



Chemeketa Community College's building two on the Salem campus. Wikipedia Commons

One group at McNary that Farris mentioned the grant could help was first generation students that may not be aware of the opportunities available to them.

“When you’re a first generation student, and you don’t have people around you that know the process, a lot of times they can fall through the cracks,” said Farris. “Having these additional positions that want to serve this type of community, and having a representative at each school, is absolutely essential to getting students to college.”

Hastings said that the college has identified the areas the grant will work to improve and will begin focusing on expanding opportunities

for high school students in the 2021-22 school year.

The college was scheduled to update the Salem-Keizer School Board on this grant and other partnerships at the Aug. 24 meeting, which was cancelled due to safety concerns.

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— ROCHELLE FARRIS
Fmr. College & Career Advisor at McNary

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