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OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGES HELP 12TH GRADERS SPRING INTO ACTION

There is still time to apply for college and financial aid for next fall

Statewide, OR – Know a graduating senior who needs a plan for after high school? There is still time for the class of 2021 to apply for college and for financial aid to help pay for it. To help students with these steps, Oregon Goes To College is teaming up with the state’s community colleges to host **Spring Into Action** April 19-30.

All of Oregon’s community colleges and many 4-year colleges and universities are still accepting applications for the fall term. The goal of **Spring Into Action** is to help students understand it’s not too late to make a plan and get the support they need to continue their education in the fall.

This year, fewer students across the country — and in Oregon — who are low-income and/or will be the first in their family to go to college have applied for admission and financial aid. In Oregon, 14% fewer students have submitted the FAFSA this year. “It’s not too late to turn the tide. Students still have many options for continuing their education after high school, and **Spring Into Action** will help them take the necessary steps to do so,” said Stephanie Carnahan, director of Oregon GEAR UP.

Colleges will offer virtual activities to help students explore their options, complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA), and submit their Oregon Promise application. To see the full calendar of tours, information sessions and drop-in counseling appointments, visit oregongoestocollege.org/spring.

Oregon Goes To College is a statewide initiative of Oregon GEAR UP. For more information, visit oregongoestocollege.org.

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