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Chancellor Mel Netzhammer  
Washington State University – Vancouver  
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Dear Chancellor Netzhammer,

Congratulations! Washington State University - Vancouver has officially been awarded the Fresh Air Gold Campus Award for adopting your 100% tobacco-free campus policy. This is the highest level of achievement awarded by the Fresh Air Campus Challenge.

The Fresh Air Campus Challenge is a first-of-its-kind effort that brings together college campuses and local, state, and federal tobacco control programs in a unique partnership to help ensure that all institutions of higher education in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington begin the process of going smoke- or tobacco-free by the end of 2013 – with the ultimate goal for all campuses to be 100% smoke- or tobacco-free by 2016. Thanks to WSU-Vancouver, we are one campus closer to achieving this goal.

I'd like to invite you to sign onto our Challenge as a Fresh Air Gold Campus Mentor. Your success adopting a smoke- or tobacco-free campus policy gives your campus a wealth of knowledge that can help others achieve your same success. As a Mentor, designated campus advisors will provide direct support on an as-needed basis to 1-2 campuses taking the Fresh Air Campus Challenge. Anyone on your campus who was involved in your policy adoption and implementation process – whether student, faculty, or staff – can serve as an advisor in the Challenge.

To learn more about the Challenge and the Mentor program or to sign up to be a Mentor, visit [www.nwcphp.org/Fresh-Air-Campus](http://www.nwcphp.org/Fresh-Air-Campus) or contact Molly Reece at [Molly.Reece@hhs.gov](mailto:Molly.Reece@hhs.gov).

Again, on behalf of our partners, I would like to congratulate and thank you for taking this important step in fighting to protect current and future generations from the harmful effects of tobacco and secondhand smoke.

Sincerely,

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