



the evergreen
state college

2017–2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Evergreen continues to be mindful of the budget constraints and competing priorities facing Washington state. You can invest with confidence in Evergreen, a college known for going beyond and providing its students with an exemplary interdisciplinary education. Here's how your valued partnership will allow us to provide an even better liberal arts education for students in Washington.

STEM and High-Demand Science Career Pathways—\$1.4 million

Evergreen will address the surging demand for STEM and high-demand science graduates in today's workforce from a student-centered approach. With your help, we will provide 20 scholarships for our science students. We'll also beef up STEM and high-demand focused academic counseling, tutoring services and curricular options to ensure each student has the foundational coursework needed to be successful in their studies and thrive at Evergreen. We have piloted this program with support from the National Science Foundation and know that it will significantly increase retention and degree completion in STEM fields.

Student Success Initiatives—\$1.05 million

Your investment will serve our most vulnerable student populations in four key ways:

Expand peer mentoring. Evergreen currently provides 180 first-time, first-year students with a successful student mentor who offers academic, social, and personal support as well as help navigating the Evergreen environment. With your help, Evergreen will expand this program to all 726 such students.

This program is modeled on our long-standing, successful TRiO Program.

Hire a student retention manager. This staff member will provide leadership to ensure our students receive the help needed to overcome challenges that could hold them back from academic success.

Expand First Peoples Scholars. This program brings first-year and transfer students to campus prior to orientation for a program that focuses on building community. Participants enjoy a 93 percent retention rate and experience a smoother transition to life at Evergreen. With your help, we can double the program's capacity to 50 students.

Bolster the Multicultural Center and LGBTQ Center. In an effort to build and enhance programs that improve outcomes for Evergreen's diverse student population, we will employ a full-time permanent staff member for the new LGBTQ Center along with additional student employees to support both centers.

Teacher Preparation Program—\$300,000

Evergreen will help solve our state's critical shortage of qualified K–12 teachers by doubling the graduating class of our renowned Master in Teaching (MiT) program, which boasted a 100 percent placement rate in 2016. By hiring three additional faculty, we will create a five-year track to equip future teachers with a

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WE SUPPORT WASHINGTON COMPETES

Evergreen, along with Washington's five public four-year universities, strongly supports Washington Competes, a proposal to strengthen the state's competitive edge by bolstering degree production, student success, and educational quality.

Our plan includes:

- Targeting investments in degrees to meet state demand.
- Ensuring students have the resources to graduate.
- Giving students the credentials they need to excel in a competitive labor market.

bachelor's degree, an MiT degree, and the requisite credentials to enter a classroom in Washington prepared to be a highly effective, culturally competent teacher.

Maintenance and Operations—\$730,000

The size of Evergreen's custodial staff is currently far below national standards given the number of square feet that the college maintains. By hiring seven additional custodial staff, Evergreen will protect the state's investment, extend the life of its facilities, and provide a well maintained, more welcoming learning environment for our students.

Faculty and Staff Development—\$1.7 million

To ensure that Evergreen faculty and staff adapt to changing student needs and to create a structure for continuous engagement and improvement, Evergreen will establish a Teaching and Learning Center. The center will provide faculty and staff development opportunities and support effective teaching and learning that will promote the success of our students in terms of retention, persistence, and graduation.

Want to know more?

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EVERGREEN by the numbers

Did you know? Evergreen has been named the **#1 Innovative Regional University in the West** by **U.S. News & World Report!** Your support goes a long way toward making Evergreen a top-notch learning community for our students. Here are some more impressive facts about our students and alumni:

In 2014–15,
**EVERGREEN
STUDENTS**
took part in

791
INTERNSHIPS

535
alumni-created
BUSINESSES
in the state of Washington

88
National Science
FOUNDATION
Grants have been
awarded for faculty
& student research

14%
of alumni are employed in
high-demand science fields.
Evergreen is preparing students for
the emerging green economy.