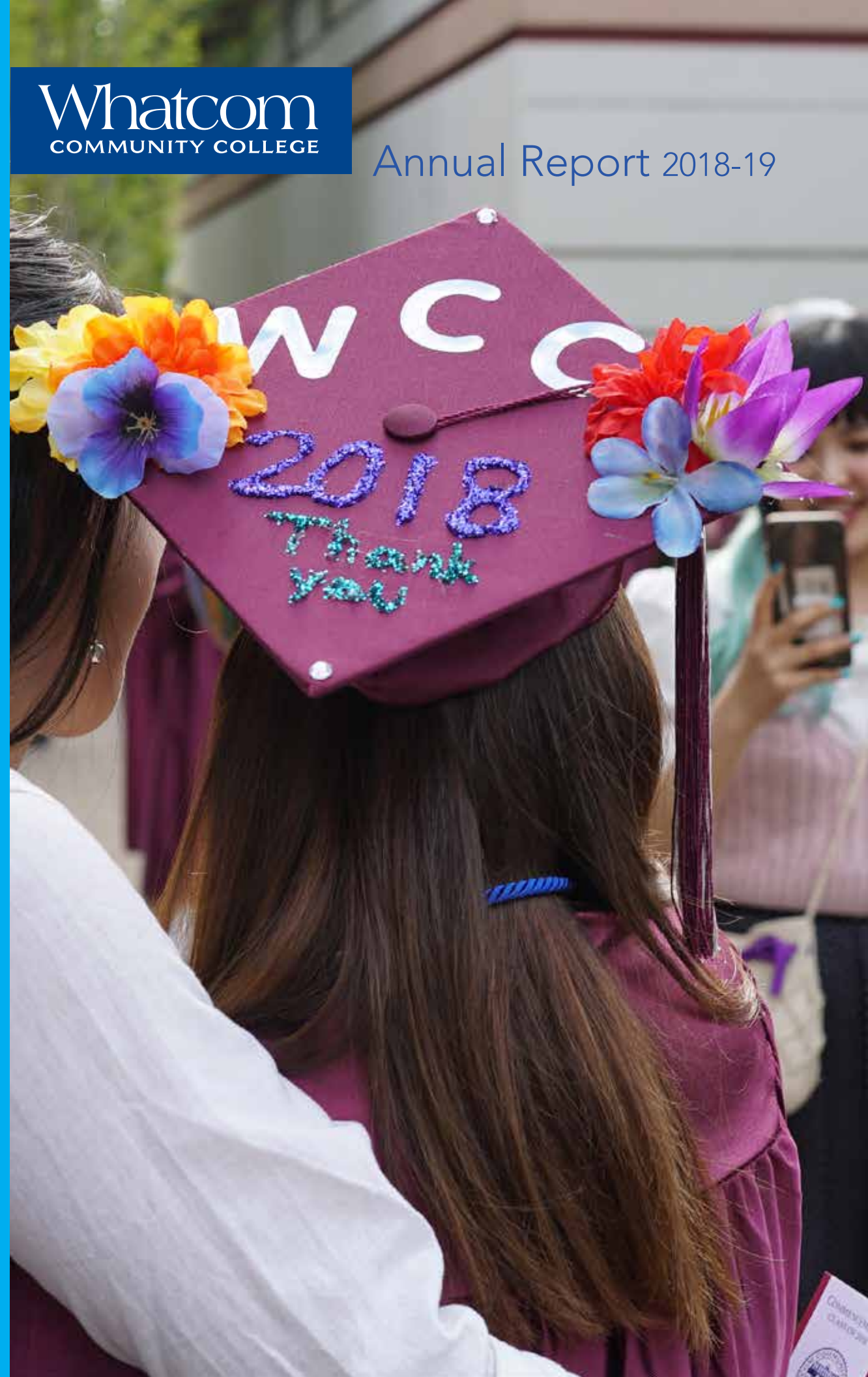


95%

of graduates would recommend
WCC to a friend
(WCC graduation survey, 2018)



About Whatcom

Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Wash. is regularly recognized as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute. The College, a destination for cybersecurity, healthcare and business studies, offers a four-year bachelor of applied science degree, transfer degrees, career preparation, online courses and community education classes. WCC's accomplished faculty and staff serve 11,000 students annually.

