# **High School Connections**

2018-2019 END OF YEAR REPORT









#### **ACC Program Highlights**

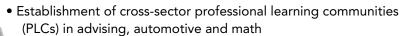
- Students and families saved over \$3 million by paying \$10 per credit for Advanced College Credit (ACC) classes versus paying full tuition and fees.
- 528 students used fee waivers for ACC courses.
- 25 new ACC classes and 13 new high school instructors were approved.

## **Expanding Opportunities**

In 2018–2019, 4,398 students (unduplicated) participated in High School Connections programs earning an amazing 45,303 college credits. Clackamas Community College was able to work with 41 high schools in 20 school districts. The school year resulted in expanding partnerships, course offerings, and college credit opportunities for students. For example, in 2018-2019 the addition of an automotive course, AM-122 General Auto Repair II, provided nine students the opportunity to complete a Basic Engine Technician Certificate. We look forward to continuing to expand course offerings and intentional credit opportunities to help students complete more certificates/degrees in 2019-2020.

#### **Clackamas Promise Grant**

The \$300,000 Clackamas Promise Grant, funded by the Oregon Department of Education, worked to expand equitable access to accelerated college credit in 21 area high schools in Clackamas County. The grant was specifically focused on increasing access for historically underrepresented students to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) classes, including career and technical education (CTE). Consortium members in the 2017-2019 grant include nine school districts, Clackamas Community College, Clackamas Education Service District, and Oregon Institute of Technology. Key grant initiatives that were accomplished include:



- Completion of an equity audit for the CCC High School Connections programs
- Expansion of college credit offerings in area high schools through new partnerships, new delivery models and new courses
- Creation and support of the CTE Summer Camps
  - Promotion of a college-going culture with over 4,000 students participating in college tours and events





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### **Summer Programming Grows**



During the summer of 2018, CCC introduced two new summer programs. The programs were popular and successful in their first year. Summer of 2019 illustrated program growth for both the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Camp

and the Summer Scholars Program. Both offerings directly serve high school students in Clackamas County.

The free CTE Summer Camp held at the end of June served 137 students from 21 area high schools, an increase from 95 students last year. Placement into camp was determined using a weighted lottery, with priority placement for historically underrepresented students (i.e. students of color, students with disabilities, students of low socio-economic status, and students who have not had previous access to college credit).

During the week long camp, students chose to participate in college classes, including health science, horticulture, invention, music and film, website design, and welding. Of the 137 students that participated in camp:

- 52% female, 46% male, 2% other
- 53% identified as students of color
- 36% identified as receiving Free or Reduced Lunch
- 28% identified as receiving special education services (IEP or 504 Plan)
- 12% identified as first-generation college students
- 68% identified as not previously enrolling in college credit courses

The Summer Scholars Program, which runs during the eight-week summer term, served 72 students from 22 area high schools. This was up from 67 students the previous year. Students who participated in the program paid course fees and books, while CCC covered the cost of tuition. Students had the opportunity to take communications, math, social science, and writing courses to fulfill college degree requirements.

The demonstrated interest and growth of summer programing illustrates the continuing need and desire of high school students in Clackamas County to pursue college credit opportunities early in their educational journey. We hope to continue to help meet this need by further expanding our summer programs in 2020 and maintaining the low-cost structure which allows more students access to college credit.



CTE Summer Camp Student in Welding

