

Independent Higher Education in Washington State

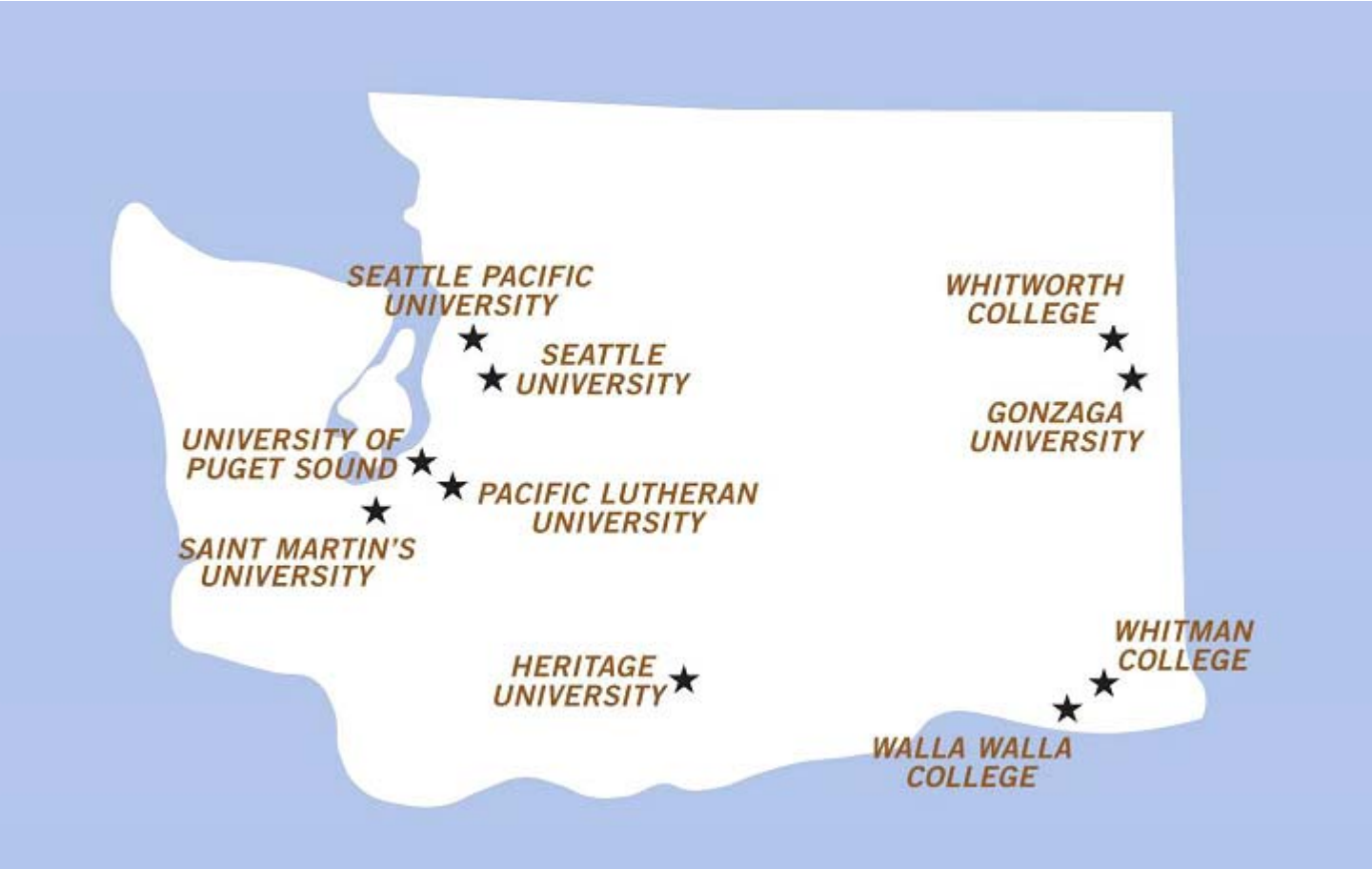
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Independent Colleges of Washington

ICW Member Colleges and Universities



Students Served

By the numbers:

Enrollment **33,000**

(about 25% of baccalaureate and higher enrollment in the state)

Washington residents **60%**

(students from every county)

Minority enrollment

20%

(about the same at state colleges)

Transfer students **30%**

(of new students)