Core Themes

Achieving Success | Building Community | Advancing Equity | Enhancing Effectiveness

Mission

Whatcom Community College contributes to the vitality of its communities by providing quality education in academic transfer, professional-technical, and lifelong learning, preparing students for active citizenship in a global society.

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Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons

The Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons will incorporate a library, instructional technology, collaboration and study spaces, and learning centers that support students in math and English success. Scheduled completion summer 2020.



Student Residence Hall

Construction to WCC's first on-campus residence hall began in September. The 90,000-square-foot building, which is scheduled to be complete in 2020, will be four stories and house about 230 students.



Whatcom has done an amazing job at providing on-campus resources where students can get help.

I love this school.

-2018 graduate

1



bachelor degree

23



associate degrees

29



academic programs

40



certificates

We meet our students where they are and put them on the path to a

BETTER FUTURE

-Kathi Hiyane-Brown, WCC President

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018



Awarded **\$5 million** from National Science Foundation to improve STEM education and cybersecurity



Awarded **\$2.25 million** from U.S. Department of Education to strengthen teaching and learning, student success



Awarded **\$770,000** from Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) for healthcare and aerospace training



Broke ground on the **Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons** and WCC's **FIRST** student housing complex



WCC Foundation endowments have grown over **\$2.1 million**

A Message From Our President



Dear Friends,

At Whatcom Community College, we are focused on student success. We help our students discover their strengths, explore their academic options, and meet their educational goals. Whether you need a short-term certificate, personal enrichment class, career preparation, transfer degree, or a bachelor of applied science degree, Whatcom is here to serve you.

The College's grant awards are an excellent reflection of our commitment to students. WCC was approved for more than \$7 million in grant funding in the last academic year. Over the multi-year span of the grants, the total comes to more than \$15 million in funding to improve important initiatives in healthcare, aerospace, STEM, cybersecurity, and student success.

Whatcom students graduate at rates higher than their peers at other community and technical colleges. And after WCC, their future is bright. We work directly with local industry leaders so graduates' skills and strengths are aligned with what employers need.

Supporting today's students requires us to think differently. It requires campus-wide collaboration and commitment from our talented faculty and staff. But that's the spirit of community college, and especially WCC. We meet our students where they are and put them on the path to a better future.

I invite you to read the following pages, and learn more about our student successes, faculty and staff excellence, and exciting new initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathi Hiyane-Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Ed.D.

President, Whatcom Community College



Our Demographics

11,195 STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY

4,039 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT* *One full-time equivalent (FTE) student is the equivalent of one student enrolled in 15 credits per quarter

18:1 STUDENT FACULTY RATIO

1,111 RUNNING START STUDENTS from local high schools

229 VETERANS

31% STUDENTS OF COLOR

502 EMPLOYEES

36% FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

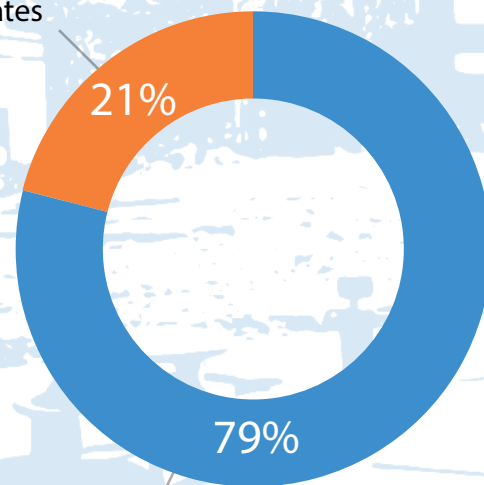
366 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 30 COUNTRIES

70 STUDENT ATHLETES

More than half of the 740,000 job openings in 2021 will require education past high school.

