

# 2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 23, 26, 35

## Overview

At Olympic College, we move mountains. Our students are high achievers who graduate from our programs and go on to become community leaders. Our diversity and social justice graduation requirement prepares these students to lead responsibly with critical skills for examining topics such as race, class, gender, sexuality, ability and sustainability. With cutting-edge programs and facilities, our students learn in a world-class environment. Employees of Olympic College are hyper-focused on students and their success, which is at the heart of all that we do. We welcome students from all walks of life to reach new heights at Olympic College.

## Meet Levi Pixton



This past summer, Olympic College student Levi Pixton won the Statewide Inspirational Speech Championship at Centralia College. He recounted his mom’s resilience and desire to keep moving forward despite becoming pregnant at a young age. Communications Studies Professor Laura Bourmatnov recommended Levi, who had taken her public speaking class, for the competition. In 2008, after Levi’s father was diagnosed with

Parkinson’s disease, his mother, Barbara, continued to care for him day in and day out. She could have given up at any point, but her resilience and love propelled her to continue, two traits that inspired Levi in his own journey. Levi recently transferred to WSU to pursue a degree in broadcast production.

## Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Levi Pixton and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Olympic 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.

Olympic College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities and to build its Innovation and Technology Learning Center.



## Our Students

Total headcount.....	8,143
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	4,524
Full-time .....	55%
Part-time .....	45%
Students of color .....	38%

## Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Olympic College will receive approximately \$7.5 million in additional funding.

## Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Olympic College will receive approximately \$4,981,800 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, and \$27,678,000 in state funds and \$800,000 in local funds for construction of the Innovation and Technology Learning Center.

