

# SREC 2019

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## Year in Review

In 2019, SREC had a breakthrough year.

*Take a look at our accomplishments, and recognize those who made it all possible.*



### Advocacy & Voice

*We are dedicated to improving the lives of the immigrant and refugee populations in Spokane, Washington*

In 2019, SREC spoke out against the public charge rule announced in August, supporting immigrants and refugees (read SREC's official statement here) | A preliminary injunction is still in effect nationwide as of this writing.

SREC advocated for professional credentialing for international community members, specifically within healthcare and education | May 9th - Washington State Governor signed into law bill SB 5846-2019-20 concerning the integration of international medical graduates into Washington's health care delivery system (effective date 7/28/2019).

### Honored Guest Speakers

*Ernesto Bautista, Medical Doctor from Honduras*

*Yelena Miller, Spokane Educator from Russia*

*Ahmed Haroun, former United Nations Employee and Spokane student from Sudan*

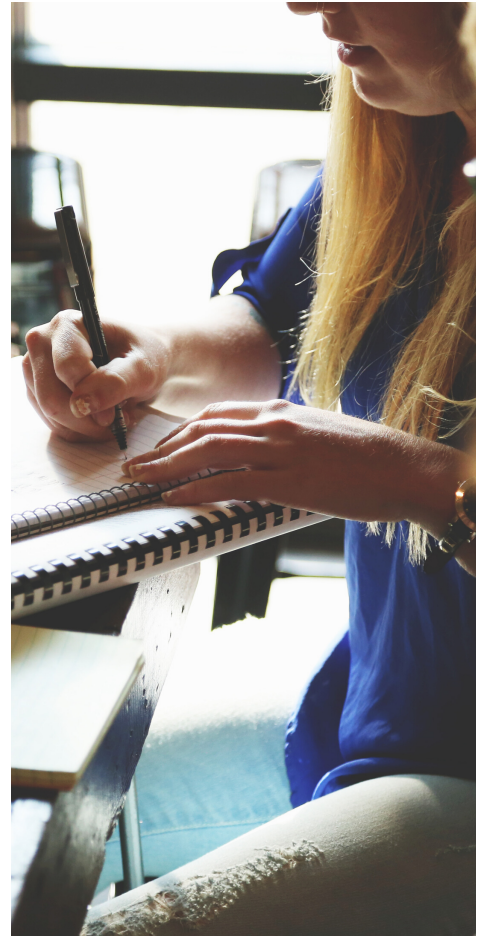
*Conrado Zepeda-Pallares, local educator with a doctorate in Hispanic Applied Linguistics in Colombia, Mexico and Puerto Rico, from Puebla, Mexico*

# Professional Development & Community Networks

SREC offered support filling vacant educator positions in the region with highly-qualified candidates (including the Barton School Director)  
Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI)  
Professional Fellows  
Palouse Language and Culture Symposium  
One Peace Many Paths  
Spokane Regional ESL Conference  
JUSTEC (Japanese United States Teacher Education Consortium)  
NAACP President, Kurtis Robinson

## Communications

SREC Website (ESLspokane.org) buildout and connectivity improvement (check out the library); calendar expansion and more community resources to come!



## Support & Partnerships

*The Joseph W. Welch Jr. Foundation  
Spokane NAACP  
KSPS | PBS  
WASTEM / SpokaneSTEM & ELLO  
Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds  
Washington State Department of Social & Health Services State  
Refugee Coordination  
Refugee Connections Spokane & World Refugee Day  
World Relief Spokane  
Spokane Regional ESL Conference  
Spokane Public Library  
Barton School | Community Colleges of Spokane |  
Eastern Washington University | Gonzaga University |  
Spokane Public Schools | Washington OSPI | Whitworth University*

**Thank you for helping to make 2019  
another great year for our community!**