

BUILDING A COMMUNITY FOR COLLEGE ACCESS

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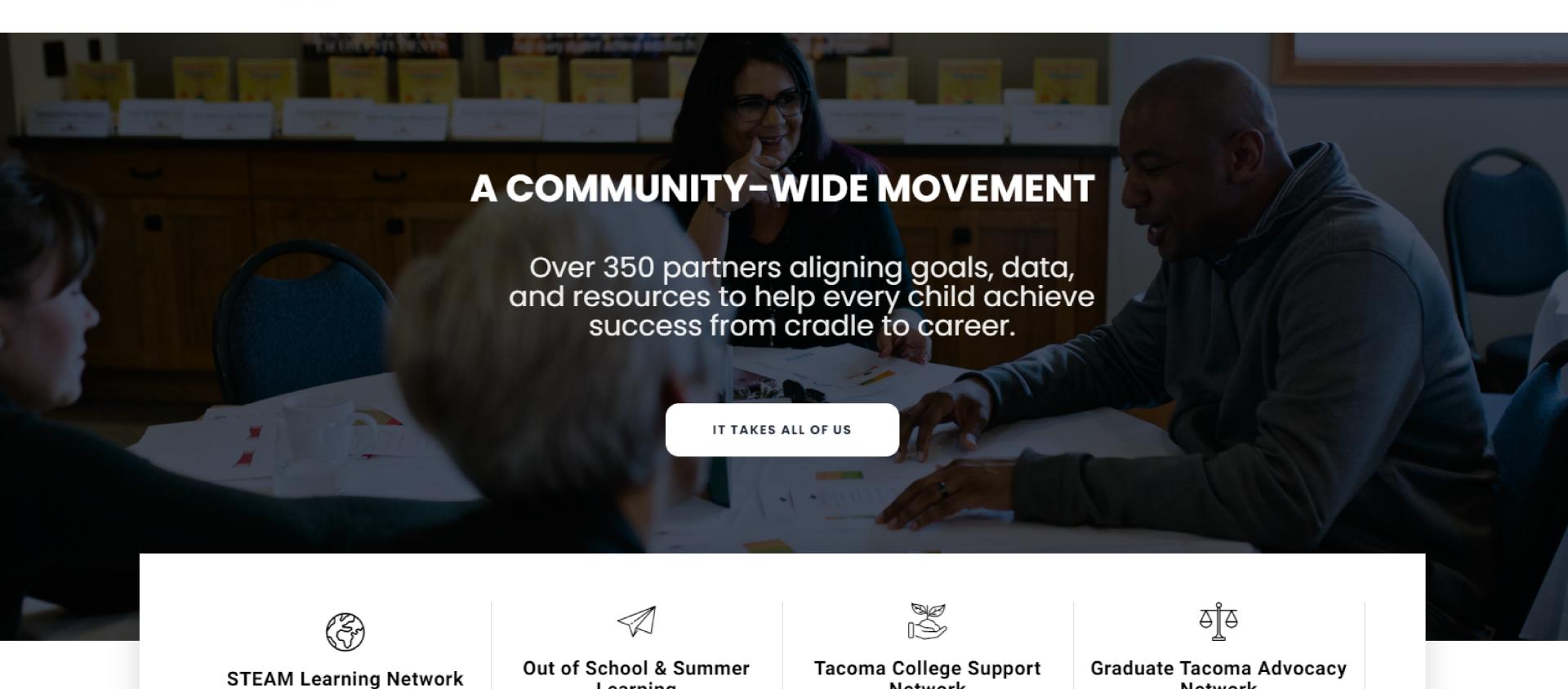


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A BRIEF HISTORY

2010

USA TODAY labels Tacoma, WA a "dropout factory" with only 55 percent of its students graduating from high school 2010

FFTS is established as a 501(c)(3) to staff and support the Graduate Tacoma community-wide movement to improve graduation rates

