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Presentation Outline

- Current initiatives, projects, and highlights
- 2016 legislative priorities
- Long-term issues and trends



College & University Highlights

- CWU first-year enrollment jumped by 21% (93% of which are Washington residents)
- EWU provided financial assistance to students affected by last year's wildfires
- Evergreen alum Nathan Gibbs-Bowling named one of four finalists for 2016 National Teacher of the Year



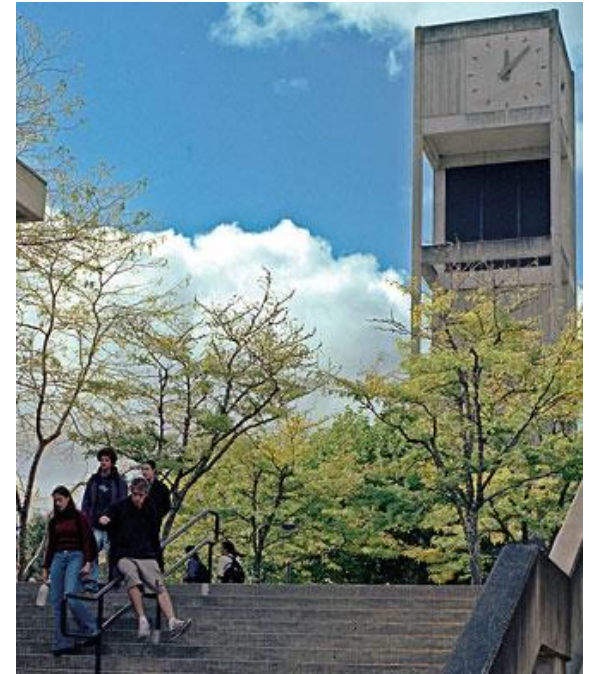
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College & University Highlights

- **UW & Tsinghua University in China partnered together to create the Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) in Bellevue**
- **WSU enrollment sets record, with growth on all campuses**
- **WWU ranked as the top public university of its type in the West on its list of highly ranked universities that operate most efficiently**

Current Initiatives – Legislatively Related

- **Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force**
- **Capital Scoring Work Group**
- **Technical Tuition Work Group**
- **Teacher Preparation Discussions**
- **Operational Efficiency Work Group**



Current Initiatives – Partnerships

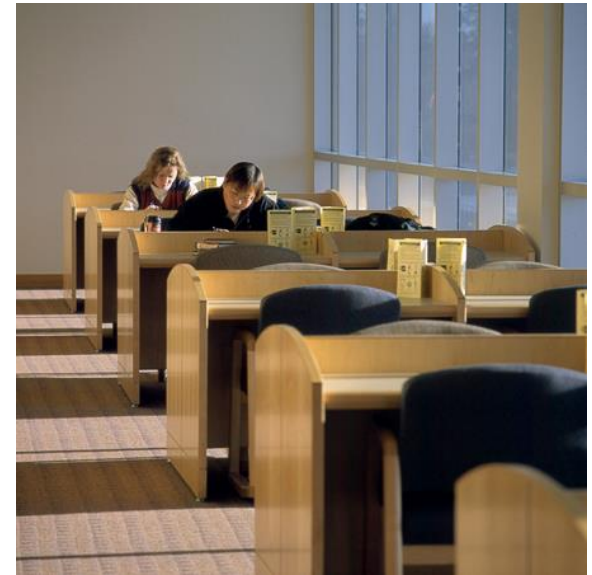
- **Aligning high school graduation and college entrance requirements**
- **Updated public four-year dashboard**
- **Transfer/Prior Learning Assessment initiatives**
- **Washington STEM Alliance**
- **Washington Consortium for the Liberal Arts (WaCLA)**

Current Initiatives – Partnerships

- **Washington Student Achievement Council projects and work groups**
- **Implementing recent dual credit/enrollment legislation**
- **Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act implementation**
- **Federal Every Student Succeeds Act implementation**

2016 Legislative Agenda

- **Maintain 2015 investments**
- **Operational efficiency legislation**
- **Continue alignment between appropriations and tuition policy (College Affordability Program)**
- **Looking towards the future**



Long-Term Issues & Trends

- **Stable, predictable state funding and tuition policy to support student access and affordability and institutional quality**
- **Cradle to career pipeline**
- **Fully funding the State Need Grant**
- **Radically changing demographics**
- **Federal Higher Education Act reauthorization**

