



WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE
Annual Report
2020-2021



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Dr. Jim Richardson
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The 2020-2021 academic year offered challenges unlike any we'd ever faced: a global pandemic, political turmoil, a move to online learning and an influx of financial obstacles for students. Yet, Wenatchee Valley College and our communities rose to the challenge.

Employees were nimble in their responses to online learning and student support. Not only did they move to provide our students all the same support and even more resources, they stayed connected with each other through online events and gatherings.

Despite economic uncertainty, our community supporters did not falter in their advocacy for students. Scholarship giving more than doubled and general giving remained consistent, meaning our students could be supported holistically in their lives and their scholarly pursuits. Through the generosity of our friends and neighbors, the college and its students grew through these hardships.

Moving forward, we take these new lessons and tools with us, knowing you support our mission to serve diverse and resilient students.

MISSION

Wenatchee Valley College enriches North Central Washington by serving educational and cultural needs of communities and residents throughout the service area. The college is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion for all students and employees and provides high-quality transfer, liberal arts, professional/technical, basic skills and continuing education for students of diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds.

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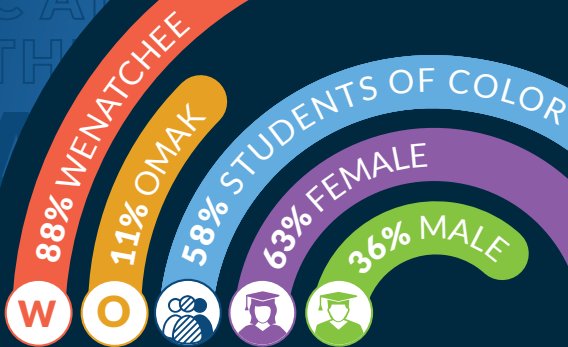
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4,577 TOTAL ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

749 TOTAL ANNUAL GRADUATES



4
Bachelor's
Degrees



7
Associate
Degrees



60
Programs &
Certificates

18
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE



15:1
STUDENT
FACULTY



OUT OF STATE
QUARTERLY TUITION
\$1,398*



IN-STATE
QUARTERLY TUITION
\$1,242*



**NON-US
RESIDENT**
\$3,093*

Average cost. Actual cost will vary.



\$30.7 M OPERATING BUDGET
\$16.2 M CAPITAL BUDGET
\$1.2 M FEDERAL STIMULUS STUDENTS
\$1.2 M FEDERAL STIMULUS INSTITUTIONAL



137 STAFF
Classified/Exempt
242 FACULTY
Full-time/Part-time

COVID-19 RESPONSE

At Wenatchee Valley College's virtual graduation in spring 2021, there was a sense of awe. Students and employees alike were exhausted after a year of uncertainty and constant change. But as over 700 names scrolled past on our screens, there was no doubt: together, we'd made it through the 2020-2021 academic year.

Every area of the college rose to the challenge of remote and hybrid work to serve students. WVC employees helped students register for classes, access financial aid and get academic support. Even with campus closed, they helped get books, laptops, Wi-Fi access and food from the Knights Kupboard into the hands of students.

On top of the pandemic, political and civil unrest shook the country. Our students rose to the occasion. They organized events, led discussions and raised up marginalized voices. It was with great pride we saw our students modeling community-building and civic engagement.

In all things, WVC students were adaptive and resilient. Online learning and the loss of dedicated academic spaces was a bigger hurdle than we could have expected. Yet, 749 students graduated with high school diplomas, certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees that will offer them a brighter future.

With the values of flexibility, compassion and resilience front of mind, we welcome you to look back on a uniquely challenging and rewarding academic year at WVC. In reviewing all that we accomplished, we can confidently say that together we will continue to rise to meet the needs of our students and communities.

CORE THEMES

Four Core Themes tied closely to the college's mission and strategic plan guide WVC's policy and instruction:

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT



SUPPORT FOR LEARNING



RESPONSIVENESS TO LOCAL NEEDS



DIVERSITY & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

The adversities experienced by the college and its students in 2020-2021 highlighted the importance of core themes.