2013

Graduate Tacoma joins the StriveTogether Network

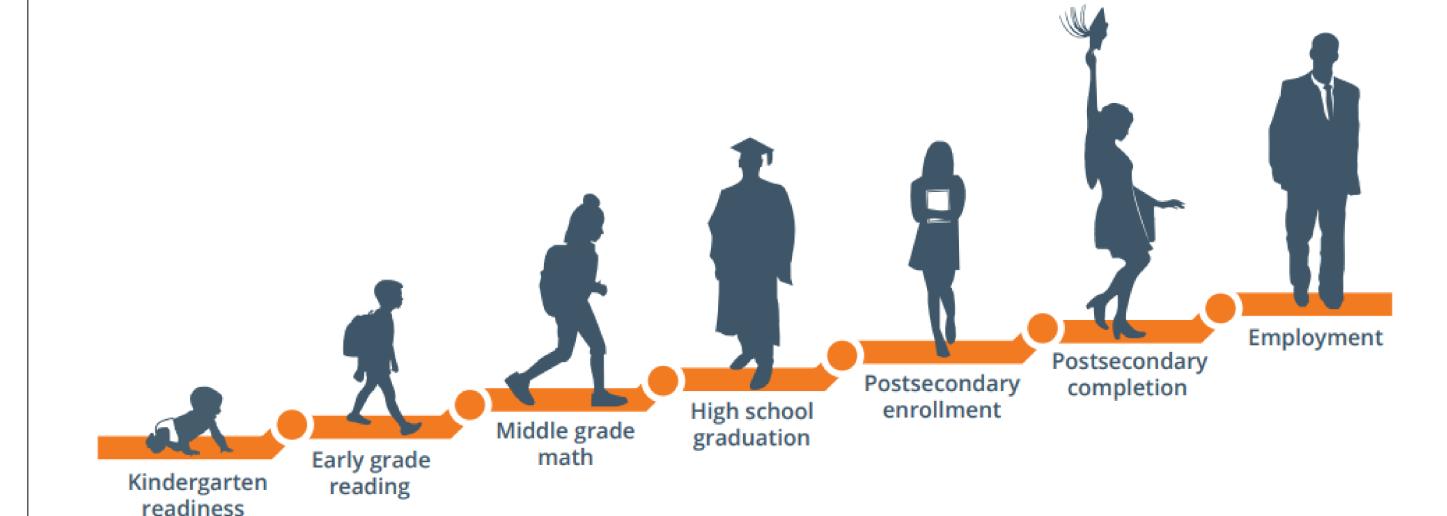
2018

Community surpasses the 2020 goal to increase graduation rates by 50% and becomes a proof-point community















Collaborative Action



Evidence-based Decision Making



Investment and Sustainability

QUALITY COLLECTIVE IMPACT APPROACH

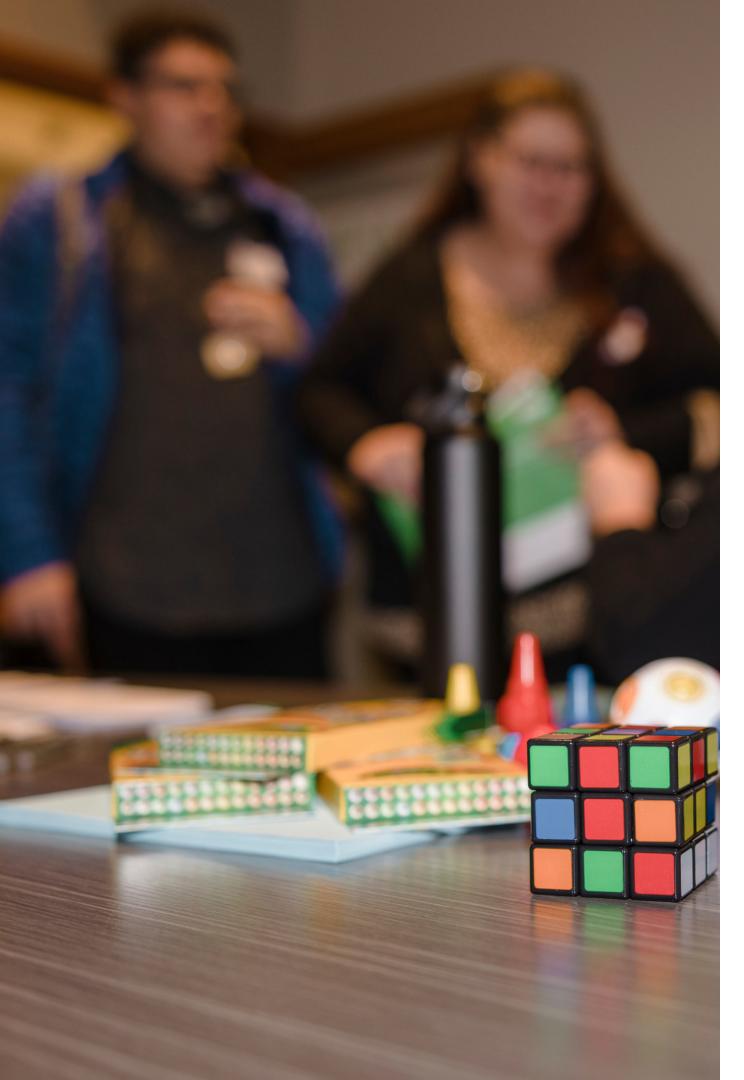
Lessons learned from community partnerships have shaped a data-driven approach to collective impact that is building momentum and success stories across the country. Connected by the work on the ground, StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network members are committed to sharing knowledge, building upon what works and driving action to improve key outcomes along every child's path to education success.

