Expanding Capacity of Allied Health Program
Peninsula College is joining forces with health care providers in Clallam and Jefferson counties to grow their allied health programs as part of a pilot project to address a critical community need for registered nurses, medical assistants and certified nursing assistants. A proviso in the state budget allows increased support for program enrollment, helps students offset the cost of tuition and fees, increases preceptor and clinical opportunities and offers enhanced career advising and job placement services for students. It also creates a possibility for new programs in partnership with other rural community colleges.

Title III Grant Received
A $2.2 million federal Department of Education grant, awarded to Peninsula College in September, will enhance student success and academic quality. Some intended uses for the funds include: increasing retention, graduation and transfer — particularly for underserved students — establishing a new Career Pathways Center to improve students’ career readiness and employment success, establishing a Veteran’s Center, and creating a Center for Teaching and Learning.

The total cost of the Peninsula College PACE Project is $2,762,938, with the US Department of Education funding 81 percent of total costs ($2,227,618), and Peninsula College contributing the remaining 19 percent ($535,320) of project costs.

Inmate Laptop Project
1,000 laptops were ordered for the correction system statewide this year through the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. 150 of the units are earmarked for Peninsula College. In class, the laptops will be plugged into a sync station to upload homework for grading and to download more work. These custom Wi-Fi, camera and microphone-free computers allow students more time to complete their work outside of class. PC’s Ray Pulsipher is the lead technical advisor on the project and wrote the software for the program. Beta testing is currently underway so the units can hopefully be deployed this academic year.