

# WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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## **Washington State University Puyallup Nutrition Program "Working Together to Prevent Childhood Obesity"**

*Washington State University and NASULGC (National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges) presented a workshop entitled "Working Together to Prevent Childhood Obesity" on Dec. 6-7 in Seattle.*



*Sue Butkus, Nutritionist at Washington State University Puyallup, organized the conference, the first in a series of four workshops around the country. The workshops are designed to mobilize extension and the land grant university system to become involved in prevention of childhood obesity.*

*Speakers included Peter Magrath, President of NASALUC; Sam Smith, President Emeritus, Washington State University; and Pat Crawford and Joann Ikeda, Co-Directors of the Center on Weight and Health, Berkeley.*

*Linda Kirk-Fox moderated the workshop. Sixty-five people attended with at least one representative from each state in the western region. TVW, Washington State Public Affairs Network for cable, filmed the morning sessions. The conference was broadcasted during the weeks of Dec. 6 and 13.*

*NASULGC, founded in 1887, is the nation's oldest higher education association and has been in the forefront of educational leadership nationally for over a century. Present in all 50 states, the U.S. territories and the District Columbia, the Association is dedicated to supporting excellence in teaching, research and public service. As of December 2004, the association's membership reached 215 institutions, including 76 land-grant universities.*

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