Data Driven

Graduate Tacoma community partners are making informed decisions as a result of data transparency and access. We provide a trusted source of aggregated, disaggregated, and student-level data for partners to best impact and influence outcomes for youth.

EXPLORE





RELIABLE DATA

POINTS TO WHAT'S WORKING AND WHAT ISN'T

- What's working? (Community Bright Spots)
- What isn't? (Obstacles to Opportunity)
- Who is it not working for? (Equity Gaps)
- How do we solve for that? (Practice & Policy Shifts)

Making the Case

THE GREAT RESET

- MAKING THE CASE
- A DECADE OF COLLECTIVE IMPACT
- **⊘** THE GREAT RESET
- 2030 COMMUNITY-WIDE GOAL
- SUMMARY OF DATA COLLECTION
- INDICATORS DRIVING STUDENT SUCCESS
- OPERATIONALIZING DATA
- THE ROAD TO SYSTEMS CHANGE
- APPENDIX & ENDNOTES



2030 Goal Statement

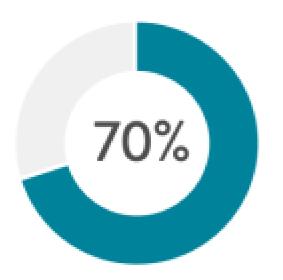
By 2030, 70% of Tacoma Public Schools students will earn a degree, technical certificate, or gain a good-earning wage employment opportunity within six years of high school graduation.

Targeted efforts will focus on students of color and those impacted by poverty.

Success will require meaningful cross-sector alignment and partnership, data-sharing and accountability, targeted resourcing, advocating for racially just practices, and maintaining progress on all indicators, cradle to career.

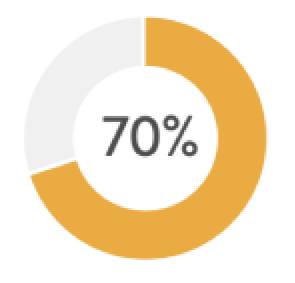
GRADUATETACOMA

70% Across Post-Secondary Pathways



GOOD EARNING WAGES

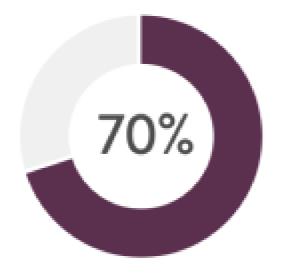
70% of all TPS graduates have a good earning wage employment opportunity, regardless of pathway.



COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

70% of all TPS graduates have enrolled in college or university.

70% of those enrolled in college or university have completed a certificate or degree within six years of high school graduation.



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

70% of TPS graduates who enroll in an apprenticeship program will continue onto a good earning wage job in the apprenticeship's trade or occupation.

Racial and economic equity gaps close for all groups.