The college pivoted to online learning and emergency response to ensure students could continue their education. All programs offered remote learning and workforce and career programs were able to offer hands-on learning using strict COVID-19 safety protocols.

The safety and academic success of students informed all of the college's decisions in the past year. Meanwhile, we did not lose sight of the unique role we play in serving our community and our most vulnerable populations.

Through the lens of these themes, we look back at a timeline of pandemic events and some of the college's brightest achievements of the academic year.

WVC hosts COVID-19 tabletop exercise with Chelan-Douglas Health District; still no confirmed cases in service district.

All classes move online for remainder of academic year, large events canceled.

Governor issues proclamation limiting all college and university operations following State of Emergency.

Both campuses close; two confirmed cases in Chelan County.

Washington State Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order is issued.

March 4, 2020

March 13, 2020

March 18, 2020

March 23, 2020

COVID-19

Oct. 2, 2020

Dec. 1, 2020

April 2, 2021

April 28, 2021

WVC announces classes will remain online through winter quarter.

WVC announces classes will remain online through spring quarter.

Athletic competition resumes for WVC athletes.

Applications open for \$1.2 million in CARES Act student funding.

Week Zero of Spring quarter; faculty and staff attend trainings and workshops to fully move instruction and support services online.

Essential workforce and career programs receive governor approval to begin offering in-person classes.

WVC graduations and nurses pinnings held virtually.

Fall quarter 2020 begins online.

April 6-10, 2020

May 5, 2020

June 19-20, 2020

Sept. 21, 2020

TIMELINE

May 10, 2021

May 31, 2021

June 18-19, 2021

July 1, 2021

WVC partners with health district to offer vaccine clinic and info session.

\$1.2 million CARES Act funding fully disbursed; 800 WVC students received an average award of \$1,387.

WVC graduations and nurses pinnings held virtually.

WVC partially reopens prior to 2021-2022 academic year.



Photo taken pre-pandemic

ASWVC RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

Dr. Awanthi Hewage, WVC chemistry instructor, was nominated by WVC student Karina Tobar for a Campus Life faculty spotlight.

“Dr. H has made the online transition, dare I say, seamless,” Karina said. “Although this might seem a little trivial to some, Dr. H always starts off her videos with a greeting or some type of acknowledgement that she is speaking to her students rather than just talking to a camera, as well as ending her videos with a, ‘Bye-bye, see you in the next video!’ It makes me feel welcomed and a little less isolated.”

Karina was grateful for the things Dr. Hewage did to make online learning successful, including clear organization

and expectations for the Canvas course, being open to student feedback and responsive to messages and being accommodating to students facing personal difficulties.

“The main thing I did was making my course more accessible and personal. Chemistry is heavy on lecturing and I recorded each lecture of mine in Panopto. I think having those videos makes it easy for my students to go back and gather information and to get to know me,” Dr. Hewage said. “I held weekly zoom workshops with them, I recorded my workshops and shared them with the rest of the class. All of this took a huge amount of time, but it’s always good to hear that my hard work hasn’t gone unnoticed.”



INTEGRATED BASIC EDUCATION & SKILLS TRAINING (I-BEST)

In June 2021, WVC received approval for an Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) expansion in early childhood education (ECE). I-BEST is a program that offers dual enrollment in pre-college and college classes. I-BEST courses feature two instructors: one to teach college-level academic or technical content, the other to teach basic skills in reading, math, writing or the English language. The approved expansion is for a full, one-year ECE I-BEST certificate. WVC offers two associate degrees and seven certificates in ECE.



Destiney Petty
Henry, Rose and Lillian Prebble
Scholarship

“With this support, by the end of the school year, I will become the first person in my family to obtain a college degree.”



RESTART GRANT

In November 2020, WVC received an agricultural professional technical grant totaling approximately \$200,000. The grant will be used to pay for the recruitment and retention of students and the purchase of lab equipment and precision ag platforms used in the field. Improved equipment allows WVC to train students in the new technologies being used in today's agricultural industry.

It is important that students entering the current agriculture job market have a fundamental understanding of the science behind the use of modern DNA and RNA technology tools. These tools are being used to improve and advance our ability to grow crops in a more efficient and sustainable way.

