Cascadia Scholars
Program Coming Fall 2021

A new program designed to holistically support, mentor and coach BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color) students during their time at Cascadia College launches fall 2021. Selected students will meet bi-weekly as a cohort throughout the entire academic year, where they will be connected to different mentors from Cascadia and the greater Seattle community. The program will involve wraparound services that consist of direct connections to the Bock Learning Center, academic advising, and an Equity and Inclusion coach. The goal of Cascadia Scholars is to close the achievement gap and raise the graduation and retention rates among BIPOC students at Cascadia.

Equity, Diversity, and Power ... a Requirement

Because we stand for diversity, equity, inclusion and responsiveness, our students explore these issues in their two course, 10-credit Equity, Diversity and Power (EDP) requirement. One five credit “150” course (Communication Studies, Sociology, History, Global Studies or Humanities) grounds students in the needed cognitive tools and background to critically analyze their evolving positions in society, while their second five credit course applies EDP outcomes to academic disciplines. In fulfilling the EDP requirement, students learn how local and global systems of power, privilege and inequality are created and maintained, while they learn how individuals, communities, societies and cultures are impacted by these systems and explore strategies for equitable change.

More from STEM 4

Cascadia College and University of Washington Bothell are in the process of designing their first shared academic building. The new building, tentatively called STEM 4, is split 50/50 between the two institutions. The 75,000-square-foot building will house new science and tech labs, as well as general classrooms, faculty office spaces, and student gathering and study areas. The project is creating opportunities for faculty interaction across both institutions and for streamlining student pathways in STEM fields.