

College Spark grants \$1.6 million to boost college attendance and graduation rates for low-income students in Washington

Seattle - College Spark Washington announced grants totaling \$1.6 million to increase the college success of Washington's underserved students. The grants will allow fifteen organizations to support college access and retention for low-income students throughout the state.

Caring adult mentors are critical to postsecondary success for low-income students. Not only do mentors offer support and encouragement, but they provide key information and guidance through the complex college preparation and application process. Ten grantees provide needed mentorship along with tutoring and other academic services. Other grantees help teachers prepare college-prep curricula for their students, evaluate college retention programs, and develop statewide networks for college access programs.

Together, all grantees promote College Spark Washington's mission to help low-income Washington students become college-ready and graduate from college.

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College Spark funds programs in Washington state that help low-income students become college-ready and complete their degrees. Our grantees include community organizations, technical and community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, other educational institutions, and public agencies.

For more information about College Spark, go to www.collegespark.org.