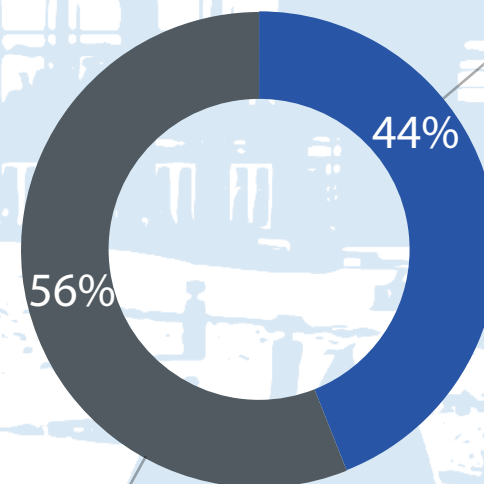
(Washington Roundtable, 2016)

Pursuing professional-technical degrees or certificates



Pursuing transfer degrees

Male



Female

"I think WCC has done an amazing job of creating an inviting and inclusive environment."

-2018 graduate

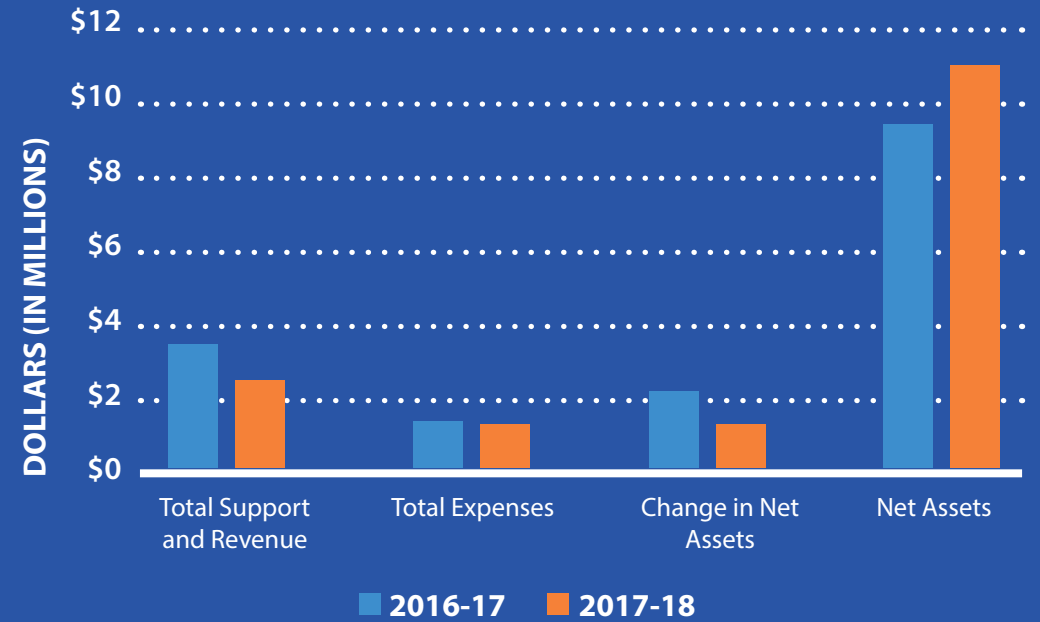
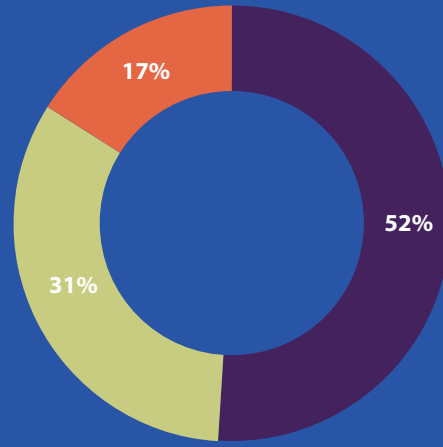
Our Financials 2017-18

Whatcom Community College

WCC Foundation

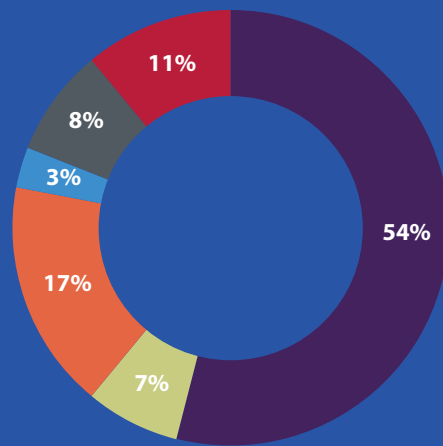
Operating Revenues

State Allocation.....	\$13,754,530
Student Tuition and Fees.....	\$7,280,906
Local Funds & WCCF.....	\$4,950,000

