

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Community College and a Grant Agreement with the Portland Community College Foundation, providing \$559,849 to the Future Connect Scholarship program. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Future Connect Program, established in 2011, is an innovative and highly successful partnership between Portland Community College (PCC), the PCC Foundation, the City of Portland, six Multnomah County School Districts, WorkSystems Inc., local business and industry, and multiple community education providers. This unique collaboration builds bridges to access higher education and provides Multnomah County's first generation, high potential high school youth with services specifically designed to overcome barriers to entering and succeeding in college, so that they can earn an associate's degree, transfer to a four-year college, and launch into promising careers.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Funding for the PCC Future Connect Program is available in the FY2017-18 budget in the General Fund Special Appropriations.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The PCC Future Connect program, helps provide Multnomah County's first generation, high potential high school youth with services specifically designed to overcome barriers to entering and succeeding in college, so that they can earn an associate's degree, transfer to a four-year college, and launch into promising careers.

Progression: 80% of actively enrolled students will complete 25 college credits during their first year in the program. 90% of actively enrolled students will complete 25 college credits during their second year in the program. 70% of actively enrolled students will earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

- Career Connection: 95% of program students will participate in two or more career development activities each year. Such activities could include completion of CG 130 course, participation in job fairs, job shadowing, career mentoring, or completion of an internship.

- Retention: 70% of program students will be retained in the Program from the first to second year (fall to fall).

- Completion/Transfer: Within three years 50% of program students will complete a certificate or degree at PCC; or complete requisite courses and enter a competitive degree program at PCC or another community college (i.e., nursing, veterinary technology, graphic design); or complete requisite courses at PCC and transfer to another institution for degree completion.

Future Connect knows that first generation students and those coming from low-income backgrounds face a myriad of barriers while working to succeed within college. The program continually seeks ways to support every student's success including: utilizing intrusive advising practices, regular one-on-one meetings; hosting intensive summer orientations; engaging in weekly check-ins via email/text/phone; offering cohort style and leadership courses; providing scholarship and emergency financial support; and disseminating and sharing information on relevant community resources.

100% Renewable Goal:

This action does not increase or decrease the City's total energy use nor does it increase or decrease the City's renewable energy use.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.

☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



The Future Connect Story

College Success One Student at a Time

Future Connect is a comprehensive scholarship and advising support program at Portland Community College (PCC) that seeks to change the lives of first generation and low-income students. The program provides long-term, individualized financial and advising support to students to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

"Future Connect has helped me so much with my life I can't make it into words. I am in college. I am so happy. My parents are happy. My siblings are happy. My friends are happy. My ancestors are happy, and most importantly I am happy. I always knew I could do it. Future Connect helped me believe in myself."

Guiding a diverse group of first generation and low-income students who face significant challenges to college success



	BLACK	LATINO	WHITE
Future Connect students	16%	41%	26%
All other PCC students who directly entered from Oregon public high schools	6%	18%	61%

Making a significant impact on postsecondary outcomes

Evaluation findings suggest that Future Connect is a model of how to achieve more equitable postsecondary outcomes for low-income and first generation college students through providing relationship-based, student-centered, and holistic support.

"...This marks a year and a half of a straight 4.0 GPA. I finally feel like I am the student I've always wanted to be thanks to Future Connect. I thank you all so much for all that you do. Future Connect truly changes lives. You all surely have changed mine."

COMPARED TO STUDENTS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, FUTURE CONNECT:



Closing the achievement gap

Among similar students who directly enrolled in PCC from Oregon public high schools, Future Connect students of color had better performance, persistence and completion than students of color and White students who did not participate in Future Connect.

	FIRST-YEAR GPA	FIRST-YEAR CREDITS EARNED	FALL-TO-FALL PERSISTENCE	COMPLETION OR TRANSFER WITHIN THREE YEARS
White students	2.14	18	63%	19%
Students of color	2.07	18	69%	17%
Students of color - Future Connect	2.47	27	77%	23%

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EMPOWERING OREGON'S FUTURE LEADERS

Future Connect is a different kind of scholarship program. By placing students in a cohort of peers and pairing each with a coach who is personally invested in their success, Future Connect provides a holistic community of support. Leadership opportunities and career coaching enrich the educational experience, empowering students to make their dreams a reality.

