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Independent Colleges of Washington members are committed to leadership in their communities and nimble at meeting the needs of the state and student.

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About ICW

Independent Colleges of Washington is a nonprofit association of the 10 private, nonprofit liberal arts colleges in the state. Our member institutions share a commitment to high-quality, academically rigorous learning, and to an education that emphasizes critical thinking, lifelong learning, ethics, leadership, and community service.

Our Member Colleges are:

- **High-quality.** Strong liberal arts programs feature small classes and close interaction with faculty.
- **Successful.** Students graduate with the skills that Washington employers want and need, and the majority do so within four years.
- **Affordable.** Strong financial aid makes going to college a possibility for all students.
- **Diverse.** Independent colleges enroll a broad diversity of students.
- **Economic engines.** Colleges generate billions in economic activity, employ thousands, and shape the leaders and innovators of the future.

Mission Statement

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Our Association Delivers:

- **Scholarships.** We raise more than $1 million each year supporting financial aid in the form of named and general scholarships.
- **Positive public policy.** We are strong advocates for financial aid for students at public and private institutions, through a variety of state and federal initiatives.
- Project Opportunity **Guidance for students and Parents.** Project Opportunity helps students and parents navigate the college preparation, selection, application, and finance process, focusing on:
  - First-generation college applicants
  - Spanish speakers
  - Transfer students
- **Collaboration.** ICWashington.org offers the latest higher education policy news through blog, Twitter, and Facebook, for active discussion.

"Even though this is a difficult and challenging time for our company, we decided that ICW colleges are so important to our state in developing future intellectual capital that we should stretch our giving to demonstrate our support for these vital institutions and their students."

John Franklin
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High Quality and Successful

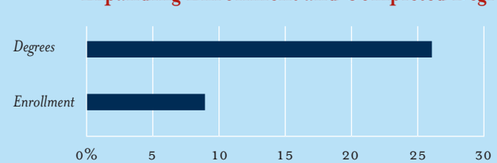
Enroll

- About 40,000 students
- 60 percent from Washington
- 12:1 student-faculty ratio
- Over 175 degrees and programs offered

Graduate

- Nearly one quarter of the baccalaureate and higher degrees earned in Washington each year
- 36 percent of the education degrees earned in Washington.
- 39 percent of the baccalaureate and higher nursing degrees
- Esteemed scholars, including 16 Fulbright grants, 11 Rhodes Scholars, and 6 Watson Fellows since 2008

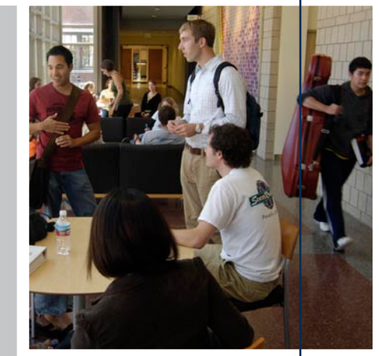
Independent Colleges are Efficient in Expanding Enrollment and Completed Degrees



From 1998 to 2008, Independent Colleges of Washington schools have achieved a 9% increase in enrollment and 27% increase in number of degrees granted.

source: IPEDS

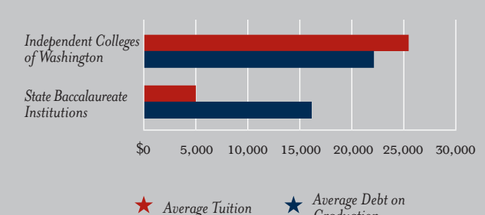
Affordable



Financial aid makes college possible for capable students of modest means. It allows them to choose the college that best meets their career goals and fits their personal aspirations.

- About 90 percent of students at ICW schools receive some financial aid
- 24% of receive the State Need Grant
- 20% receive Federal Pell Grant assistance

Tuition Doesn't Predict Debt in Washington



source: The Project on Student Debt

Average Financial Aid Package 2007-2008

(for those receiving aid)

Average tuition	*$26,136*
Room and board	*$7,369*
Total	*$33,505*
Average federal grant	*$4,568*
Average state grant	*$4,822*
Average institutional grant	*$11,987*
Average student loans	*$5,715*
Average work study award	*$2,061*
Total	*$29,153*
Average amount a needy family pays for tuition, room and board	*$4,352*

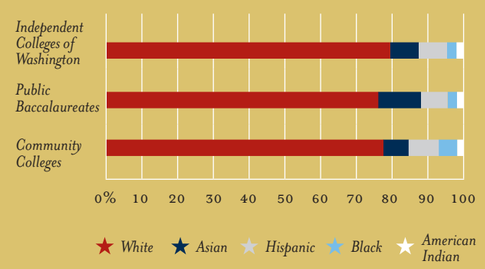
source: IPEDS, CDS

"Scholarships, grants and work study have helped me come to school. Without them, I could not afford college. My parents have helped in whatever way they could, but it would not have been enough to help me come to Heritage University to study nursing."