Indicators Driving Success

Cradle to Career Indicators

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL **WELL-BEING**

3RD GRADE READING

POSITIVE ADULT INTERACTIONS

8TH GRADE MATH

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT & COMPLETION

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

APPRENTICESHIP ENROLLMENT & COMPLETION

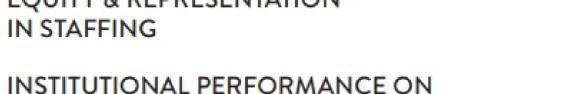
4 & 5-YEAR **GRADUATION** ACHIEVING A GOOD EARNING **WAGE JOB**

Institutional **Indicators**

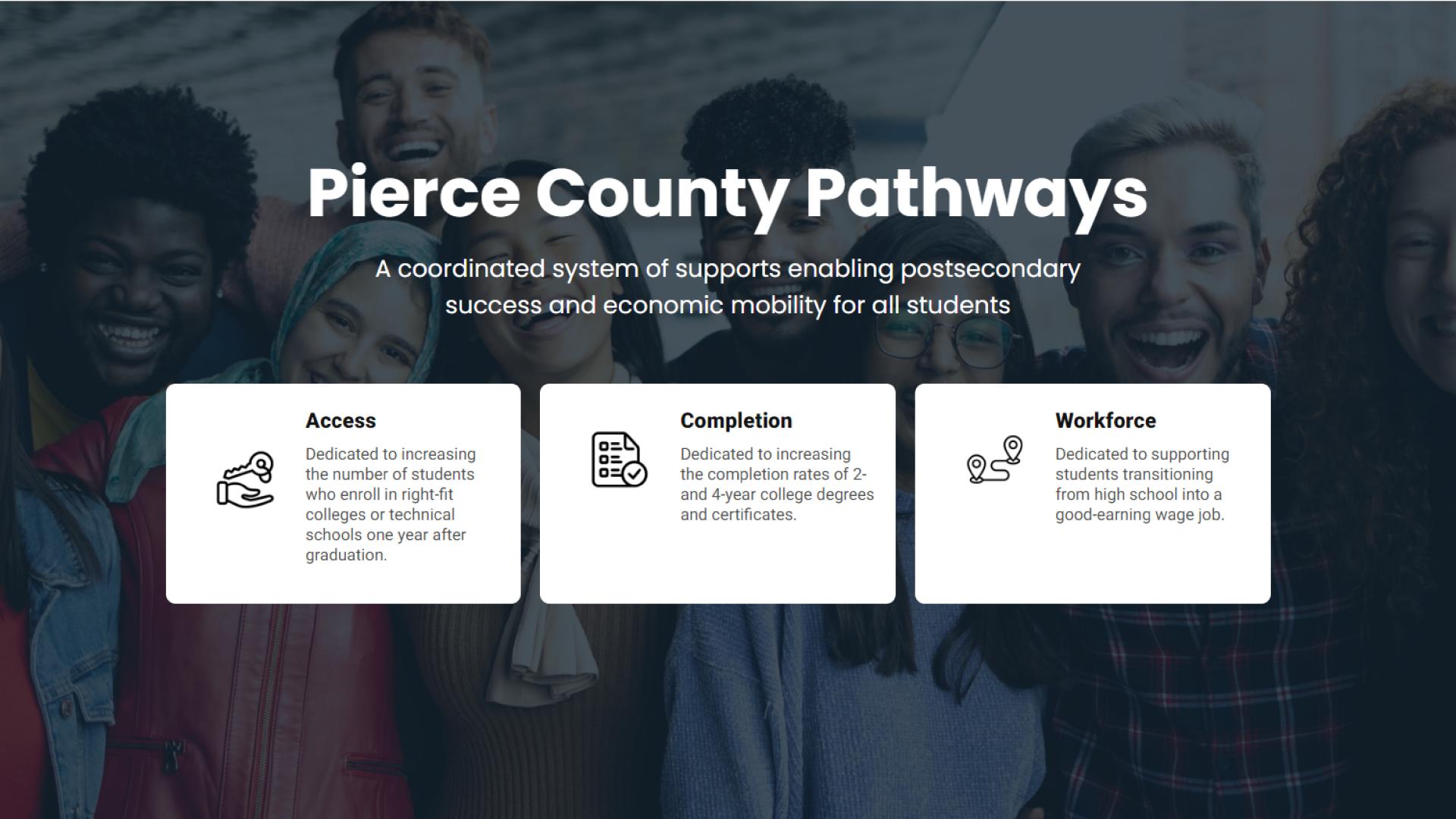
POST-SECONDARY REPRESENTATION OF PRIORITY POPULATIONS BY INSTITUTION

EQUITY & REPRESENTATION IN STAFFING

ACCOUNTABILITY PLEDGES









Pierce County Access

Pierce County Access seeks to increase the rate of students who apply to and enroll in a right-fit college or institution. We are dedicated to expanding strategies and partnerships to more school districts and community-based organizations in the county through collective action and systems-level strategies, ultimately leading to more equitable college access for all students.



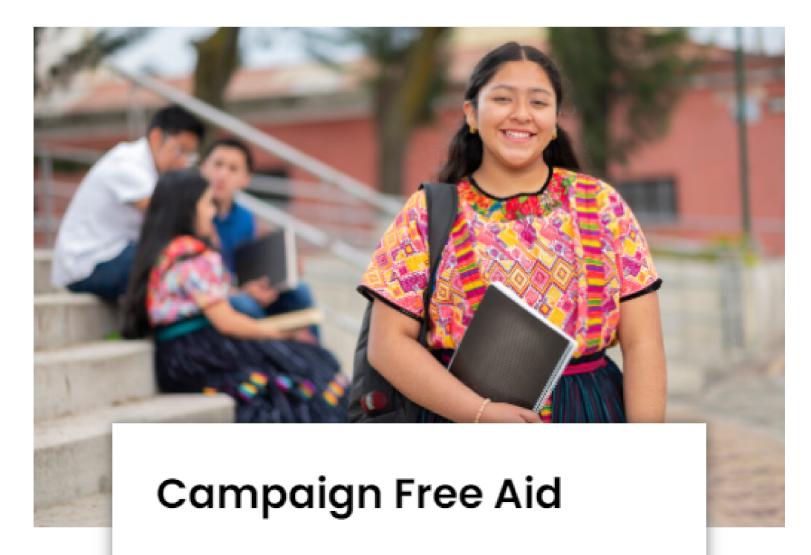
CAMPAIGN FREE AID

An effort to promote the completion of financial aid applications, including FAFSA and WASFA.



