Focused on Equity | Innovations at Skagit Valley College Put Students on the STEM Pathway

Our Strategic Plan Core Themes of Equity in Access, Achievement and Community are at the heart of our work at Skagit Valley College. These themes help the college identify new program innovations and view them with a mindset of equity. Thanks to a $648,000 National Science Foundation grant, SVC’s new Cardinal STEM Scholars Program awards up to $5,700 per year to qualified applicants, including first generation and underrepresented students majoring in science, technology, engineering and math. We are thrilled that the first cohort of 11 Cardinal STEM Scholars began their pathway in fall 2019. SVC is also offering a new pre-engineering transfer degree to support the demand for highly skilled professionals in chemical, industrial, mechanical and civil engineering.

Removing Barriers | College and Community to Bring Childcare to Campus

SVC is proud to announce it has reached its $2.9 million campaign goal to build an Early Learning Center. The campaign’s success was made possible with the help of community leaders and donors, as well as a Head Start grant, in partnership with the SVC Foundation. The center will include classrooms and learning labs for Early Childhood Education students, and the Childcare Center will be operated by SVC’s Skagit/Islands Head Start program. It is anticipated that 55 childcare slots will be available to students, employees and the community.

Meeting Community Needs | New Dental Health Aide Therapy Program Supports Tribal Needs

In collaboration with the Swinomish Dental Clinic, SVC will be the first community college in the lower 48 states to offer an associate degree in Dental Health Aide Therapy. The program will prepare graduates to become innovative providers engaging in dental health initiatives and improving access to quality oral health care services for under-served populations, with an emphasis on American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) communities. The program is expected to begin in fall 2020.