These unique components help students get to college and achieve their educational goals. Whether that means completing a PCC certificate or degree or transferring to a four-year university, Future Connect provides a guided path forward.

STUDENTS WE SERVE

89%

are low income

82%

are from families
where neither parent
attended college

72%

are students of color



Future Connect students are twice as likely to finish college as similar students who do not receive support.



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HISTORY

In 2011 Portland Community College and the City of Portland launched a program that has transformed what is possible for first generation, low-income high school students, giving them the support and guidance to obtain college degrees and achieve their dreams.

The program has grown into a remarkable partnership between PCC, multiple city partners, and public and private supporters. Today Future Connect continues to create opportunities for hundreds of students each year across PCC's district.

HOW IT WORKS

Each Future Connect student receives a scholarship to help lessen financial barriers to college. They also receive academic advising, cohort support, and personalized coaching to help them navigate unfamiliar college life, overcome obstacles, and succeed in their courses.

More than 75 percent of Future Connect students return for their second year of college. They are also twice as likely to finish their degree compared to peers who don't receive support.

Future Connect graduates have gone on to earn advanced degrees, to begin businesses and to support families—transforming not only their own lives but the lives of those around them.



Who we serve

2016–17 Program Report

1,636 STUDENTS SERVED

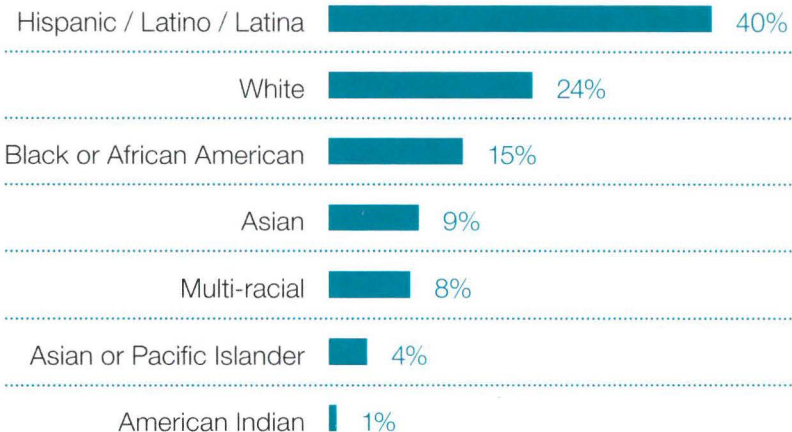
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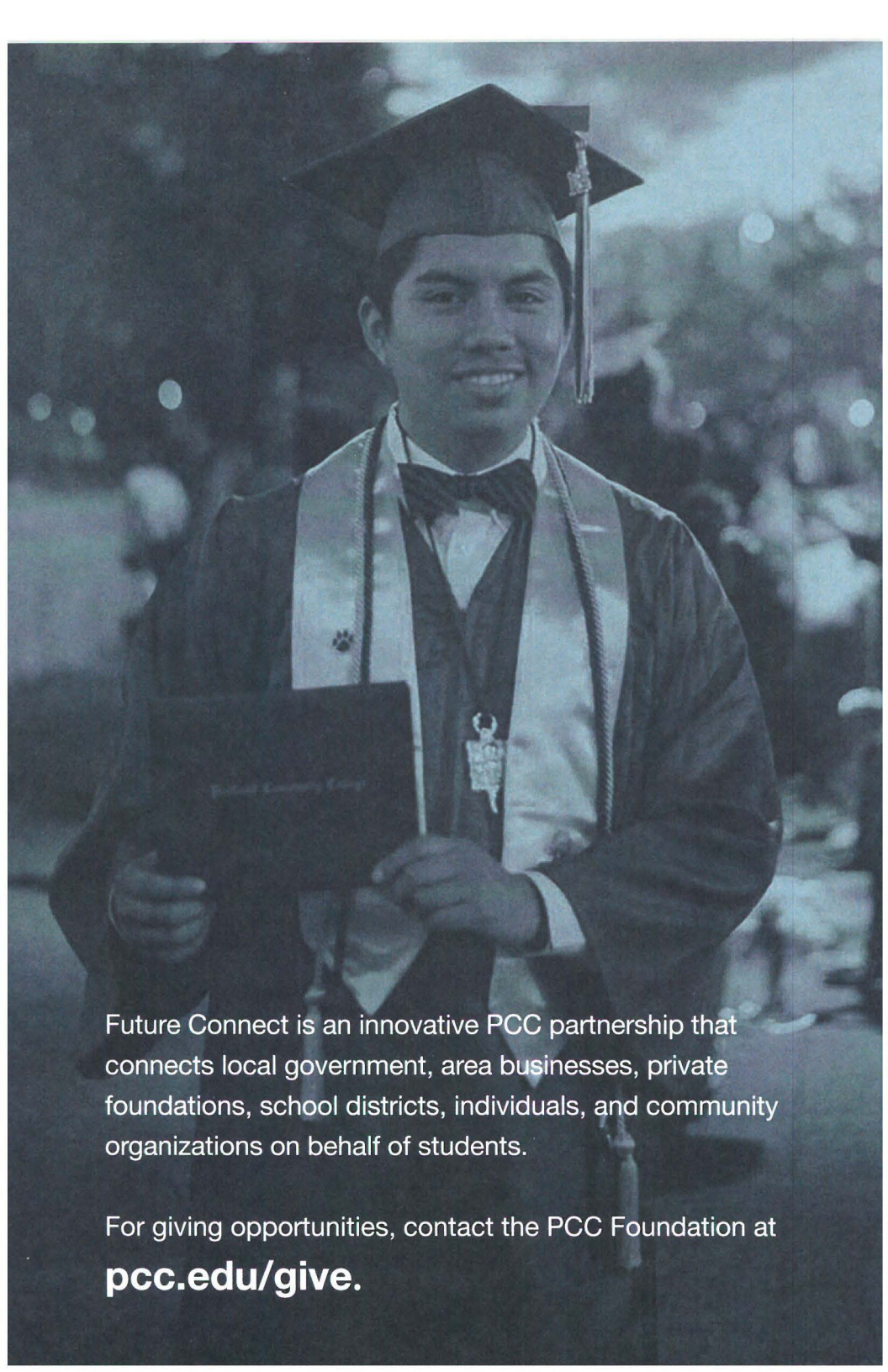
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RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS