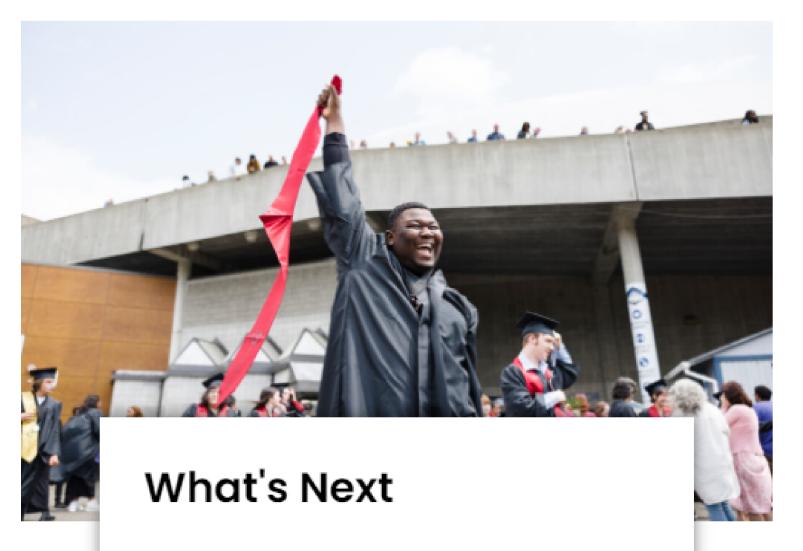
WHAT'S NEXT

Coordinated community response to all individual student requests as they transition out of high school.



Grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships help make college or career school affordable. Students and families can get help completing financial aid applications for free!

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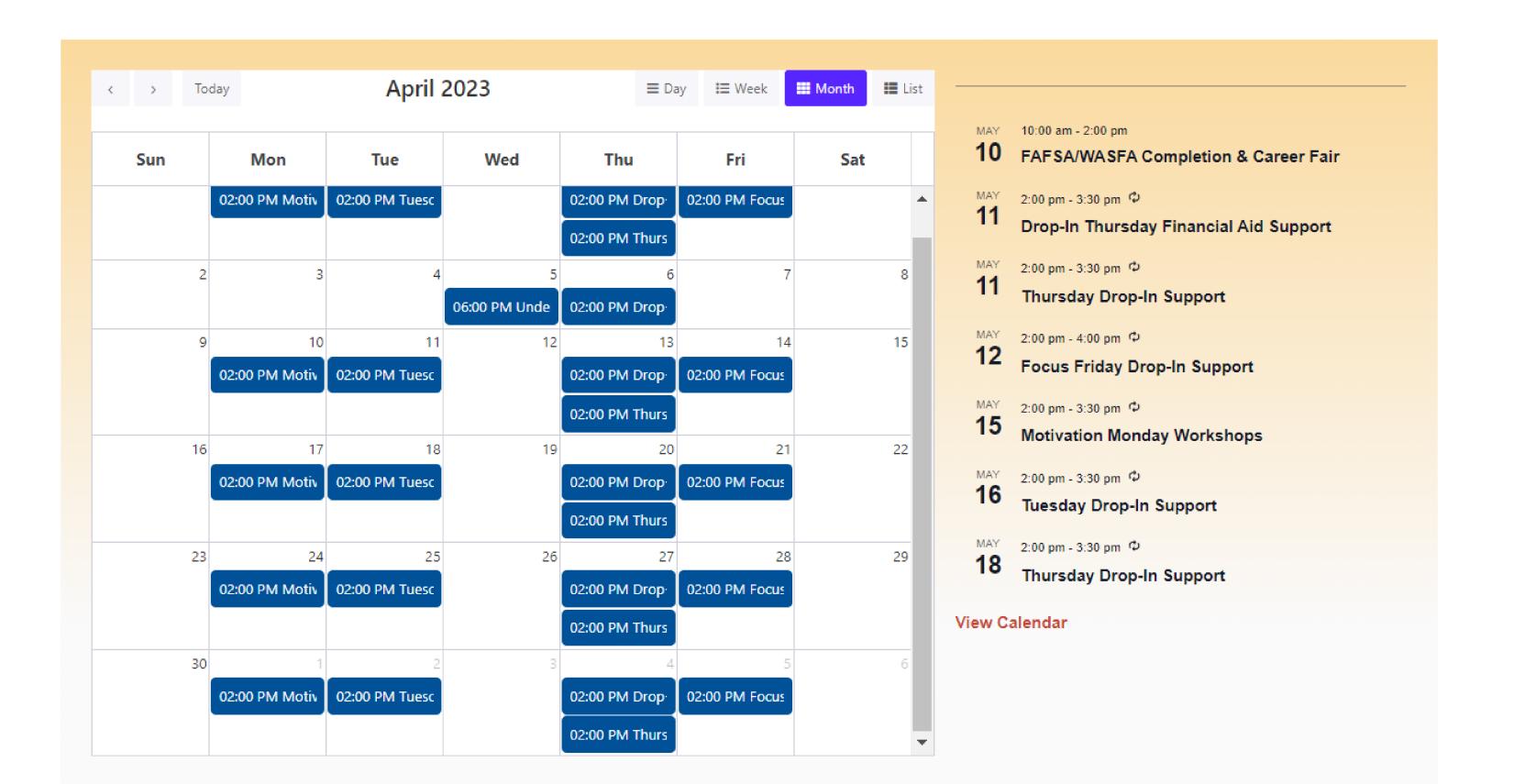


TPS seniors can now connect with a personalized coach and receive support with college applications, paying for school, finding a job, mentoring, and more.

