

Building Our Future

Dr. Carli Schiffner
President

GRAYS HARBOR
COLLEGE 



New Leadership, New Horizons

I am honored to serve as GHC's president!

- Background in academic leadership, most recently the deputy executive director of education at the Washington State Board of Community & Technical Colleges
- Fifth generation Washingtonian and first-generation college student

Some of my goals for the future include:

- Advocating for small, rural colleges and communities
- Strengthening enrollment and career pathways
- Building strong community partnerships – this starts now!



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Grays Harbor College selects Dr. Schiffner as president

She is the first woman to lead the college in its 93-year history

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By a unanimous vote, the Grays Harbor College board of trustees selected Dr. Carli Schiffner to be the next president of Grays Harbor College.

The announcement was made by board Chair Dr. Harry Carthum at Tuesday's board meeting.

"I want to express the Board of Trustees' gratitude to all who were involved in conducting the search. We are grateful for all of the hours of work that the search committee and other participants put into helping us identify the best person to lead Grays Harbor College forward," said Dr. Carthum.

Dr. Schiffner will be the first woman to lead Grays Harbor College in its 93-year history, according to a news release. She will succeed Dr. Ed Brewster, who will retire on June 31, after working for Grays Harbor College from 2004 to 2016 and coming out of retirement to serve as interim president in 2020.

"We are delighted to have attracted such a qualified leader for this role," said Dr. Carthum. "Dr. Schiffner's appointment comes at the end of a nationwide search process that involved the thoughtful input of GHC students, staff, faculty and community members. We sought a dynamic, innovative leader with a sharp financial acumen, excellent communication skills and a bold vision for our future. I am proud that we found all of those qualities and more in Dr. Schiffner."

Dr. Schiffner holds a distinguished record of leadership in the field of higher education. She currently serves as the deputy executive director of education at the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), located in Olympia. Prior to her work at the SBCTC, Dr. Schiffner served in progressive leadership positions in Washington state — including vice president of instruction at Wenatchee Valley College and Dean of Arts and Sciences at Yakima Valley College — and in New York State as chief of staff, provost, and interim president at the State University of New York, Canton.

Dr. Schiffner is a fifth generation Washingtonian. She earned a bachelor of arts in history and political science from Gonzaga University, a master of arts in cultural and intellectual history from Drew University, and a Ph.D. in American History from Washington State University. She is active in her community, serving as a trustee for 10 years for Humanities Washington and in leadership roles in the American Association for University Women.

Dr. Schiffner is the current chair of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.



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In her free time, Dr. Schiffner enjoys spending time with her family and friends in Westport, attending her children's sporting events, reading and searching for the state's best clam chowder.

Supporting Students Since 1930

Grays Harbor College was the second community college to open in Washington State. In 1930, a group of Aberdeen citizens organized the concept of a college and then received the charter from the State of Washington. In 1958, the College opened in its current location in South Aberdeen.

Today, Grays Harbor College has a campus in Aberdeen and Education Centers in Raymond and Ilwaco.





Strengthening Enrollment & Career Pathways

- *Skill development*
- *Pathways*
- *Career Readiness*
- *Stackable Credentials*
- *Partnerships*



