

About the Student Enrichment Program

The Student Enrichment Program (SEP) is a program for underrepresented students (first generation, low-income, and/or disabled) funded by both WOU General Funds and a Federal TRIO-SSS Grant. SEP has existed at WOU since 1988, and will be expanding this year thanks to additional State funding.

Staff Highlights

- Currently 8 FTE (Administration, Advisors, Instructors, Support Staff)
- Newly promoted Assistant Director, Chris Solario, provides more efficient management
- New Educational Advisor position (Dec 2015) will increase students served to 475

Our number one goal is to eliminate the graduation rate disparity between our students and traditionally-represented students. Please see the “Facts and Figures” to see how SEP students exceed the retention and graduation rates of all other students.

How We Meet Our Goal

We accomplish this goal by offering services that offset the inherent barriers faced by this underrepresented student population. These services include, but are not limited to:

- One-on-one Academic and Personal Advising provides students with answers to questions that their parents can't help them with, guidance in major and career planning that includes 4-year graduation timelines, and a sense of belonging.
- Tuition-remitted coursework in Study Skills and Critical Thinking, Active and Responsible Student Behaviors, and Financial Literacy helps students develop skills for success without increasing debt load.
- An underrepresented student orientation program called “Summer Bridge”, currently offered to 40 incoming students, eases the students' transition into a new and sometimes intimidating college atmosphere.

Facts and Figures

Students Served

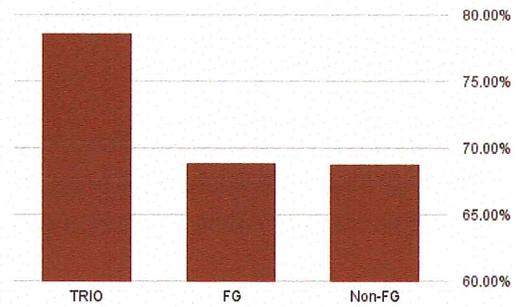
400 WOU students currently served
 2,658 WOU students who are eligible but cannot be served due to funding limitations¹

Program Funds dedicated to Direct Student Aid

\$27,360 Total Direct Student Grant Aid awarded through SEP for FY2014²
 \$1,776 Total Available Fee Remission through SEP Coursework per student³
 \$1,231 Total Operating Budget per student for FY2014⁴

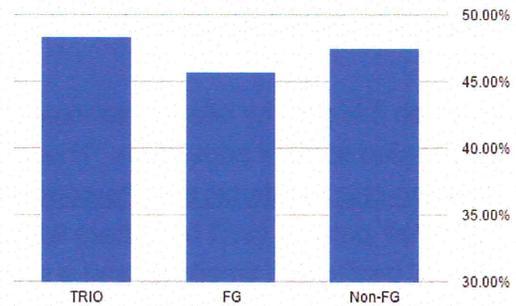
Retention Rate: 1st to 2nd year at WOU, 5-year average from 2009-2013

78.63% SEP
 68.84% WOU First-Generation⁵
 68.79% WOU Non-First-Gen⁵



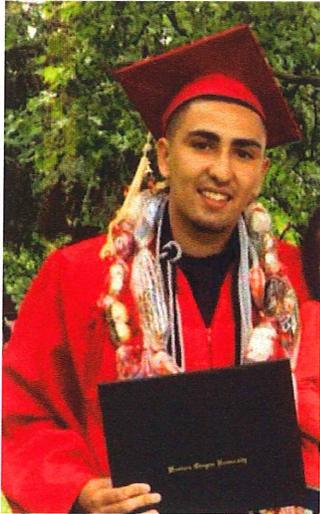
6-year Graduation Rate: 5-year average from 2004-2008

48.30% SEP
 45.66% WOU First-Generation⁵
 47.44% WOU Non-First-Gen⁵



¹ based on total undergraduates who are First-Generation, Pell-Eligible, and/or Disabled for Fall 2014
² includes both federal and state-sourced grant funds
³ based on 12 credits of available classes at the 14-15 resident tuition rate of \$148 per credit
⁴ staff salary, administrative, and other program costs. Does not include grant aid or fee remissions
⁵ excludes all students served by SEP, i.e. represents a unique population

Alumni Highlights



Anthony Medina, Class of 2014

- Public Policy and Administration major, Sociology minor, 3.74 GPA
- Delmer Dewey Award recipient, 2015 Commencement Speaker
- Completed Master's Degree in Public Policy with a focus in Higher Education at Stanford University. Youngest applicant in Cohort

While at WOU:

- Interned with US Congressman Peter DeFazio
- Studied at the *Les Aspin Center for Government* through Marquette University
- Plus Team Orientation Leader
- Became a Father

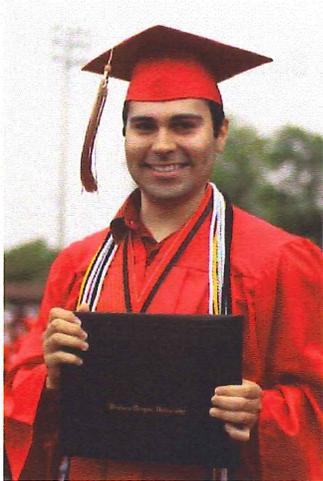
Yazmin Alvarez, Class of 2015

- Psychology Major, Communications minor, 2.90 GPA
- Attending Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling
- Will become a Marriage, Couple, and Family Therapist

While at WOU:

- President of SPEAK (Students Promoting Equity, Activism, and Knowledge)
- Abby's House Women's Resource Center Advocate
- Upward Bound Internship Coordinator and Office Assistant
- Summer Bridge Orientation Advisor
- Progressed from Academic Warning status her first year to multiple terms on Academic Honor Roll





Jose Garcia, Class of 2014

- Business major, Spanish minor, 3.75 GPA
- Programs Coordinator, Capaces Leadership Institute
- Considering an education graduate degree
- Worked on campaigns to increase Latino voter turnout
- Taught adult financial literacy program

While at WOU:

- Honors student
- Studied Abroad in Barcelona, Spain
- Resident Assistant

Luanne Carrillo, Class of 2014

- Spanish and Community Health double major, Sociology-Community Service minor, 3.17 GPA
- Employed as Admissions Counselor/Multicultural Recruitment Coordinator at Western Oregon University

While at WOU:

- Studied Abroad in Oviedo, Spain
- Led and served on WOU Service Trips to Tanzania, England, San Francisco, and more
- Multicultural representative Coordinator
- Summer Bridge Orientation Advisor

