PM	*Transition Time*		
3:10 – 3:30 PM	*Closing Ceremony - CIC 120* • *WSU Tri-Cities CESHS Service Award and Philanthropic Award* • *STCU Door Prize and Other Door Prizes, Logistics & Final Comments*		

Buildings:

CIC = Consolidated Information Center, WSU Tri-Cities, 2770 Crimson Way, Richland, WA 99354

TCOL = Collaboration Hall, WSU Tri-Cities, 2780 Crimson Way, Richland, WA 99354