Mario Farias
Heritage University

Diverse

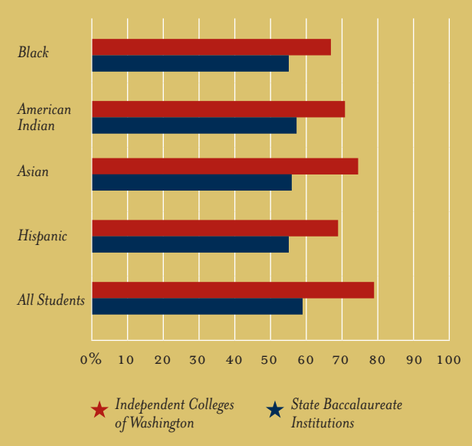
Independent Colleges Have a Diverse Student Body



ICW colleges serve about the same percentage of minority students as state funded public baccalaureate institutions.

source: IPEDS

Strong Majority of Graduates Complete Within Four Years



Student support and accountability at Independent Colleges of Washington schools result in significantly more on-time graduations than public baccalaureate institutions.

source: IPEDS

Independent Colleges of Washington member institutions support student diversity:

- Enroll twenty percent of students from communities of color, about the same as at state-funded institutions
- Ensure student success and high graduation rates with specialized support programs within the institutions
- Host pre-college outreach programs to give guidance and inspiration to high school students
- Enroll about 4,000 first-generation college students and over 4,500 transfer students

"Seattle University is a diverse campus. There are representatives of every major religion, every economic background, every ethnic milieu…I could not, after being immersed in this vibrant environment, choose a homogenous workplace. I want to meet minds that challenge my own because of diverse upbringings and educations. I want to work alongside those that would best open my mind to different points of view, different ways of solving a problem, and different expectations of ethical standards."

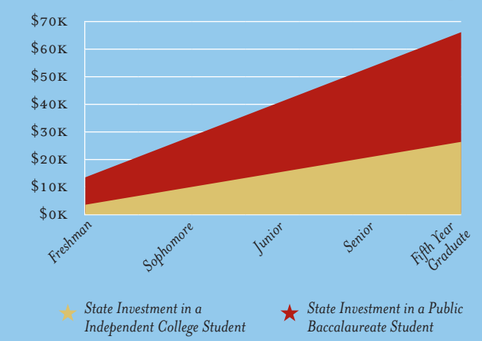
Danielle Mar
Seattle University

Economic Engines

Independent Colleges of Washington members save Washington significant resources and contribute to local communities.

- Save the state more than $343 million per year in enrollment subsidies
- Employ 6600 Washington residents, in the top 15 of non-governmental employers
- Pump over $2.5 billion into the state's economy each year

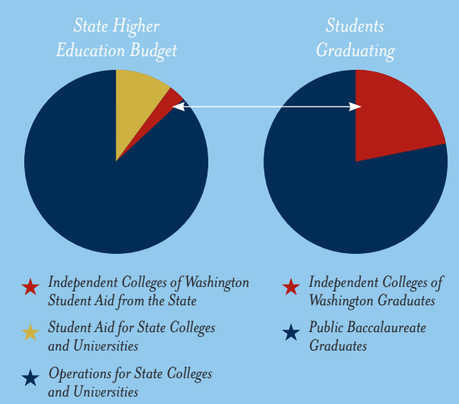
It Costs Less for the State to Send a Low-Income Student to a Private College



State financial aid to students is nearly equal, but the state saves over $8,000 per year in operating costs for every student that chooses an independent college.

Source: LEAP Omnibus budget, IPEDS

Receive Less Than 2%, Deliver Nearly 25%



Independent Colleges of Washington members receive less than 2% of the Washington higher education budget, and deliver nearly 25% of the baccalaureate and higher degrees in Washington.

