

#### Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler City of Portland

DATE: August 14, 2018

- TO: Commissioner Chloe Eudaly Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Dan Saltzman Auditor Mary Hull Caballero
- FROM: Mayor Ted Wheeler
- SUBJECT: Report and presentation by Portland Community College on PCC Future Connect

Colleagues,

Please accept this update on PCC Future Connect's activities by Portland Community College which has been a partner with the City. Funding for these efforts from the City helps eliminates barriers to college nad provides students with on-going support throughout their time at PCC.



# 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



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

### 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:



# pcc.edu/futureconnect

# 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 - 2. Future Connect	2.47	27	77%	23%	

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#### Agenda No. REPORT



AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
TIME CERTAIN ⊠ Start time: <u>10:40</u>			YEAS	NAYS
Total amount of time needed: <u>15 mins</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	1. Fritz	1. Fritz		
	2. Fish	2. Fish		
CONSENT	3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
REGULAR	4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	~	
Total amount of time needed: (for presentation, testimony and discussion)	Wheeler	Wheeler	2	