Real Skills for Real Careers

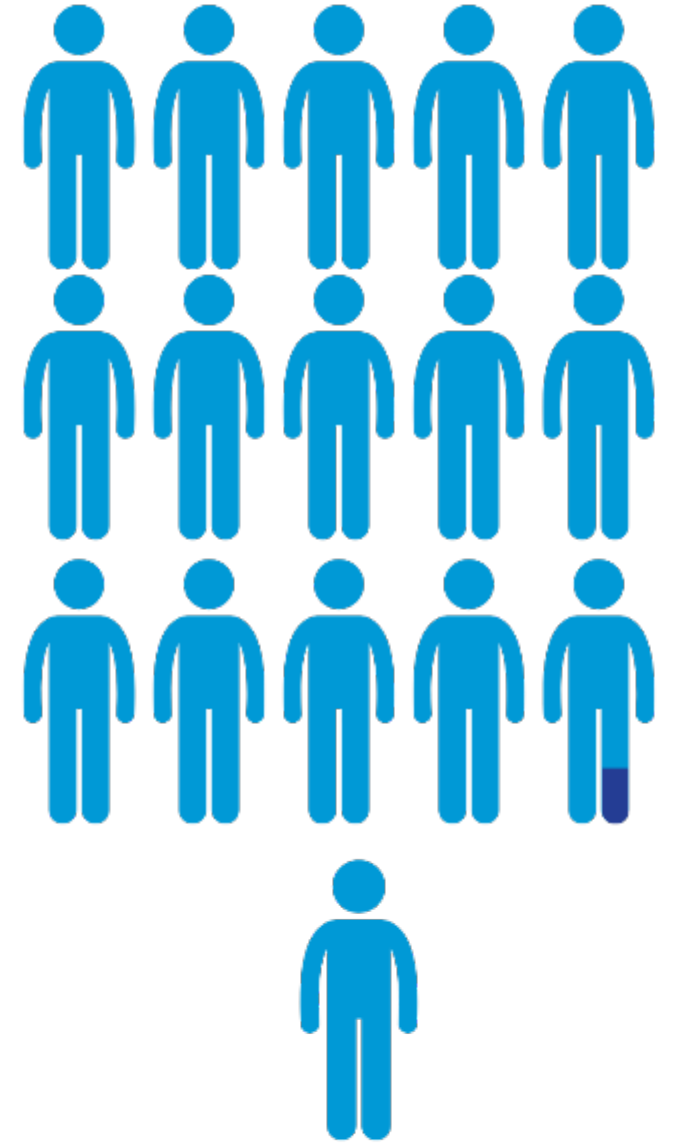
We are proud to offer a high quality, affordable education to students throughout the Twin Counties and beyond.

Students in GHC's Teacher Education, Nursing, Medical Assisting, Welding and many other programs obtain jobs in their field within a year of completing their degree or certificate—**many students begin working in their field while attending GHC!**

High Quality, Affordable Education

With a student to faculty ratio of 14.75:1, GHC students benefit from a personalized learning experience and support services.

GHC's graduation rate is higher than average among community and technical colleges in Washington state, with 30% of students graduating within 3 years.



Career & Technical Degrees at GHC

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)

K-8 Teacher Education
Organizational Management
Forest Resource Management

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Accounting
Business Management
Business Technology
Criminal Justice
Early Childhood Education
Hospitality & Ecotourism
Human Services – *Generalist*
Human Services – *Chemical Dependency*
Medical Assistant
Natural Resources/Forestry Technician
Occupational Entrepreneurship

Associate in Technology (AT)

Automotive Technology
Carpentry Technology
Diesel Technology
Welding Technology – *Construction*
Welding Technology – *Pipe Welding*
Welding Technology – *Structural Welding*

Certificate of Completion (CC)

Business – *Accounting/Bookkeeping*
Business – *Business Management*
Business Technology
Carpentry Technology
Chemical Dependency
Commercial Truck Driving (CDL)
Diesel Technology – *Advanced*
Diesel Technology – *Fundamentals*
Early Childhood Education
Human Services
Medical Office
Natural Resources/Forestry Technician
Practical Nursing
Small Business/Entrepreneurship
Welding

Certificate of Achievement (CA)

Bookkeeping
Automotive Technology (*levels 1-6*)
Basic Small Business Skills
Formatting & Publishing Business Documents
Microcomputer Applications
Microsoft Office Applications
Office Professional Certification
Software Applications
Beginning Carpentry
Advanced Carpentry
CDL
Diesel Technology (*levels 1-5*)
Early Childhood Education
Introduction to Human Services
Medical Coding
All Position Pipe Welding
Industrial Welding
Open Root Pipe Welding
Pipe Welding Basics
Welding Basics (*levels 1-2*)

Running Start & CTE Dual Credit

*“Wait, there’s a program where I can work on cars? Sign me up!”
– Isaac Gil ’23*

Running Start and Career & Technical Education Dual Credit programs allow high school students to earn college credits **tuition free**. Many Running Start students graduate with both an AA and a high school diploma—some even earn multiple AA degrees!



