Olympic College Joins Achieving the Dream

In January 2018, Olympic College joined Achieving the Dream, a national network of more than 220 colleges, each committed to improving student success. Participating colleges have a laser focus on equity, closing achievement gaps, and increasing graduation rates with an emphasis on low-income students, first-generation students and students of color, groups that have been traditionally underserved at all colleges. Activities for 2018-19 center on data analysis, which will lead to program enhancements and implementation in 2019-20.

Weld Shop Renovations

The State Board for Community and Technical College’s 2019-21 Capital Budget Request includes $7.7 million to renovate the Bremerton Campus Welding Shop. OC’s welding programs are seeing tremendous growth, thanks in part to the completion of a new welding shop completed in August 2017 at the Shelton Campus, which is allowing the campus to double capacity in this program. Funding this project provides an opportunity for similar growth at the Bremerton campus, where OC is training highly-skilled workers to fill good paying jobs in Washington’s thriving maritime and manufacturing fields.

Early Childhood Education Partnership with WWU

We thank the state Legislature for its continued support of Olympic College’s university partnerships. In 2018, the Legislature funded an Early Childhood Education bachelor’s degree through Western Washington University’s Western on the Peninsulas, which creates another bachelor’s degree pathway for residents of Kitsap and Mason counties. Through partnerships with WWU and WSU, OC is able to offer students more than 15 different pathways into bachelor’s degree programs without having to leave Kitsap County, critical for community college students, many of whom are place bound due to family, work and budget constraints.