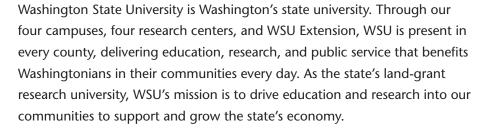
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WSU BY THE NUMBERS

- Enrollment: 26,059 full time equivalents
- Tuition and fees: \$12,327 for resident undergraduate
- Student debt at graduation (FY 2013): \$23,952*
- **59** percent graduate with loan debt*
- 88.3 percent of undergraduates are Washington residents
- 24.9 percent are students of color, including 34.1 percent of freshmen
- 72 percent of transfer applicants offered admission
- **32.4** percent of students are Pell Grant eligible

*Below national averages.



WSU's value to Washington has never been more evident. The university has undertaken a deliberate campaign to increase enrollment. In the past three years the university has welcomed freshman classes that mark the three largest and most diverse classes in school history. Washington State University continues to deliver cutting edge research to support existing industries, build new ones, and drive long-term economic growth for the Northwest while providing access to higher education for Washington students.

Top Priority: Advancing aviation biofuels

- The Federal Aviation Administration has named WSU as a Center for Excellence for Alternative Jet Fuels and the Environment. Armed with federal funds, WSU, MIT, and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will lead a national team of 16 universities and 46 private sector and federal laboratory stakeholders to develop new sustainable fuels for the world's jet fleet. Private industry will provide most all of the requisite matching funds.
- WSU requests \$750,000 in the 2014 supplemental budget—\$500,000 of which is ongoing—to bolster the needed match while partially funding leadership and graduate assistants at the center and leveraging an expected \$80 million in federal and private support over 10 years nationwide.

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PERFORMANCE AND INNOVATION

- Average time to degree 4.44 years
- Freshman retention rate:79.5 percent
- WSU Online now offering 18 degrees
- Online degrees no longer tied to traditional academic calendar allowing students to access courses on a schedule that best fits their timetable
- Two three-week-long online sessions created during breaks to help students catch up or get ahead by earning 3 credits in high demand classes
- Student tuition frozen for summer session to drive more students to earn needed credits toward graduation
- Revised course schedule to reduce conflicting class periods, providing students more flexibility to get the classes they need



Increasing degree production

- WSU is assuming management of the University Center of North Puget Sound in Everett to expand access to four-year degrees—primarily STEM degrees—in our state's most chronically underserved region. One new academic program already has been brought to the center and three more are slated to open in the fall of 2014.
- WSU requests \$1 million in the 2014 supplemental operating budget to open two new programs—software engineering and agricultural and food systems—in January 2015.

Preserving public health and animal agriculture

- WSU's Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory is on the front lines of the nation's defense against zoonotic diseases and food borne illnesses, combatting emerging diseases such as West Nile virus, avian influenza, swine influenza, mad cow disease, foot and mouth disease, and others.
- Caseloads have grown fivefold since existing facilities opened in 1978 and accreditors are warning that new facilities are needed. WSU requests \$5.3 million in the supplemental capital budget to design a replacement facility.

Promoting enology, viticulture, and the business of wine

- Last year the Legislature approved legislation authorizing minors at community colleges to taste but not consume wine as a part of enology, viticulture, and other such academic programs.
- WSU will support legislation in 2014 to extend this authorization to such programs at the state's baccalaureate institutions to promote articulation for community college transfers and improve instruction.