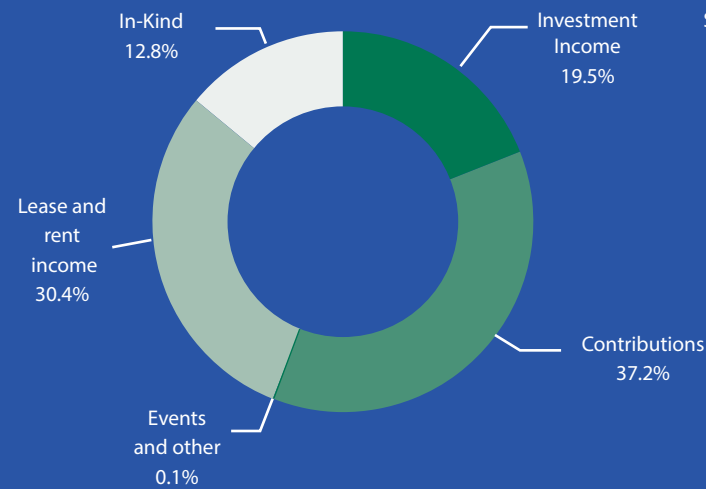


Operating Expenditures

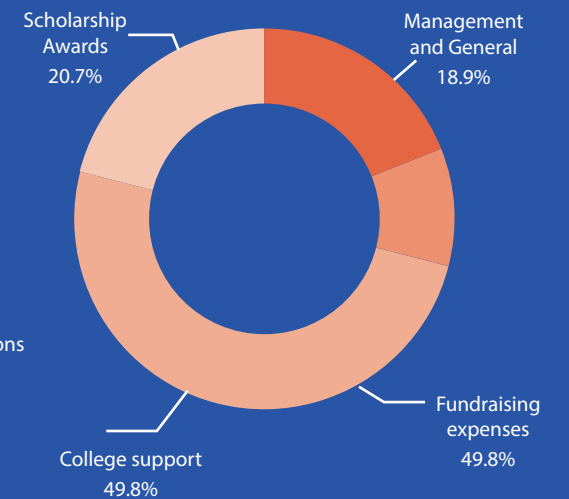
Instruction.....	\$14,074,333
Instructional Administration.....	\$1,548,975
Student Services.....	\$4,568,812
<i>(Registration/Testing/Counseling/Outreach/Assessment/Advising/Financial Aid/Student Life)</i>	
Library Services.....	\$789,358
Institutional Management.....	\$2,095,689
<i>(President's Office/Research/Advancement & Foundation/Staff Development/Facilities, Equipment & Program Development)</i>	
Administrative Services.....	\$2,908,269
<i>(Human Resources/Business Office/Information Technology/Facilities Management/Institutional Costs, etc.)</i>	



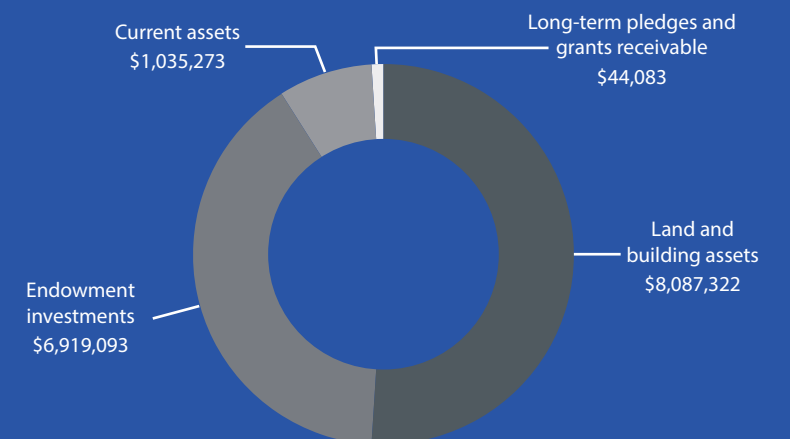
2017-18 Revenue and Support



2017-18 Expenses



WCC Foundation assets grew to **\$16.1 million** in 2017-2018.



