

Message from the President

Welcome to Olympic College!

Greetings Olympic College Rangers,

Welcome to Olympic College! Whether you're looking to earn a certificate, associate degree, transfer to a university, or earn a bachelor's degree right here at Olympic College, we're here to help you achieve your goals and dreams.

This past year presented challenges that none of us could have foreseen with the global spread of COVID-19. Olympic College, like colleges and universities throughout the state and across the country, was required to temporarily move all instruction and services online. With more than 2,000 courses in our catalog and 7,000 students quarterly, moving everything online was a Herculean task – but we did it.

While preparing for our first ever exclusively online quarter, Olympic College also launched a new student management system – Community and Technical College Link (ctcLink). ctcLink replaces an internally built system that was launched in 1984. It provides a modern portal where students can choose a program of study, register for classes, pay tuition, track your progress, apply for graduation and much more. It was yet another unforeseen challenge for the college and our students to overcome. As is often the case, you see great innovation during times of crises, and this was no exception.

Across the college, on all three campuses and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS), every employee and student rose to the challenge, and I consider them all heroes. The dedication to students and to fellow employees was inspirational, heartwarming, and fills one with pride.

Departments across the college launched virtual lobbies, where students could drop in and meet with staff “in-person.” Live chats and virtual town halls were held where students and employees alike could receive answers to pressing questions. And courses we thought could never be offered online, like nursing and chemistry, were available to start the quarter.

As we gradually return to normalcy, which includes resuming in-person instruction and services, the college continues to focus on its long-term goals and initiatives. In 2017, the college joined Achieving the Dream (ATD) – a transformative national network of more than 270 colleges committed to helping students achieve their college and career goals. As part of ATD, the college is working to implement Guided Pathways – a research-based initiative that aims to close equity gaps and improve graduation rates by grouping the college's courses into programs of study that give students clear pathways to their chosen major or career.

It's been a difficult year, but the students and employees of Olympic College have risen to meet every challenge we've faced, and we will continue to meet new challenges as they arise. We're here to help you achieve your goals, through high-quality in-person and online learning opportunities!

Together, We are OC!



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