TRIO SSS RENEWAL

The WVC TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant was renewed in 2020. TRIO SSS was awarded \$1,309,435 (\$261,887 annually) for the 2020-2025 grant cycle.

TRIO SSS is a federally-funded program that helps support students who are low-income, first-generation or disabled.

WVC's TRIO SSS team provides individualized support to 140 participants every academic year in a number of areas including tutoring, academic advising, transfer assistance, career planning and more. Nearly 80% of TRIO students complete their associate degrees, and 60% of students earn their associate degree and transfer to a four-year university.

During this grant cycle, TRIO plans to implement a Career Mentorship Program to involve local industry mentors to enhance participants' career readiness.



Photo taken pre-pandemic

ADAPTIVE TEACHING

When WVC moved instruction online in spring 2020, some essential programs like machining were permitted to meet in-person in a limited capacity, but even hands-on classes had to adapt to the new learning environment.


Machining students were able use the labs on campus a few hours a week. Instructor Micky Jennings supplemented in-person instruction with first-person online videos. To capture his work on the machines, Jennings used a GoPro attached to his forehead to show techniques from a realistic, hands-on perspective. The different perspective was a game changer and helped maximize in-class instruction time. **“It is so beneficial for students who can’t be on campus for whatever reason,”** he said.



Colton Nicol

Norco Welding Scholarship

“These scholarships have made it possible for me to have everything I need for this school year. With some big unexpected expenses happening, I was not sure how I was going to make it through school. Thank you so much!”



“In this program, you’re behind a desk for maybe 45 minutes to an hour, and then for three hours, you’re in the shop working, turning wrenches, getting your hands dirty. Really anyone from any walk of life can get something out of this.”

Mitchell Garcia
Automotive tech student, Class of 2021

CAREER LAUNCH GRANT

Four programs at WVC have received Career Launch endorsement, including automotive technology, drafting, and environmental systems and refrigeration technology programs, and the bachelor of applied science in engineering technology. Career Launch endorsement requires students to complete work experience to finish their degree. It also pairs the programs with local industry leaders to help place and employ graduates. Local partners including Confluence Health, Washington State University, Chelan County PUD, US Aluminum Castings, Lamb Weston, SkillSource and the Apple STEM Network all wrote in support of the program’s endorsement.

In an endorsement letter, SkillSource wrote, “The proposed Career Launch will give these aspiring electrical and electronic engineers valuable work-based learning to complement their classroom instruction. This will not only improve their readiness and competitiveness for employment upon graduation, but will also benefit local employers who will have access to a greater talent pool.”



Photo taken pre-pandemic

BSN CAPSTONE

During the 2021 WVC nursing convocation, the North Central Washington Nursing Impact Award was given to WVC graduate Susanne Alexander of Twisp for completing work through a practicum experience that has the potential to have a lasting impact on the region. Susanne investigated COVID-19 infections rates among the Latinx community in Okanogan County, identified who is at most risk, and recommended culturally appropriate prevention strategies. Her research results are due to be published in an article, in co-authorship with Vince Sieman at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Each year, nursing student practicum projects address pressing needs in the community and create tools and plans for improvement.



Alyssa Humphrey

Bowers Gracey Allied Health
Scholarship

“This scholarship gave me everything. It allows me to focus on school and to become the best nurse I can be.”



Photo taken pre-pandemic

DIVERSITY & CULTURE

In 2020, WVC celebrated Native American Heritage Month with events on the Wenatchee and Omak campuses. The Department of Campus Life, Diversity & Equity partnered with NCW Libraries to present award-winning author Tommy Orange on Nov. 12 and the Red Road Association sponsored the film “The Winter’s Tale” and panelists on Nov. 30. The virtual panel event featured a robust group of intergenerational speakers including the film’s producer and director, a local geologist, Colville tribal members, Indigenous business owners, students and student government members.