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Native Pathways Bridge Program



The Native Pathways Bridge AA Degree Program is a direct transfer Associate of Arts (AA) degree.

The Native Pathways Program is offered mostly online with 12 Saturdays per year spent with Evergreen State College students at the Longhouse in Olympia.

Native Pathways students earn a unique degree with cultural relevance. Many graduates go on to earn upper-division degrees, advance in their careers, and use the skills learned in the program to improve and enrich their tribal communities.



Supporting Students

- *Grays Harbor College Foundation*
- *High Quality, Affordable Education*
- *TRIO Programs*
- *Student Services & Instructional Building*

TRIO Programs Support Students Every Step of the Way

High School: TRIO Upward Bound serves students in Raymond, Hoquiam, and Ocosta high schools.

Pre-College & Returning: The TRIO Educational Opportunity Center serves individuals throughout the Twin Counties. Both UB & EOC help students attend ANY post-secondary institution including GHC.

At GHC: TRIO Student Support Services helps GHC students succeed in the college environment. There are many excellent faculty who teach specific academic material, but TRIO teaches students how to make it through college!



**GH College
gets \$2.87M
for Upward
Bound
programs**

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Celebrating a Record-Breaking Year for the GHC Foundation!

In 2022-23, the Grays Harbor College Foundation invested \$1.3 million in GHC and our students.

- Awarded **\$873,000** in scholarships
- Allocated **\$386,669** to enrich the academic environment and programs at GHC
- Invested **\$57,998** in support programs that keep students enrolled, like childcare and emergency assistance

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FOUNDATION

Student Services & Instructional Building

Once opened in the winter of 2024, the “SSIB” will provide a new gateway to campus and a “one-stop shop” for student services.

The new SSIB will house the College’s Student Services departments, a coffee bar, dining area, spaces for student activities, a 500-person event center, and more!



Looking at the future...

Priorities:

Enrollment

Long-term Fiscal Health

College Culture

Partnerships

Future of Higher Education:

Value of a college degree.

Training for the future.

Rethinking, redesigning approach

Workforce



Partnering for Success

- *Invested in Our Community*
- *Community Partnerships*



Contributing to the Harbor's Economy

GHC's payroll amounted to \$14,706,747 in 2022-23. Many of GHC's 260+ employees live and do business locally.

In 2021, **GHC spent over \$1.5 million** with businesses based in Grays Harbor.



Examples of Community Partnerships



- The **YMCA, Grays Harbor Community Foundation, Greater Grays Harbor, & GHC** Carpentry program worked together to build the Camp Bishop Canoe House
- GHC's IT department partnered with **Grays Harbor Youth Works** to provide paid internship opportunities in IT
- **Greater Grays Harbor, Clallam Economic Development Council, Peninsula College,** and GHC – Small Business Boost (Bookkeeping)
- **Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, Worksource, PacMtn & GHC** – CDL graduation and hiring events
- **Community volunteers** sit on advisory boards for GHC programs to ensure that students gain the skills required by local employers
- GHC has partnered with **local businesses** to provide contract training to their employees

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What does the workforce of the future look like?

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Take a Class On Us!



During the 2022-23 academic year, more than **1,000 students were able to take a class for free** through the Take a Class On Us program.

We are offering the chance to take a class on us one more time this fall! Sign up at ghc.edu/on-us.





Thank you.

Let's Connect!

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Disclosures

Grays Harbor college is an equal opportunity institution. For more info, see [ghc.edu/non-discrimination](https://www.ghc.edu/non-discrimination).

- Grays Harbor College has an open enrollment policy and will take steps to ensure that the lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational education programs.

For information about Grays Harbor College's campus safety and security policies, procedures, and statistics on certain crimes, visit [ghc.edu/clery](https://www.ghc.edu/clery).

In order to productively engage with equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) issues, it is important to have a shared understanding of the language that we use. The Diversity Advisory Committee developed a glossary of Diversity Definitions during the 2021 academic year. To access this glossary, please visit <https://www.ghc.edu/edi/diversity-definitions>.