

Dear Class of 2025 (and Families!),

Graduation is just around the corner - congratulations on reaching this milestone! At Walla Walla Community College (WWCC), we are committed to removing barriers, providing high-quality educational experiences, and supporting your success. We help students like you achieve your goals by fostering equitable learning, and creating pathways to a brighter future in a supportive, community-driven environment.

WWCC is the perfect place to launch your journey, whether you want to start a career, transfer to a university, or explore your passions. Here's what makes WWCC such an excellent choice:

1. A Top-Quality Education

At WWCC, you'll experience a nationally recognized education. As a **first-place winner of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence**, WWCC is ranked among the best community colleges in the nation for student success, workforce preparation, and transfer opportunities. What truly sets us apart is our personalized approach. With a 1:12 faculty-to-student ratio, you'll receive the support and attention needed to excel.

2. State-of-the-Art Facilities

Our campus offers incredible resources to support your success, including a **brand-new science building** and a modern **student recreation center.** These spaces are designed to give you the best environment to learn, grow, and connect with others.

3. Award-Winning Athletics

Love sports? Our athletic programs are top-notch, earning both **league championships** and the **President's Cup** for excellence. Whether you're competing or cheering from the stands, you'll be part of a winning tradition.

4. Pathways to Your Goals

WWCC makes it easy to design your future, no matter your goals:

- Want to start earning money quickly? Jump-start your career in one of our hands-on workforce programs like Nursing, Audio Engineering, Agriculture, Energy Systems Technology, Business, Cosmetology, or Welding, and gain the skills you need to launch a high-paying career.
- Planning to transfer to a university? WWCC graduates have successfully continued their education at the University of Washington, Washington State University, Whitman College, Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Oregon State University, Lewis and Clark State College, Brigham Young University, Bordeau Sciences Agro (France), the University of Idaho and many more!

Not sure where to start? Explore one of WWCC's seven Educational Pathways that align with your academic and career goals. From healthcare and business to technology and the arts, we'll help you find the right fit.

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5. Support to Help You Succeed

At WWCC, you're never just a number. Our students benefit from personalized support services like:

- Academic and TRIO advising to guide your path, help you access funding, and connect you with community resources.
- A welcoming environment as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.
- Faculty and staff who are dedicated to your success and invested in your future.

6. Affordable and Accessible

WWCC is one of the most affordable options in the region. With our **Warrior Pledge**, we cover tuition and fees for many students, so finances won't stand in the way of your dreams. An affordable, high-quality education is within reach.

Take the Next Step

Now is the perfect time to explore all that WWCC has to offer. Here's how you can get started:

- 1. **Request more information**: Visit <u>wwcc.edu/request-info</u> to receive personalized details about WWCC programs, financial aid, and more.
- 2. Complete the FAFSA or WAFSA to begin the financial aid process and explore your options for grants, scholarships, and loans to help fund your education.
- 3. Schedule a tour: Visit wwcc.edu/visit to see our campus in person and meet our friendly team.
- 4. **Contact us directly**: Call **509.522.2500** or email <u>outreach@wwcc.edu</u>—we're here to answer your questions!

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to me personally at **509.527.1879** or **colleen.vandenboom@wwcc.edu**.

We're so excited to welcome you and your family to the WWCC community. We can't wait to be part of your next adventure!

Warm regards,

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