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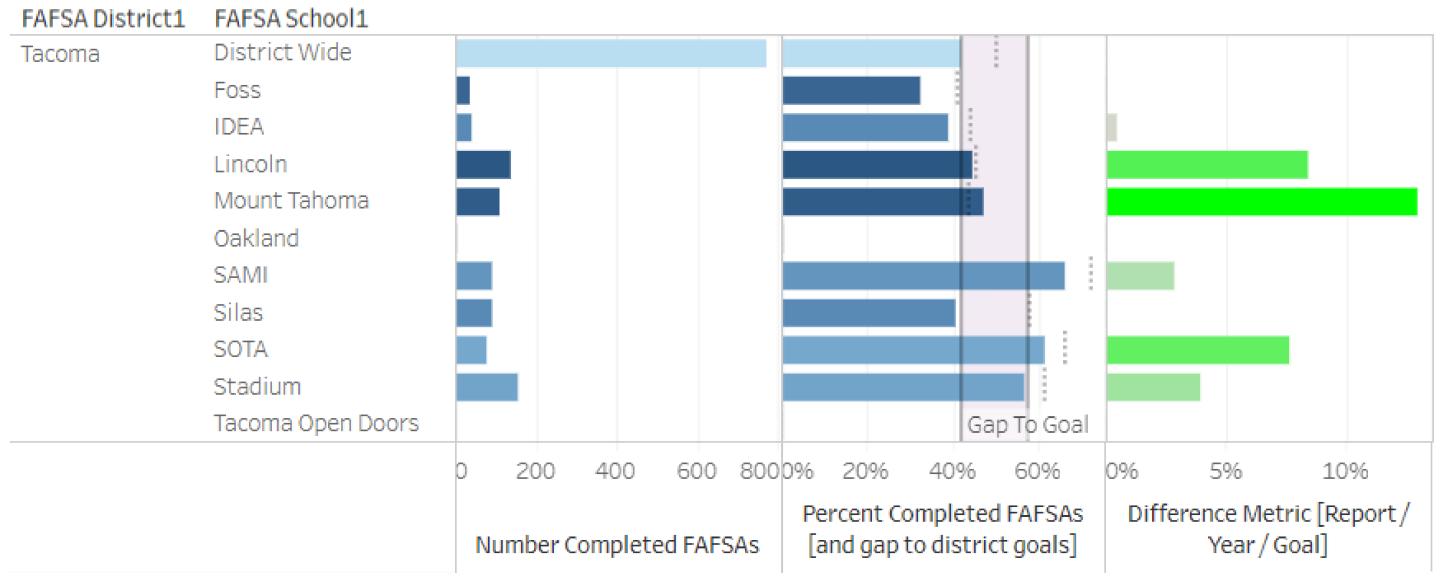
Free Workshops

There are many ways to get money for college, but one of the most important is filling out your financial aid forms. No matter your background, you qualify for state or federal aid - sometimes, both! Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of someone that can help you fill out your paperwork - parents are welcome!



Campaign Free Aid 2022-23 FAFSA - County Wide

(filter at top right, school-level last updated 5/1/2023) (Schools with less than 10 completions will not appear)



Choose FAFSA District(s)

Tacoma This graph looks at most recent building FAFSA rates, compared to prior report or year. Count and Rate colored by demographics, difference by report/year. Reference line compares current district totals to goals.* WSAC Download Date 0 () 5/1/2023 Color FAFSA Count / Rate Bars by % Seniors That are Low Income Students 61% Color FAFSA Rate Difference Bars by Difference from Last Year

13%

0%

Tacoma Public Schools | Franklin-Pierce School District

WHAT'S NEXT

Your Future. Your Vision. Let's Map It – *Together*.

Take a moment to share your post-high school dreams with us and get a personalized coach to help you make them a reality. You'll receive the very best guidance on *your* What's Next.

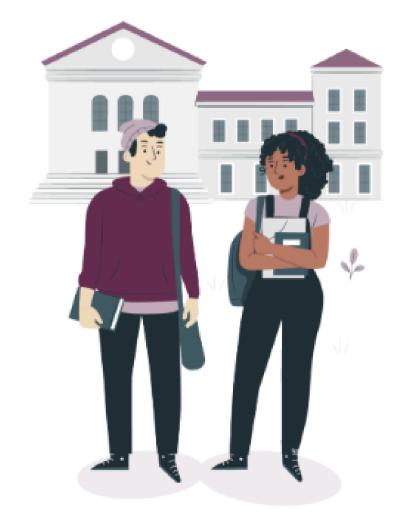
- · College application and communication
- Financial aid and paying for your education
- · Resume writing and job search
- · Job training programs and pre-apprenticeships
- · Mentoring and more

5 minutes can change everything.