OurStudents

EMMANUEL VALENCIA

2019 All-Washington Academic Team
Joyce and David Morse and "Thank You for Your Service" scholarship recipient
Studying engineering

WHATCOM'S
230
veterans
annually
STUDENTS

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I applied the discipline and drive I learned in the military and combined it with the work ethic my parents exemplified to succeed as a student.

Manny, a United States Navy veteran, has come a long way since he first enrolled in remedial math at WCC several years ago. Now, he is excelling in one of the highest math courses the College offers and working as a math tutor and engineering mentor, helping students in English and Spanish.

One of Manny's career goals is to combine his fascination with cars (his father was an auto-technician) with his desire to improve the environment and research affordable fossil fuel alternatives. Because of his passion for the subject and proven academic excellence, Manny was selected to participate in a summer research project at the Advanced Material Science and Engineering Center (AMSEC). There he gained hands-on experience testing various methods of desulfurizing diesel. Manny plans to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Washington.



Diversity and excellence go hand in hand at Whatcom. A diverse student body offers students a culturally rich experience that better prepares them for life beyond college. The WCC Foundation is committed to advancing equity and excellence through scholarships and awards that support our diverse student body. "Thank You for Your Service" awards have helped the College retain outstanding student veterans who face significant economic and educational hurdles.



ALEJANDRA HOBI

*2019 All-Washington Academic Team
Studying visual communications*

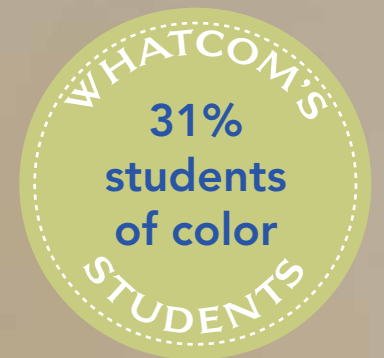
Alejandra is one of the WCC students selected for the 2019 All-Washington Academic Team. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA while balancing her roles of full-time student, Phi Theta Kappa honor society member, mother of two young daughters, Writing Center tutor, and the director of club events for the associated students of WCC. Originally from Mexico City, she is incredibly proud of her U.S. citizenship, which she earned in 2019. Outside of Whatcom, Alejandra is very involved in her children's PTA, where she helps translate material for Spanish-speaking families. She is passionate about helping people and telling their stories through typography, color, and graphic design. She plans to transfer to Western Washington University to continue her visual communications studies and hopes to one day earn a doctorate degree.



The Foundation's Fund for Excellence makes a lasting impact on our campus and throughout our community. Because it is unrestricted, the dollars raised through the Fund for Excellence go directly to where the need is greatest. Whether implementing new curriculum, leveraging student research, or supporting key services like the Tutoring Center, gifts to the Fund for Excellence are critical. Student tutors spend countless hours helping their fellow students master math and reading skills, and many volunteer in our community practicing these same skills in their families, churches and social organizations.

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I enrolled at WCC as a 38 year old Hispanic woman, a wife, and the mother of two little girls, returning to school after 14 years. I felt nervous, but the nurturing and supportive culture at WCC allowed me to flourish as a student and a member of the college community.