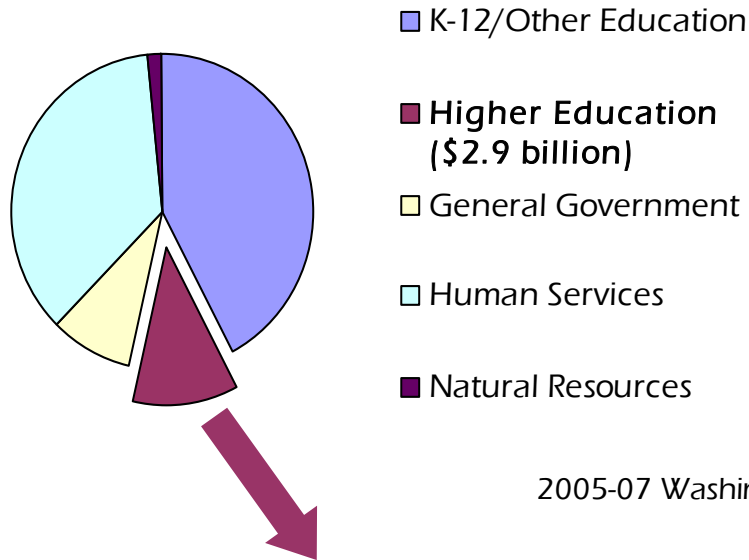
State Need Grant recipients **1 in 4**

Pell Grant recipients **1 in 4**



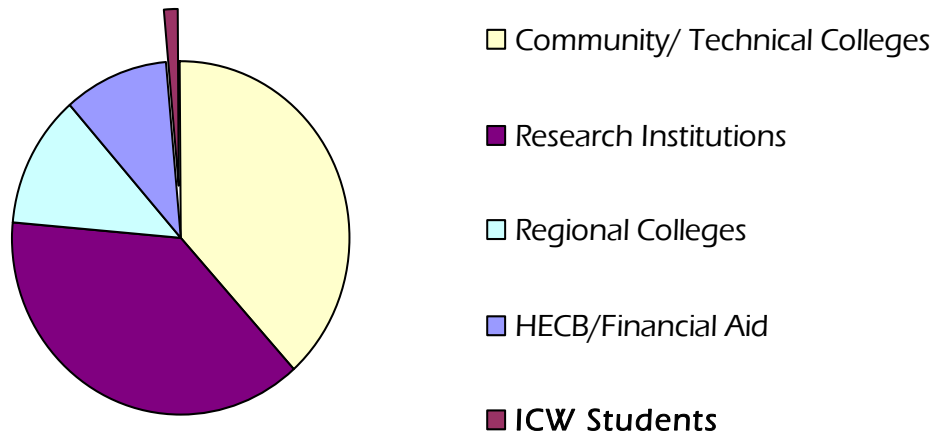
A Bargain to the State

2005-07 Washington State Operating Budget



ICW member colleges receive less than 1% of the State's higher education budget yet produce 25% of baccalaureate degrees.

2005-07 Washington Higher Education Budget



Economic Contributors

ICW member colleges:

- **Generate \$1.7 billion in economic activity annually**
- **Employ 5,570 people**
- **Awarded 5,704 degrees in 2005-06**
- **75% of students who graduate do so in four years.**
- **Save the state more than \$300 million each year.**



Program Diversity

Some majors might surprise you:

- **Art History and Visual Cultural Studies**
- **Aviation Technology**
- **Classics**
- **Exercise Science**
- **Graphic Design**
- **Interior Design**
- **International Political Economy**
- **Nursing**
- **Occupational and Physical Therapy**
- **Rhetoric and Film Studies**
- **Textiles and Clothing**



What Do We Need?

“If we are to provide the best possible future for our children, our economy and our state, we must improve our education system so that we educate more people to a higher degree.”

-Washington Learns, Final Report (pg. 34)

“Competition sparks innovation, offers choices and pushes us to become better.”

-Washington Learns, Final Report (pg. 12)



Washington Learns
WORLD-CLASS, LEARNER-FOCUSED, SEAMLESS EDUCATION

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State colleges and independent colleges working together is the best solution to provide access to higher education.

Creative Solutions

Saint Martin's University offers a mechanical engineering degree in Bremerton through a collaboration with the Bremerton Shipyard and Olympic College.



Heritage University has joined forces with six community colleges throughout the state to offer four-year degrees on their campuses; most are rural.



Areas of High Demand

ICW member colleges produce 37% of all education and nursing baccalaureate degrees in the state.

Over the next 10 years, ICW colleges can accommodate an additional 10,000 students –many in science, engineering, and math.



Proposed Solution

Fund student aid at full state college tuition for low-income students up to 100% of median family income

Adequately fund state colleges to assure quality education

Utilize opportunities at private colleges to expand choice while saving money



Invest in Washington...

One student at a time.