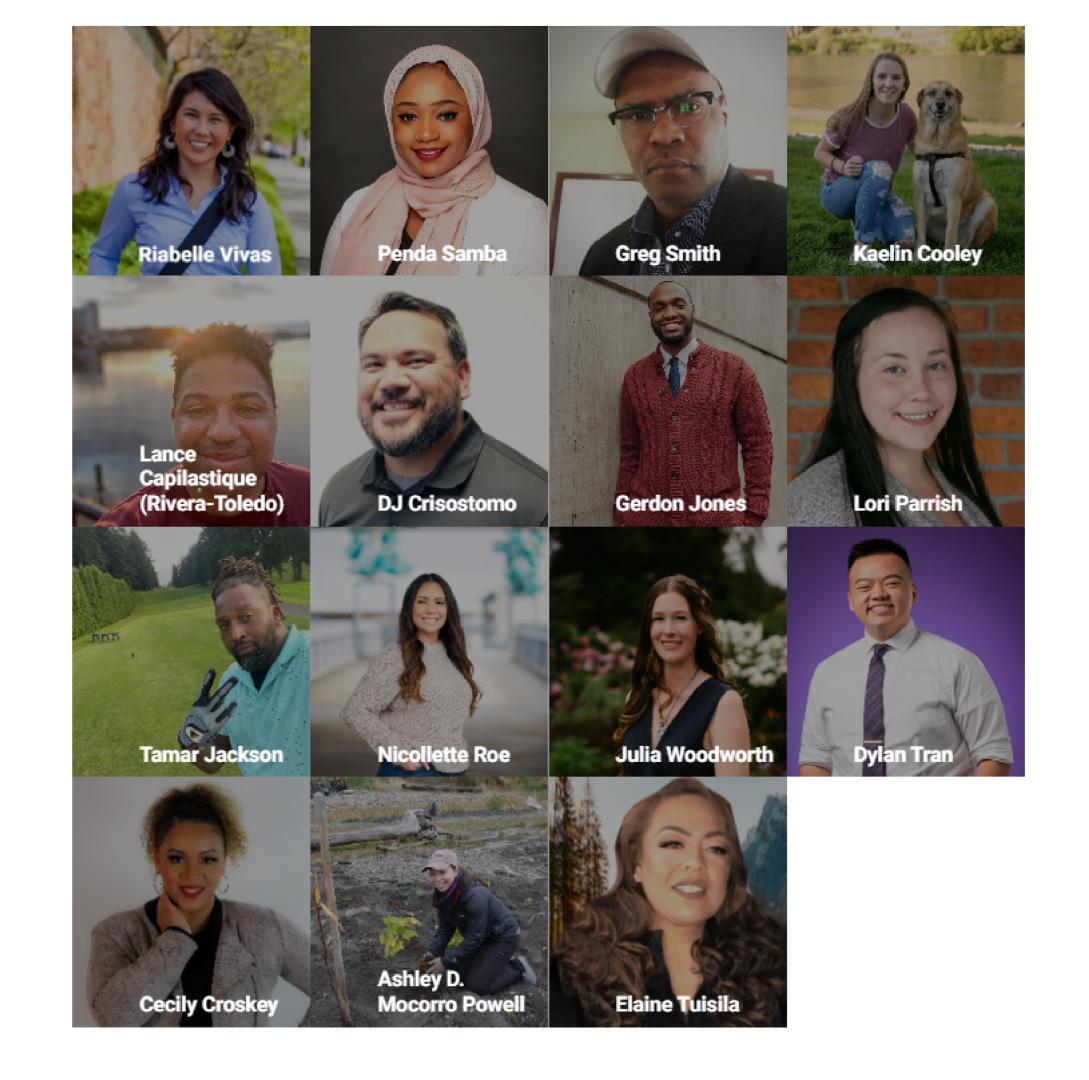








COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM





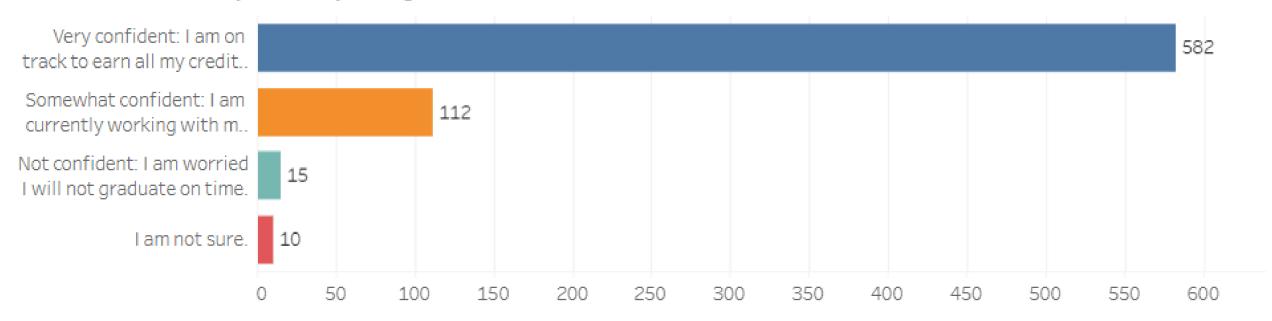
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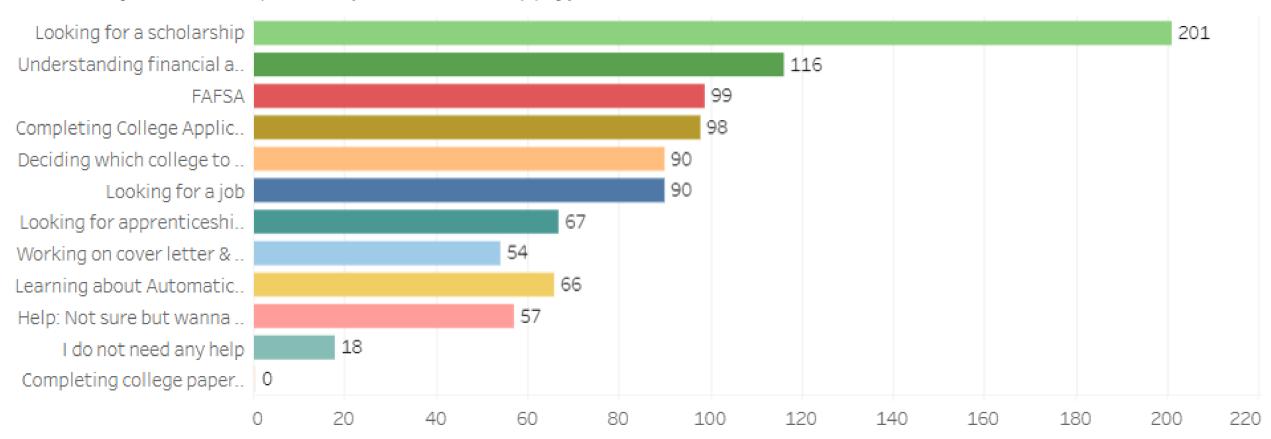
of Pierce County K-12 teachers identify as people of color.