In April, WVC student government and Campus Life partnered with YWCA to host the fifth annual Stand Against Racism event. The theme of the

event was “Racism as a Public Health Crisis.” It featured keynote speaker Teresa Zepeda on how COVID affected our Latinx populations, a panel of local health experts on health disparities and racism, and an anti-racism march.

**STAND
AGAINST
RACISM**

**eliminating racism
empowering women**
ywca



Belinda Brown Raub

ASWVC-Omak President

“Being in senate has never felt like a job to me but more of an honor. WVC at Omak has changed my life for the better, so I create diversified events to help change peoples’ perspectives. Creating an open dialog and showing vulnerability with others through laughter will break the cycle of hatred in our society.”

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

“These scholarships have given me the chance to continue to pursue my college education, and without them I would not be able to afford to attend college this year at all.”

Cassandra Lange

Henry, Rose and Lillian Prebble
Scholarship



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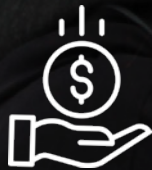
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TOTAL AWARDED
\$295,498.58

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL AWARDS

113



NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

65



TOTAL STUDENTS

92



SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

ALLIED HEALTH

18



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

8



UNRESTRICTED

16



OTHER

23



RECIPIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

FIRST GEN

53%

DREAMers/
UNDOCUMENTED

12%

PARENT/
GUARDIAN

24%

AGE 26+

33%

19

STUDENTS SUPPORTED

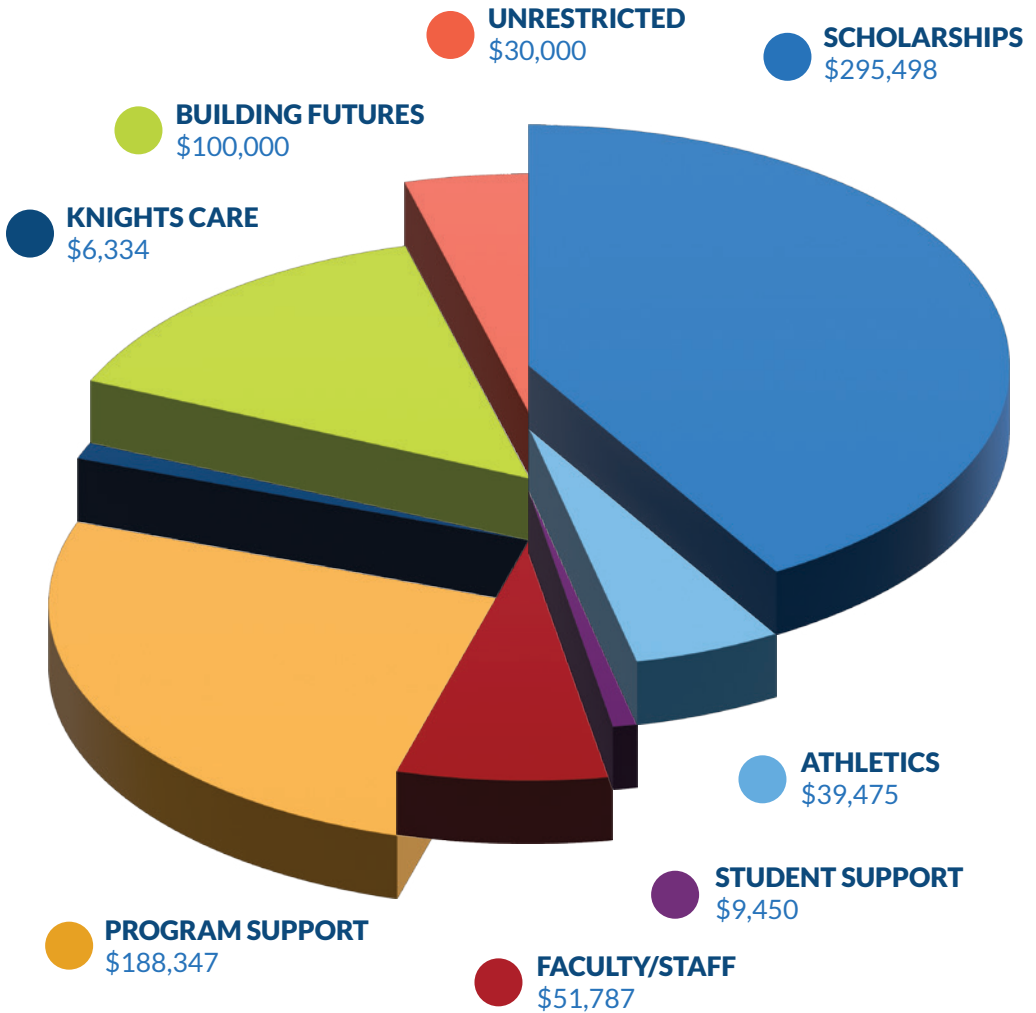
\$9,670

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\$722,628

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Junyuan Tian

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“I am so excited and really grateful that you offered me the scholarship. It definitely will help me a lot during this difficult time.”

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“This scholarship has blessed me in so many ways. I can continue in my educational career with excitement!”

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Gabriela Hernandez

Dream On Scholarship

“I would like to thank the donors that unselfishly aid students like me so we can reach our dreams.”

ATHLETICS UPDATE

For WVC Athletics 2020-21 proved to be a year of adapting and resilience for the coaches and athletes alike. All athletic competitions were postponed in fall 2020. Despite campus-wide closures, WVC athletes were still able to practice on campus following strict COVID protocols.

