

College Chats for Educators

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: September 17, 2024
Time: 9 AM
Location: Zoom
Topic: Financing a Private (*Not for profit) Education
Speaker: Patrick Wilson, Willamette University

MEETING NOTES

RESOURCES

- [College Navigator](#): Estimate your cost of attendance
 - [Oregon Cost of College- Quick Glance](#)
- [Oregon Goes to College: Financial Aid Offer Challenge](#)
- [Oregon Goes to College: College Fit Toolkit](#)
- Willamette University offers a travel voucher for visiting students (*up to \$400.00)
- Willamette will reimburse counselor visits (*1 night lodging)
- Virtual Counselor Programs are available
- Willamette offers Parent & Family Programs
- [12th Grade Events Toolkit](#)
 - [Register for 12th Grade Events](#)
- [Student Tracking Sheet](#)

ATTENDEES

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| • Autumn VanderLinden | • Jennifer Hamilton | • Alysanne Bresko |
| • Maddy Anderson | • Jodi Kerr | • Liberty Lacy |
| • Jaime Simpson | • Mike Henderson | • Andrea Oropeza |
| • Samantha Jones | • Natalie Williams | • Esther Lipke |
| • Aaron Umpleby | • Cliff Kirkpatrick | • Vicki VanLoo |
| • Jackson Boothe | • Stacey White | • Jill Gregg |
| • Sophia Ferreira | • Claudia Mendez | • Kay Graham |
| | • Hannah Beverage | • Nicole Edwards |

PRESENTATION

- Speaker [Slide Deck](#)

DISCUSSION NOTES

- Can students who don't qualify for federal work study still work on campus?
 - Yes. There are jobs available, and money can be paid directly to students for those that don't demonstrate need/don't qualify for need based financial aid.
- Are WU grants based on need?
 - Yes



- Approximate Cost of Attendance: ~\$67,456
- Average Financial Aid Offer (*Not including loan options): \$38,922
- Average Financial Aid Offer for students who demonstrate need (*Not including loan options): \$40,383
- Cost Comparison: How do private schools compare to public schools?
 - University of Oregon
 - Tuition & Fees: \$16,137 (+\$3,306 Honors College)
 - Annual Direct Costs: \$32,748
 - University of Washington
 - Tuition & Fees: \$43,209 (Out of State)
 - Annual Direct Costs: \$61,614
- How often to parents access Parent Plus loans?
 - We don't have specific data points on this.
- Retention rates?
 - We retain between 75 & 80% of students from year to year. Willamette tries to work with students based on financial changes to see if there are any other resources etc. students can tap into.
- Order of Award?
 - Once a student is admitted:
 - Merit Scholarship Awarded, Loan Aid, Federal & State Grants, Willamette Grants, Application Awards/Outside Awards etc.
 - The only time financial aid is reduced is if students bring in awards that exceeds cost of attendance (starting with loans etc.)
- How realistic is it that students will be able to fill gaps in financial aid?
 - Start with the student's admission counselor
 - Students need to have a firm understanding of how much their need is
 - General Financial Aid Appeal Process: What FAFSA identified is not what we have available to pay out of pocket
 - Internal Financial Aid Appeal Process: What additional institution aid is available?
- Are transfer students eligible for the same merit scholarships as students entering directly out of high school? Yes. Pathways Programs are also starting through Chemeketa.
- Are merit scholarships good for four years? Yes, so long as students remain in good academic standing (making progress toward degree, 2.0).
- Merit scholarships consider academic coursework, GPA, and the quality of their application (essay review, activities and involvement etc.). Willamette looks at each student individually- are they taking advantage of rigorous coursework in their school.
 - Highest merit-based scholarship? \$33,000

CLOSING

- Coming up
 - October Feature: Writing the College Admission Essay
 - November: College Application Week

