

PLACES

ELLENSBURG • OCTOBER 6-8, 2026

CAMPUS MEETS COMMUNITY CHRIS'S ITINERARY



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As dean of Central Washington University's College of Arts and Humanities, I am committed to building a community that bridges "town and gown" through celebrating the arts and humanities and exploring what they reveal about being human.

PLACES happens to be overlapping with Week 2 of our inaugural Arts and Humanities Month. If you have time between or after sessions, come join us on campus!

Find a full list of events at preservewa.org/cwu

Itineraries are generally focused on classroom sessions and mobile tours. Some itinerary writers have added special events and restaurants they're looking forward to. You'll also be able to catch them throughout the week at conference-wide events not included on these itineraries.

Please note: Mobile tours (denoted with 🚐) are separately ticketed—be sure to purchase tickets at registration if you'd like to join!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

OPTION 1

10:30-11:30 AM | DOUBLE-HEADER:
BRIDGING THE TOWN/GOWN
DIVIDE AND YOUTH HERITAGE
PROJECT: PREPARING THE NEXT
GENERATION IN ELLENSBURG

Kittitas County Historical Museum

Partnering with community organizations to provide opportunities for student growth and development is a win for both sides!

11:30 AM-1:30 PM | LUNCH

I'll be eating at Smokey's (417 N Pearl St) today! This was one of the first restaurants I visited when I moved to Ellensburg. You will be able to tell why they are award-winning.

4:30-6:30 PM | NETWORKING EVENT: MEET UP AT THE MUSEUM

Clymer Museum of Art

The Clymer Museum is a treasure and will host works from CWU art students. It is an excellent example of the positive impacts that come from "town and gown" relationships.

OPTION 2

10:30-11:30 AM | A HISTORIC LODGE
AS A THIRD PLACE: PARTNERSHIP,
BELONGING, AND COMMUNITY
CARE IN ELLENSBURG

Dining Room, Ellensburg IOOF Lodge #20

Another great example of collaborative "town and gown" relationships is the IOOF Lodge. Among the many positive ways they impact our community is hosting CWU student art shows.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00-10:00 AM | BOOTS ON THE GROUND: THE POWER OF GRASSROOTS
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

The INK by Gallery One

10:30-11:30 AM | PUBLIC ART AS PLACEMAKING: HOW MURALS REVITALIZE
DOWNTOWNS AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMIES

The INK by Gallery One

Our Ellensburg murals are a treasure, and I invite you to see how these build community engagement for us and maybe for you too.

11:30 AM-1:30 PM | LUNCH

I'll be eating at Sugar Thai (306 N Pine St) today!

3:00-4:00 PM | INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING ALONG THE COAL MINES TRAIL

Kittitas County Historical Museum

Storytelling is at the heart of our work in arts and humanities fields, and this history of Kittitas County would be a great addition to CWU's Arts and Humanities Month!