

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 8, 9, 15, 16

Overview

Columbia Basin College (CBC) serves the residents of Benton and Franklin counties through a comprehensive offering of programs from welding to nursing to STEM. Students gain skills for the workforce, obtain associate degrees to transfer to four-year universities, enroll in a choice of eight applied bachelor programs, and take classes to learn English and prepare for college-level work.

Meet David Saldana



David Saldana skipped the typical childhood goals of becoming a firefighter and went right to wanting to work for NASA. He always had his head buried in a book and found a love for math and science. As the son of a single mom, who was an early childhood educator, David did not have an easy path, he just needed a chance. That chance came in the form of a connection to our CBC Foundation’s Scholarship program. David is currently

enrolled in CBC’s Engineering program and looks forward to working for NASA.

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like David Saldana and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Columbia Basin College rather than pursue higher paying positions with private employers or K-12 schools. Our students will train for careers in robust workforce programs, with modern equipment and learning spaces that mirror their future work environments. We will be able to expand technology to bring a college education to more people in more ways, which is especially important for working adults. And, all our students will benefit from an inclusive environment where they are valued, supported and equipped to reach their goals.

Columbia Basin College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities and to design and build both a replacement for the Performing Arts building and a new Center for Applied Science and Agriculture.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	9,600
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	5,095
Full-time	52%
Part-time	48%
Students of color.....	56%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Columbia Basin College will receive approximately \$7.0 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Columbia Basin College will receive approximately \$7,590,000 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, \$44,505,000 for design and construction of the Performing Arts building replacement, and \$49,840,000 for design and construction of the Center for Applied Science and Agriculture.

