

# The 51st Western Institute of Nursing research conference

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WSU College of Nursing PhD students at WIN

Mid-April saw some 800 nurse scientists, nursing faculty and administrators, graduate students and executives in Spokane for the 51st annual Western Institute of Nursing research conference.

It was the first time the prestigious conference was held in Spokane. Dean Joyce Griffin-Sobel, of the Washington State University College of Nursing said, "We were so honored to have WIN and the west's top nurse scientists in Spokane."

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Nursing research is more important than ever, she added, because the health care system is increasingly embracing the role that nursing plays in public health, primary care, and health equity.

Washington State University was well-represented in the event. Faculty members and graduate students presented their research at the conference, and served as panelists and speakers. And the College of Nursing held a reception at the Davenport Grand Hotel for conference attendees, plus faculty, graduate students and local alumni.

“With its focus on patient care, nursing research continues to move the field forward,” said Celestina Barbosa-Leiker, associate dean of research at the WSU College of Nursing.

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