Wenatchee Valley College Partners with Colville Tribes

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation received the Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) Partner of the Year Award in 2018. The Colville Tribes were nominated by WVC for its role in building support for community and technical colleges. They partnered with WVC to create the first Washington State Indian Education Summer Teaching Institute in 2016, offer the Early Childhood Education short-term certificate in Nespelem, offer High School 21+ and college core classes in Nespelem, and make Running Start more accessible to students. The Colville Tribes are also working with WVC and UW to develop and create an American Indian Studies program.

College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Celebrates 10 Years

CAMP is a federally funded program designed to help students from migrant/seasonal farm working backgrounds during their first year of college. The program launched at WVC in 2009 and offers academic assistance, advising and career planning. CAMP also specializes in transfer assistance, in the form of college visits, mentorship and more. Each year, over 70 percent of graduating CAMP students transfer to a university. CAMP serves about 60 students per year, and has served a total of 553 students since its launch.

Job Creation: RN to BSN Program

The college launched its first two bachelor’s of applied science degrees last year. In August, 19 students graduated from the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program. Our region has a shortage of bachelor’s-prepared nurses: 26 percent are bachelor’s prepared, the lowest in the state. There is a nationwide push in the nursing industry for 80 percent of nurses to have a bachelor’s degree by 2020. WVC’s program has dozens of community partners, including most major medical facilities in the region, school districts and others. These partners sit on advisory committees and host students for visits and clinicals.