Supporting the Whole Student
Tacoma Community College finds innovative ways to help our busy students stay in school and complete their programs. The Max and Margi Harned Titan Food Pantry, originally started as a class project by two business students, addresses food insecurity on campus. TCC partners with Pierce Transit to offer discounted quarterly bus passes for students. The College Housing Assistance Program, a partnership with the Tacoma Housing Authority which helps students experiencing housing insecurity, was recently named an Excellence in Affordable Housing Innovation Award winner by the Tacoma/Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium.

Building Learning Communities
Students in TCC’s Learning Communities begin their college experience in cohorts, taking two or more core classes together and developing strong support networks that include their fellow students, peer mentors and professors. Serving more than 400 students per quarter, TCC Learning Communities such as “STARS” and “Research Scholars” allow instructors to work together to create connections between classes and assignments, then explore those connections with students.

Creating a Pathway to Applied Management
Graduates of professional-technical degree programs (Associate of Applied Science degrees) now have access to bachelor-level education with TCC’s new Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Applied Management. The program, which launched in fall 2019, is the first of its kind in Pierce County. Created to be open, accessible and equitable for all students, the Applied Management BAS was designed to allow working students to continue their careers while achieving a four-year degree. And the pathway doesn’t stop there. Students who want to go into an MBA program can continue on to Western Governor’s University (WGU).