Resource for African students at Washington State University



Although this post is primarily helpful for prospective students, it can also greatly benefit current students. The intent of this compilation is to (1) help students adjust to the cultural shift, (2) provide helpful information for productive living, (3) enhance community building, and (4) provide academic support. While this is not an exhaustive list and there are various sources of information, we believe that the listed resources will enhance your living in Pullman.

Therefore, if you're an incoming or current student, some resources and services that can help enhance your experience are listed below.

Centers, Stores, Teams, and Groups



- International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS): The Student Center is located in the Compton Union Building (CUB), at the heart of the Pullman campus. This center offers students support that enhances a welcoming and inclusive environment.
- 2. **The Nigerian Students and Scholars Association (NSSO)**: This is a non-profit, non-political student organization, established by Nigerian students and scholars at Washington State University. The group offers support to students and scholars from Nigeria or of Nigerian origin.
- 3. **Community Action Centers (CAC)**: If you need food or energy assistance, visit CAC. Appointments can be booked twice a month. You can get some African foodstuffs if you just let them know your preferences.
- 4. Grocery Stores: You may want to wait till Amazon delivers. However, it is essential to know that many of the foodstuffs you're looking for are readily available. You can find them in Spokane, for example, the <u>International African Market</u>. There, you'll find items like honey beans, Palm oil, Yam, Kulikuli, Malta Guinness, and Dry fish. <u>Rosauers</u> sells mackerel, also known as Titus. WinCo sells Parboiled rice.
- 5. Recreational Center and WSU Food Pantry: Your tuition covers the fees for the recreational center and the WSU Food Pantry.

- 6. <u>Dollar Tree Store</u>: There is a Dollar Tree store in Pullman where you can purchase many items at lower/fixed rates.
- 7. **Worship Team**: Interested in joining a worship ministry team? Check out the Nigerian worship team at Pullman Foursquare Gospel Church.
- 8. <u>Palouse Care Network</u>: This faith-based organization provides resources, education, counseling, life coaching, and a reproductive health medical clinic.
- 9. **Pullman Transit**: Don't have a car and need to move around? Look out for Pullman bus schedules.

Other Useful Information

- 1. Always ensure that you file your taxes correctly. Follow up with a tax agent or contact the <u>international office</u> for a tax expert.
- 2. If you're interested in attending a conference or training, keep an eye out for the GPSA travel awards. They also provide funding for other activities.
- 3. Interested in refurbished materials? Check out the WSU surplus store.
- 4. Tired of being at home all the time and having nowhere to go? The <u>valley field</u> is open most of the time. You can either join the soccer teams or watch them play.
- 5. If the campus parking fee is too expensive for you, consider looking for parking on religious grounds around campus. They offer the opportunity to park your car during specific hours. You will need to contact them to check availability and obtain a parking tag.
- 6. Interested in affordable goat meat? People buy together and share the cost.

Are there other beautiful things you'd like these folks to know? Send it along our way or just add to the list (yetunderotimi49@gmail.com).

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