



# WASHINGTON'S COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

2024 Fall Counselor Workshops

Washington Council for High School-College Relations

# ONE SYSTEM. 34 COLLEGES. UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.



29 community colleges and 5 technical colleges

## SBCTC Mission and Vision

We challenge, empower and embolden ourselves and our colleges to deliver equitable higher education through anti racist policies that ensure economic vitality across Washington.

Leading with racial equity, our colleges maximize student potential and transform lives within a culture of belonging that advances racial, social, and economic justice in service to our diverse communities.”

# HOW DO WE SUPPORT YOUR WORK AND YOUR STUDENTS?

- Running Start and other dual enrollment options
- Post-secondary enrollment options –workforce, transfer, Bachelor of Applied Science, and apprenticeships
- Quality, affordable, community based choice for students

# TOP FACTS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

- **Economic Mobility and Roads to Success** - Our colleges provide education and training leading to well-paying jobs, career mobility and university transfer.
- **Diverse Student Body** - half of our system enrollment is comprised of students of color
- **Accessible and Affordable** - open enrollment for most of our programs with support to apply for those with more competitive admission standards.
- **Recognition for Academic Excellence** - the Aspen Prize, one of the top national honors for community colleges, has recognized many of our colleges in their biennial award cycle.

# KEY INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- Financial Aid Outreach Pilot (HB 1835) Expansion
- Guided Pathways work continues to examine improving successful credential completion while reducing time to degree
- Placement options are continuing to expand colleges are offering more support opportunities for students in entry college level courses
- Expanded BAS and BS programs

# Dual Credit Updates and Resources

- Summer Running Start
- College in the High School - no student fees
- Dual Credit Webinar- October 23rd, 9:30am-11:00am
- [Running Start Listserv](#)

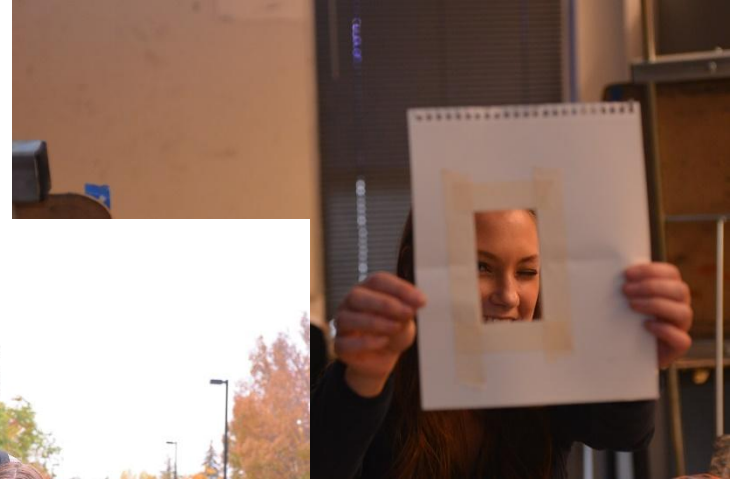


# Financial aid updates in sector

- 2024-25 Financial Aid Processing has been consistent and in-line with prior years
  - 70% of the 34 colleges in our system have summer quarter as the first financial aid term
  - College financial aid offices adjusted hours and prioritized processing throughout the summer.



# Final comments



# FIND OUT MORE

- Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges: [sbctc.edu](https://sbctc.edu)
- College websites
- Degree, certificate and apprenticeship options
- Program and location search
- Ways to pay for college



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