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Outcomes

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Future Connect has served **1,169**
Portland students since 2011.

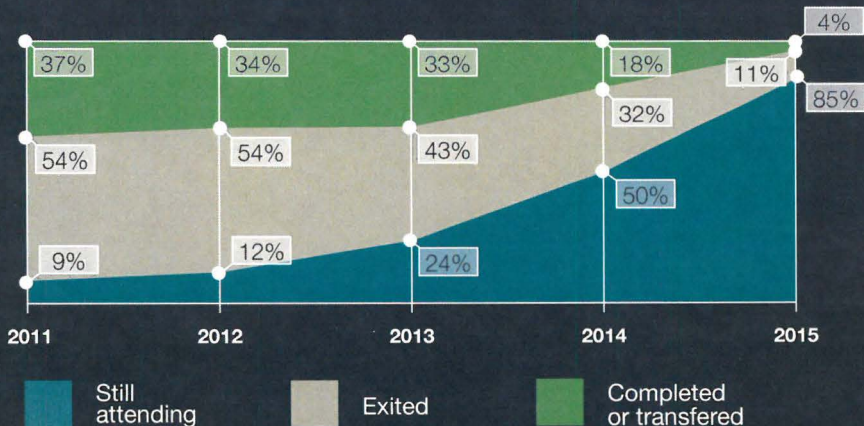
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Average G.P.A. after one year in college

79%

Retention rate for Portland students who
return for their second year

PORTLAND RETENTION & COMPLETION RATES



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Student Profile

2016–17 Portland Report



Patrick Prom

Open Meadow High School

“Without Future Connect, I wouldn’t have made it past my first term in college. I am so thankful for the support I’ve received.”

–Patrick Prom

Patrick Prom joined the Future Connect program as an Open Meadow graduate in Fall of 2012. His dream had always been to be a wildlife documentary filmmaker, and he has worked to grow his filmmaking skills through his education at PCC and also through participation in Caldera, a non-profit arts program for youth.

After completing his associate’s degree at PCC, Patrick applied and was accepted into multiple prestigious colleges around the nation. With encouragement from his Future Connect coaches, he chose Knox College in Illinois. This spring, Patrick will graduate with a degree in environmental studies and a minor in film studies, becoming the first person in his family to earn a college degree.

