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Programs Offered:

Olympic College is a public, Washington State two-year post-secondary institution serving the people of Kitsap and Mason Counties. Instructional offerings include academic transfer and professional-technical programs as well as continuing education for adult learners and basic skills that help students overcome deficiencies that may be a barrier to educational goals. Non-credit classes include small business, professional development, life enrichment, and specific programs designed to meet the goals of extensive educational partnerships including the Navy and the Emergency Readiness Center.

Olympic College enjoys a reputation as a community college that puts students first — in planning, in service, and in their quality instructional programs offered. It is known for providing educational value for students of all ages and from all walks of life. A copy of the 2002 Annual Report may be obtained by emailing your request to: aantobam@oc.ctc.edu.

Partnerships:

Olympic College has a strategic partnership with local fire districts, the Navy and other state agencies. Through the partnerships, courses are offered at the Kitsap Emergency Readiness Center in Bremerton. Olympic College also coordinates with other colleges like Western Washington University, Old Dominion University, and St. Martin's College to offer upper division study and bachelors and masters degree opportunities. During recent years, OC has built several community and education partnerships to maximize resources and respond to local dynamics.

Services both Kitsap and Mason Counties:

The area Olympic College services includes both Kitsap and Mason counties, which have a combined 1354 square miles and have a population of about 280,000. Today about 12,000 students are enrolled at several locations, among them 1,000 students who attend the Shelton Campus. Shelton is a city, which is located in Mason County and is about 35 miles south of the main Bremerton campus. Olympic College's academic year is on the quarter system: Fall, Winter and Spring plus a Summer session.

Growth:

In response to population growth and the need for an educated workforce, Olympic College is managing a great deal of physical growth. In addition to the Main Campus in Bremerton, there are satellite campuses in downtown Bremerton and Shelton. A new, larger campus is being built in Poulsbo. This growth will increase program development with a focus on the needs of students and the infrastructure needed for learning.

The new 38,000 sq. ft. Olympic College Poulsbo campus is due to open Winter Quarter 2004 with a variety of offerings and services, including Running Start for eligible high school juniors and seniors. Olympic College expects to build a new Science and Technology Center at the Main Campus in Bremerton in the next biennium.

Olympic College Foundation:

As a 501-c(3) organization (non-profit), the Foundation helps to provide the extra measure of support that contributes so much to educational excellence. The Olympic College Foundation supports students and college development with vigorous efforts dedicated to expanding educational opportunities through the support of scholarships and programs that enhance access to higher education.

Class Schedule and Website:

"The View", the quarterly schedule of classes, is distributed to postal patrons each quarter about a month before registration begins. It is also available on-line by visiting www.oc.ctc.edu. Approximately 12,000 students attend Olympic College with about 60% in academic transfer studies. Tuition is currently \$63/credit, or about one-third the cost of tuition at four-year public institutions in Washington State.

New President, Dr. David Mitchell, Started July 1, 2002:

Olympic College's new President, Dr. David Mitchell, believes that community colleges should be a part of the communities that they serve. He stated that he was looking forward to partnering with local education, government and business organizations to successfully integrate Olympic College into planning for the future of Kitsap and Mason Counties.

For the past five years he has served as the South Seattle Community College President. During his tenure, South Seattle Community College received a commendation for "Institutional Effectiveness". Dr. Mitchell worked closely with the College's Foundation to successfully complete its first "Capital Campaign", which raised \$1.7 million.