Source: LEAP Omnibus budget, IPEDS

Independent Colleges of Washington Members are Distinctive

Gonzaga University

Rooted in Jesuit philosophy, the academic heart of Gonzaga's liberal arts tradition lies in its core curriculum, which integrates philosophy, theology, history, mathematics, literature, natural and social sciences, and extensive writing in students' major disciplines. Students may choose from over 75 undergraduate fields of study, 25 master's programs, a PhD in leadership studies, and a juris doctorate from the Law School. www.gonzaga.edu

Heritage University

With a strong liberal arts environment that stresses academic excellence, cross-cultural learning, and the development of the whole person, Heritage University offers professional and career-oriented programs to prepare students for life and work. Heritage helps students reach their potential by offering access to quality education for people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds. www.heritage.edu

Pacific Lutheran University

Pacific Lutheran University offers more than 3,600 students a unique blend of academically rigorous liberal arts and professional programs that prepare them for a lifetime of success — both in their careers and in service to others. PLU is committed to developing in all students an understanding of the intercultural and intellectual richness of the world. More than 40 percent of students spend time studying abroad. www.plu.edu

Saint Martin's University

Saint Martin's University is the only Benedictine university west of the Rockies. Established in 1895, Saint Martin's honors the hospitable tradition of its Benedictine founders and is known for its warm, welcoming spirit. The university's focus on knowledge and service is balanced by its emphasis on creativity and inclusion. Cross-cultural and international opportunities abound, preparing students for responsibility and leadership in the global community. www.stmartin.edu

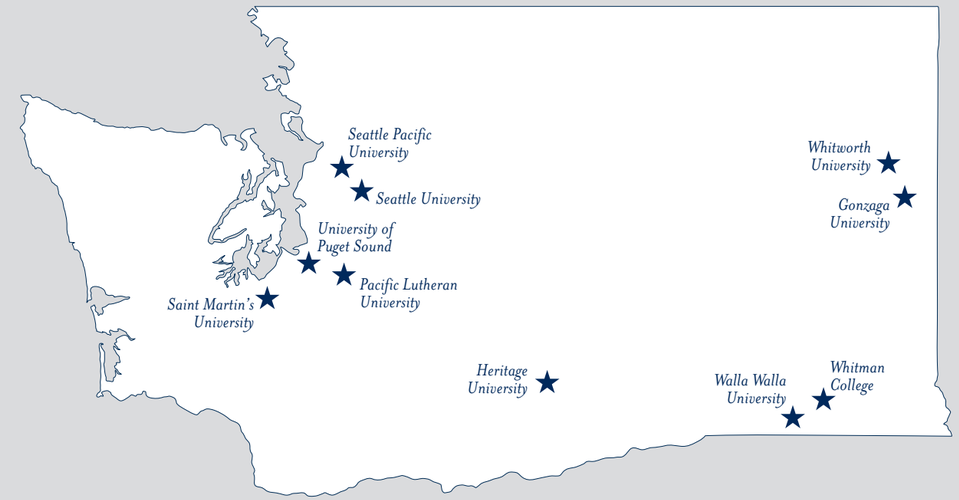
Seattle Pacific University

Engaging the culture, changing the world®

Seattle Pacific University is a premier Christian university that equips people to engage the culture and change the world. Founded in 1891, SPU offers a quality, comprehensive academic program and is committed to graduating people of competence and character. Seattle Pacific provides a powerful educational experience that brings about lasting change in the lives of alumni and the global communities they serve. www.spu.edu

Seattle University

Seattle University embodies the Jesuit philosophy of educating the whole person - body, mind, and spirit - and works to develop critical thinkers and compassionate leaders. Enrolling more than 7,500 students, it is the largest independent university in the Northwest and is located just steps from downtown Seattle. Recognized as a university on the rise, 70 percent of its students are involved in service learning. www.seattleu.edu



University of Puget Sound

Est. 1888

The only national independent undergraduate liberal arts college in Western Washington, University of Puget Sound offers a rigorous academic experience, a highly competitive athletic program, and a strong commitment to teaching and civic engagement. A Puget Sound education prepares students to meet the highest tests of scholarship and citizenship. www.pugetsound.edu

Walla Walla University

Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education

Founded in 1892, Walla Walla University is a comprehensive Christian university affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The university is a community of faith and discovery committed to excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression, and faith in God. Walla Walla University enrolls 1,800 students in a range of professional and liberal arts programs, including master's degree programs in biology, education, psychology and social work. www.wallawalla.edu

Whitman College

Whitman College, in Walla Walla, offers students a culture of achievement, balance, and community. A highly selective, residential, undergraduate liberal arts college, Whitman's rigorous academic program features a year-long first-year seminar and requires comprehensive exams of all graduating seniors. Students are supported by the dedicated faculty and staff, and are encouraged to develop themselves in all dimensions through the wide array of co-curricular opportunities. www.whitman.edu

Whitworth

An Education of Mind and Heart

Since 1890, Whitworth has held fast to its founding mission to "provide an education of mind and heart" through rigorous and open intellectual inquiry guided by dedicated Christian scholars. Recognized as one of the top regional universities in the West, Whitworth enrolls 2,700 students in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs. www.whitworth.edu

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