Future Connect changed the course of Patrick’s life—and also the lives of his family members. After seeing her son thrive in the program, Patrick’s mother was inspired to enroll in college and began taking classes at PCC.

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"When it comes to getting students through college, we know that it's community—our friends, mentors, and coaches—that make the difference."

—Kelly Love, Future Connect Coach

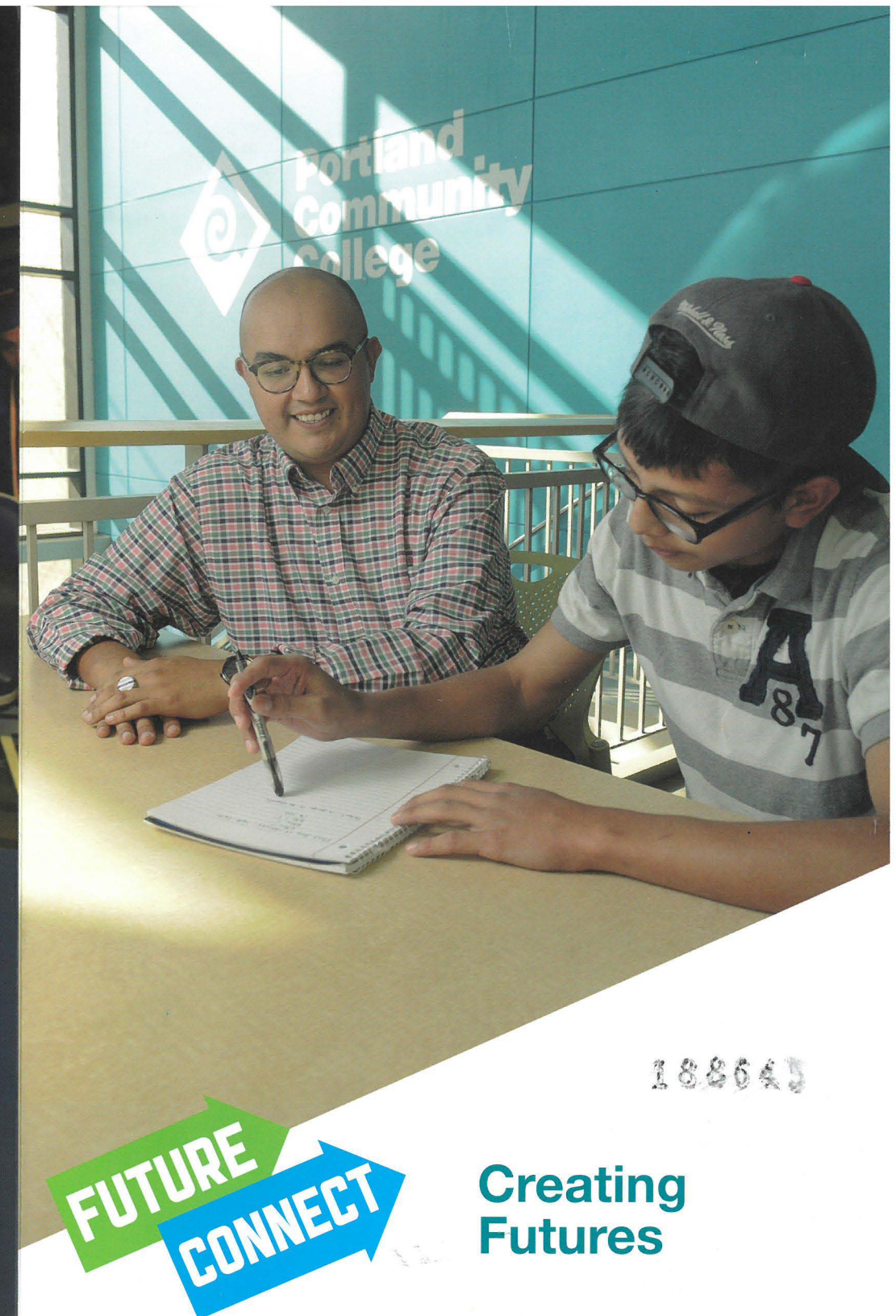


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