CAMRON MILLER

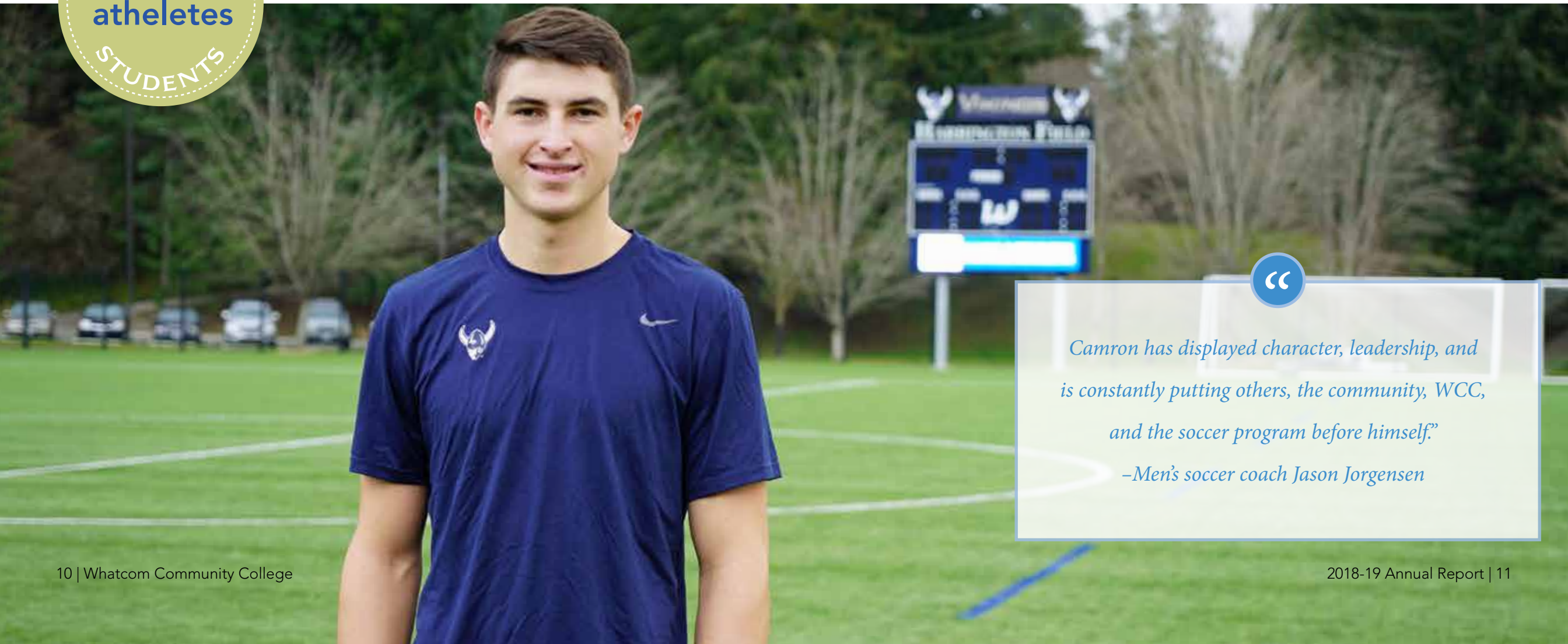
*2018 Junior College Men's Scholar All-America Team
WCC athletics scholarship recipient
Studying business*

Student athlete Camron Miller was selected to the 2018 Junior College Men's Scholar All-America Team by the United Soccer Coaches Association based on his athletic abilities, academic excellence and team contributions. He is the first athlete in College history to be honored with the award, and it could not have gone to a more deserving recipient. WCC men's soccer coach Jason Jorgensen said Camron embodies what it means to be a "complete champion" and excels on and off the field. Camron has been honored with numerous awards by the Northwest Athletic Conference and helped the Orcas finish first in their division and second overall last season.

Camron recently transferred to Western Washington University to continue his athletic and academic career.



Intercollegiate athletics provides a variety of learning experiences for students and helps build pride and a sense of community for WCC. The College supports men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, and women's volleyball.



Camron has displayed character, leadership, and is constantly putting others, the community, WCC, and the soccer program before himself."

-Men's soccer coach Jason Jorgensen

JESSE HOFMAN

*Linda Langey Memorial Scholarship recipient
Studying nursing*

Described as “diligent, responsible, conscientious, and capable,” Jesse recently completed his first year of WCC’s nursing program. He said he developed a passion for the medical field while serving as a volunteer firefighter and EMT over the past five years in Whatcom County. In addition to gaining acceptance to WCC’s rigorous nursing program, Jesse counts his proudest accomplishment as participating in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb fundraiser, which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

After Whatcom, Jesse plans to pursue a BSN (bachelors of science in nursing) and continue to volunteer as an EMT and firefighter. Eventually he’d like to work as a travel nurse, helping others around the world.



