

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 2, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Overview

Each year, about 6,800 students of every age and background turn to Bates Technical College to train for well paying careers. Founded in 1940, Bates delivers hands-on education at three Tacoma campuses. Our college offers two-year degrees, short-term certificates, academic courses, a technical high school and life-long learning opportunities. Whether students are 16 or 60, just out of high school or working adults, our college prepares them for the next step up in life.

As a technical college that serves a large number of lower-income students, students of color and students who are the first in their families to attend college, Bates is key to creating a stronger and more inclusive economy.

Meet Cajetan Martin

Hawaiian native Cajetan Martin knew his life goal was to make a positive impact, whether big or small. This led him to join the Army, serving six years as a medic. Now a member of the National Guard, Cajetan is pursuing a fire service degree. He hopes to continue making an impact, but on a smaller scale. The memory of the soldiers he served with who made the ultimate sacrifice drives his motivation to succeed, noting that he owes it to them to give 100% of everything he does.



Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

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

Bates Technical College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities and to design and build both its Fire Services Training Center and Student Success Center.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	6,837
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	3,507
Full-time	48%
Part-time	52%
Students of color.....	40%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system's operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Bates Technical College will receive approximately \$5.4 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system's request is fully funded, Bates Technical College will receive approximately \$5,434,000 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, \$38,135,000 for construction of the Fire Services Training Center, and \$29,929,000 for design and construction of the Student Success Center.