In spring, competition resumed in a limited capacity. Teams could only compete regionally and with no

postseason play. Five of seven WVC sports teams competed last spring, all simultaneously from March through May. Student athletes had a successful academic year as well, ending with a collective GPA over 3.0.





COOPRIDER NAMING

In October 2020, WVC Board of Trustees announced the naming of the Coopriider Sport Fields Complex. The complex, named after long-time coach and athletic director Sandy Coopriider, includes the Paul Thomas Sr. Baseball Stadium, North Rotary Fastpitch Field, Mike Hollis Soccer Field and the multipurpose field.

Coopriider retired from WVC in 2015 after 44 years. He taught, coached and served as the athletic director. He is a member of the WVC Athletics Hall of Fame and received a Distinguished Alumni Award. In 1983, he led the WVC football team on to win the NACC championship.

FOUNDATION AWARDS



Jaime Ramirez Hurtado
Distinguished Alumni Award



Sara Lippert
Outstanding Friend Award



Tamara Dezellem
Harvey Award

COLLEGE AWARDS



Alcoa Excellence in Teaching Award

Accelerated Pre-College English with Support



Linda Schultz Herzog Faculty of the Year Award

Dave Burns



Alcoa Classified Staff Award

Aimee Pope



Outstanding Exempt Staff Award

Chad Evans



Outstanding Part-Time Omak Faculty Award

Cindy Kraske



Outstanding Part-Time Omak Faculty Award

Loretta Stover



Outstanding Part-Time Wenatchee Faculty Award

David Hampton



Outstanding Part-Time Wenatchee Faculty Award

Joan Qazi



Anna Pieratt Spirit of WVC Award

All WVC Employees

WVC OMAK FOUNDATION

The WVC at Omak Foundation provides financial assistance and support to both students and programs at the WVC at Omak campus.

SCHOLARSHIPS & STUDENT AWARDS

Despite the challenges and adversities faced during the COVID 19 Pandemic, the WVC at Omak Foundation provided the following resources and assistance to students throughout our region. The WVC at Omak Foundation is grateful for the community support to help make these awards possible.

\$19,700	Scholarships
\$5000	Nelson Family Scholarships
\$9900	WVC at Omak Scholarships
\$1000	Okanogan Grange & WVC at Omak Match Scholarship
\$3800	1st Year Nursing Student Equipment Bag Scholarships
\$10,000	WVC at Omak Knights' Fund in response to COVID 19 and fire relief assistance
\$2000	Internet connections for students in Nespelem Area
\$1850	David A. Lindeblad Memorial
\$1800	Stipends to support the Omak Campus Tutor Center
\$1000	Gas cards for students
\$525	WVC at Omak Science Fair
\$240	Locally sourced guest speaker & presenter gifts

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