Jesse is this year’s Linda Langey Memorial Scholarship recipient. When his wife Linda passed away in 2016, Michael Langey established this scholarship to honor her legacy. Michael has been a Whatcom supporter since he served as director of student programs and athletics at WCC from 2003-2009, and he’s been on the Foundation board since 2010.

WHATCOM'S
100% nursing
license exam
pass rate
STUDENTS

90% of the nursing class of 2018 were employed in the healthcare industry within four months of graduating



RUKHSAR SADAT

*2019 All-Washington Academic Team
Cordata Neighborhood Association Scholarship
Studying family and immigration law*



Rukhsar's family were refugees and emigrated from Afghanistan shortly before 9/11. When Rukhsar was in first grade and learning English, she helped her mother become a U.S. citizen. She said that process ignited her interest in family and immigration law, which she plans to pursue at the University of Washington. Rukhsar began her journey at WCC as a Running Start student, earning college credit while still in high school. She recently graduated from Whatcom, with honors, earning both her high school diploma and associate in arts and sciences degree.

At WCC, Rukhsar was instrumental in starting the Muslim Student Association and was active in Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the Orca Food Pantry, Simpson Intercultural Center, and ASWCC Social Justice Committee.



The Foundation's Fund for Excellence provides funding for the operation of the Simpson Intercultural Center each year. The Center provides a welcoming space on campus for students to explore their identities, find community, and work toward social justice. The Simpson Intercultural Center seeks to foster intercultural awareness, inclusiveness and respect for all in the Whatcom community. The programs center on racial and ethnic identity and also provide perspectives on multiple aspects of identity.



The idea of family law intrigues me because often in the justice system, the voices of our youth are neglected, and I want to be a representative for those voices. The multiple scholarships I received from WCC have allowed me to overcome my family's financial barriers and pursue this dream.

Our Faculty and Staff



Justin Ericksen
Full-Time Faculty Excellence Award

Justin Ericksen has served as a full-time faculty member of English since 2014. He is a proud champion of cross-departmental collaboration, and his letters of support from faculty, staff, and students reflect this commitment. Students praise him for his support, patience, and responsiveness.



Janis Velasquez-Farmer
Exempt Staff Excellence Award

Janis has been the College's associate registrar since 2013. She is a leader for Whatcom's Equity Project initiatives, co-chaired the strategic planning steering committee, and serves on numerous other committees and learning communities, helping to advance campus equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as streamlining registration processes for students and faculty.



Erin Graham
Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award

Erin has served as an adjunct faculty member of psychology since 2013. Students praise her willingness to go above and beyond to assist them with understanding concepts, as well as providing substantive feedback so they can fine-tune their learning.



Snezana Buric
Classified Staff Excellence Award

Snezana has been WCC's fiscal specialist for the last five years, ensuring interactions with the Business Office are enjoyable, easy and efficient. Snezana excels at suggesting new and creative ways to solve challenges. It's employees like Snezana who help WCC accomplish critical behind-the-scenes work, so we can serve our students and community better.



“The majority of the faculty I had during my WCC academic career were exceptional. Overall, I thank WCC for the experiences and teaching I received... I have learned an incredible amount.

Thank you.” –2018 graduate



WCC is fortunate to have faculty, classified and exempt employees who exhibit outstanding qualities and who are committed to the success and future of the College. With financial support from the WCC Foundation, Whatcom has established annual recognition awards for each of these three groups of employees. Congratulations to the 2018 honorees.

94%

of WCC graduates
said exams and
projects challenged
them to do their



BEST WORK

(WCC graduation survey, 2018)

Our Foundation

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Whatcom Community College is a place of opportunity, outstanding achievement and sometimes second chances, often in the face of enormous odds. With a devoted faculty and staff committed to student success, WCC offers an experience unparalleled at comparable educational institutions.

The goal of the Foundation is to ensure access to higher education for students from all backgrounds, and to promote academic innovation and excellence on our campus. Thanks to our generous donors, more students are discovering and achieving their dreams at Whatcom.

At WCC, 60% of our students need financial assistance. Learn how you can help WCC achieve success at whatcom.edu/foundation.



80%

**of WCC's professional-
technical students
employed or enrolled at
another institution within
nine months of graduation
(SBCTC, 2016-17)**