



## 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.*

Washington State University is Washington's state university. Through our four campuses, four research centers, and WSU Extension, WSU is present in every county, delivering education, research, and public service that benefits Washingtonians in their communities every day. As the state's land-grant research university, WSU's mission is to drive education and research into our communities to support and grow the state's economy.

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.