

# 2019-21 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

## Legislative Districts: 19, 20

### Overview

Lower Columbia College (LCC) was established in 1934, and is the only institution of higher education serving Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. LCC offers over 70 degree and certificate options in business, arts & communication, education, health & wellness, industrial trades, social science & humanities, and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

At a time when most jobs require education past high school, Lower Columbia College offers paths to solid careers. We are accessible to all kinds of students, are affordable, and are connected to both universities and local employers.

### Meet Clinton Howard



Clinton Howard was born addicted to drugs and dropped out of school in the eighth grade. After six years in prison, he enrolled at LCC to change his life. Today he is an award-winning honor student pursuing an advanced degree in organizational psychology.

### Return on Investment

Fully funding our 2019-2021 operating and capital budget requests will have real returns for students like Clinton and for the people and employers in our area. With full funding, our students will learn from exceptional instructors who will receive competitive compensation. They will reap the benefits of “Guided Pathways” – a redesign of course sequencing and advising that gives students a bright-line path into careers and universities. And, they will have more access to training in high-demand areas like nursing, allied health, information technology, computer science and advanced manufacturing.

The capital investments would fund design work for the Vocational and Transitional Studies project.



### Our Students

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Total headcount.....                  | 5,959 |
| Total full-time equivalent (FTE)..... | 3,164 |
| Full-time .....                       | 54%   |
| Part-time .....                       | 46%   |
| Students of color.....                | 29%   |

### Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$189 million is fully funded, Lower Columbia College would receive approximately \$4.4 million in additional funding.

### Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s capital request for \$627 million is fully funded Lower Columbia College will receive approximately \$3.4 million for operation, maintenance, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities and approximately \$3 million for design of the Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies project.

