Making More Room for Students to Live and Learn

Two major construction projects at Highline are creating new opportunities for students. Students seeking health care careers will soon learn in the state-of-the-art Health and Life Sciences Building. To create the new space, Highline’s Building 26 is undergoing a major renovation. Currently a 3-story concrete masonry structure, Building 26 will become an integrated, flexible learning environment needed to meet the growing demand for health care professionals. It is the college’s first significant capital project in more than a decade and will be its first LEED-certified building. It’s scheduled to open fall 2019. In Campus View at Highline Place, students have their first opportunity to live adjacent to campus in affordable, apartment-style units. Developed in a public-private partnership, the five-story building houses 160 students.

Partnership Puts Higher Education in Federal Way’s Future

Federal Way residents will soon be able to attend college classes in their community, thanks to a partnership between local government and educational institutions. Officials from the City of Federal Way, Federal Way Public Schools, University of Washington Tacoma and Highline College are working collaboratively to enhance access to higher education opportunities for those living in the city, particularly for first-generation and low-income students and adults too busy to leave the area for school.

Contributing to the Area’s Economic Development

Highline contributes to the economic development of South King County by providing no-cost business training and one-to-one technical assistance for new and existing businesses. Such assistance helps local businesses achieve sustainability and self-efficiency. In 2017, Highline provided 1,483 hours of service to more than 407 clients and helped launch 21 new businesses, create 41 new jobs, and generate $9.8 million in loans and investments. Businesses served report $3.4 million increase in revenue. Highline’s economic development initiatives include the Small Business Development Center and StartZone.