

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 9, 16

Overview

Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) serves both full- and part-time students of all ages across Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Walla Walla counties. The college offers more than 50 degrees, two applied baccalaureates, and about 60 certificate programs. With campuses in Walla Walla, Clarkston and two correctional facilities, the college prepares people of every age and background to learn and thrive. Our students are recent high school graduates, laid-off workers, seasoned employees, future university students – and over half of WWCC students are historically underrepresented students of color. With programs like the Warrior Pledge, a WWCC education is accessible and affordable.

Meet Catherine “Cat” Katelnikoff

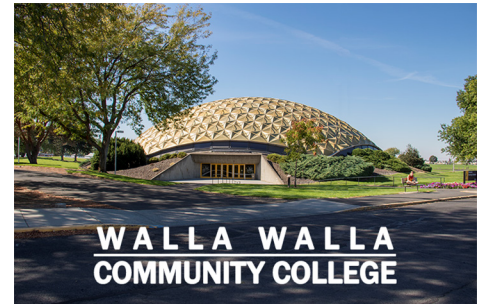


As a 32-year-old stay-at-home mom, Cat had suffered pain and turmoil again and again, and she was just a shell of who she once was. She chose WWCC to transform her life, noting that faculty and staff were kind and welcoming. Cat soon found that she was surrounded by people who believed in her, and her confidence grew. She is now enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program, a regular member of the President’s List, and a member of Student Government Association. “WWCC transformed my life. I will forever be grateful to WWCC for showing me my abilities and giving me hope,” she said.

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

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

Walla Walla Community College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	5,935
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	3,166
Full-time	47%
Part-time	53%
Students of color.....	45%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Walla Walla Community College would receive approximately \$4.2 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Walla Walla Community College will receive approximately \$5,874,000 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities.

