

Higher Education Alliance: Vision for Student Success

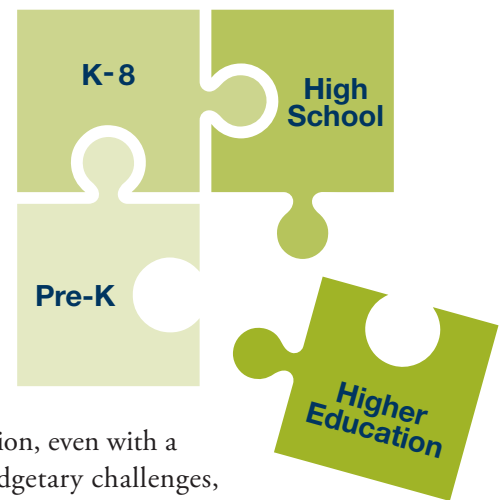
Community colleges, public universities, students, staff, and faculty are united in our support for a state budget that funds Oregon's education system, from **cradle to career**.

To achieve financial stability for students and schools, additional revenue is required. If Oregon is serious about addressing big challenges like improving our high school graduation rate, reducing student debt, achieving greater economic fairness, supporting classrooms, and creating better opportunities for businesses to flourish, we must increase the size of the pie.

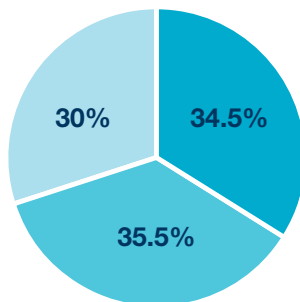
Our goal is simple: Any student, regardless of their background who wants to attend college has access to that opportunity, with the support required to succeed once they walk through our doors, and that they graduate in a timely manner, without taking on a lifetime of debt.

Each dollar allocated beyond above base funding will go directly toward further lowering tuition hikes, reducing student debt, enhancing academic and career advising. This will move the needle on raising graduation rates, expanding resources for underrepresented communities, and improving industry-driven CTE and STEM programs.

Education needs every piece of the puzzle to support Oregon families and our growing economy.



Oregon funding for higher education is still lower than it was before the Great Recession, even with a thriving economy. Notwithstanding failure to resolve the federal government's budgetary challenges, the U.S. economy will grow from 140 million to 165 million jobs by 2020.



In 2020 job openings will:

- 34.5%** Require at least a bachelor's degree
- 35.5%** Not require education beyond high school
- 30%** Require some college or an associate's degree

Georgetown Job Growth Study



Higher education is a pathway out of poverty, especially for those who come from historically underrepresented backgrounds or are the first in their family to attend college.

What's at stake is simple: We need an additional \$120 million for public universities and \$77 million for community colleges (above the 2017-19 LAB). Without meeting basic CSL institutions will face a significant shortfall that can only be closed with a combination of huge tuition increases and cuts to services, programs, and faculty and staff. This will close the doors for our students across the state and hurt the economy. Alternatively, to truly curb tuition costs and focus on student success, institutions projected to the HECC last June that they would need allocations of **\$263.1 million for public universities and \$216.7 million for community colleges** above the 2017-19 LAB.

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