

# Five Things to Know About Seattle Promise

- 1. 74% of Seattle public school seniors applied to Seattle Promise in 2024.
- 2. 65% of Seattle Promise scholars are students of color.
- 3. 90% of Seattle Promise applicants complete their FAFSA or WASFA.
- 4. Seattle Promise scholars are retained at higher rates than non-Promise students at Seattle Colleges students and across the SBCTC system.
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#### MORE THAN A PROMISE—A PARTNERSHIP



Seattle Promise is funded by the City of Seattle's Family, Education, Preschool, and Promise levy.



Since 2018 more than two-thirds of Seattle high school students have applied to continue their studies at Seattle Colleges, and more than 6,000 students have enrolled.

### **PROGRAM FUNDING**

Seattle voters overwhelmingly passed (by 76%) the Families Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy in November 2018 with the goal of achieving educational equity, closing opportunity gaps, and building a better future for Seattle students. On November 4, 2025, voters will be asked to renew the levy to fund the Seattle Promise program for another six years (2026-2032).

## **CORE COMPONENTS**

Many programs cover college tuition. Some fund school-related expenses.

Few offer individual guidance and advising.

Seattle Promise, by design and proven success, combines all three.



# Free Tuition Seattle Colleges

North Seattle College Seattle Central College South Seattle College 2 years or 90 credits



#### **Equity Scholarships**

Flexible funding to students, for books, transportation, housing, etc. for those with financial need.

\$500 per quarter



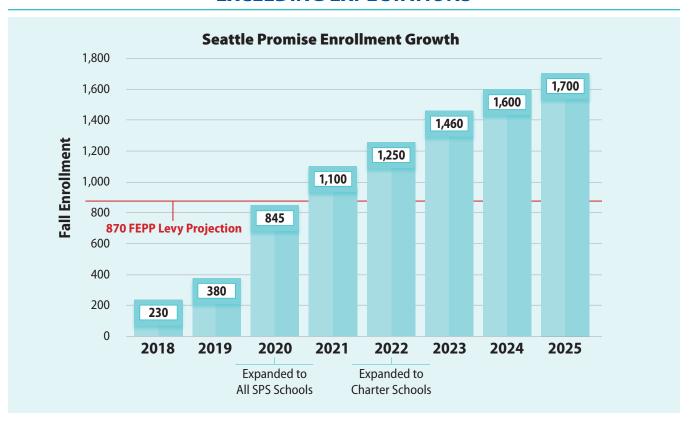
#### **Student Support and Advising**

Beginning the junior year of high school and through completion of a degree, certificate, credential, or transfer to a four-year institution.

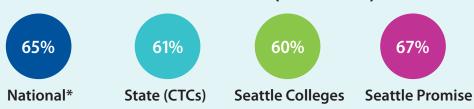
1:1 support



### **EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS**







<sup>\*</sup> National Center for Education Statistics: first fall to second fall retention at public, two-year colleges who enrolled full-time.

#### **Path to UW**

Launched in 2022, the Path to UW supports Seattle Promise students as they transition to the University of Washington. The program offers a variety of services and events designed to increase students' academic readiness, facilitate the transfer process, and build a sense of community.



Path to UW participants achieve transfer admission to UW-Seattle



Non-Path to UW participants achieve transfer admission to UW-Seattle



Washington community college transfer admission to UW-Seattle

## **PROMISING ALUMNI**



"I made a PROMISE to find a career I enjoy."

Floyd Sagor

Welding Fabrication Associate in Applied Science Degree
South Seattle College Graduate
Nova High School Graduate



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"A PROMISE I made to myself is to be a better version of myself, to be an example for my siblings and to be resilient and spread kindness in the world."

Latifa Souleyman
Associate in Nursing Degree
Seattle Central College Graduate
Garfield High School Graduate





"A PROMISE I made to myself is that I would always look back at the transformation that I went through and let myself know that change is always possible."

Vladimir Andar

Associate in Computer Science Degree North Seattle College Graduate Roosevelt High School Graduate

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"A PROMISE I made to myself is that I'm going to build the life that I dreamed of no matter what it takes."

Isabella Caldejon

Associate in Business and Facebook Digital Marketing Certificate Seattle Central College Gradaute Cleveland High School Graduate

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