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How confident are you that you'll graduate on time?



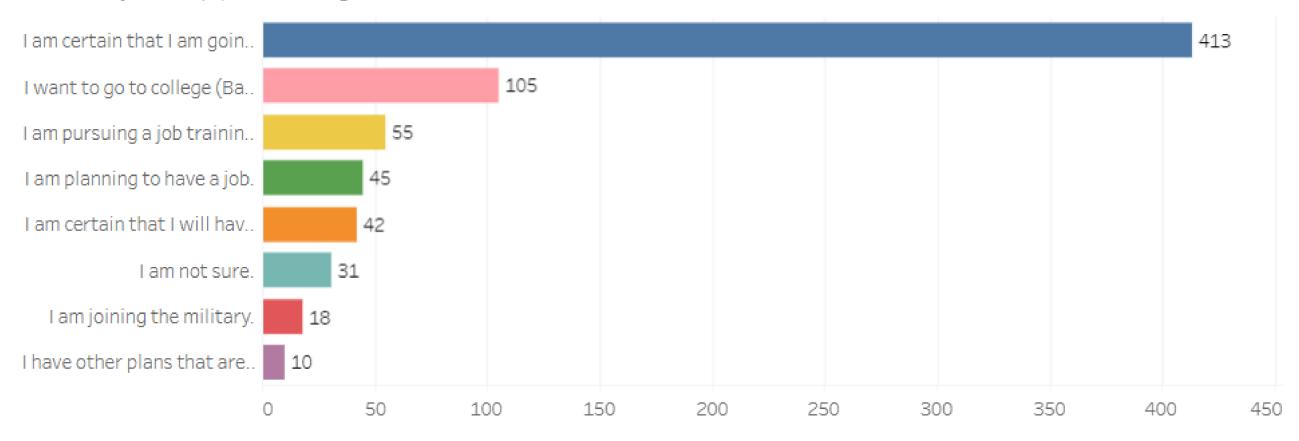
What do you need help with? (Mark all that apply)



Number of Students Requesting Help:

326

What is your top plan after graduation?



FAFSA Completion for students considering college:





QUESTIONS?

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