

Alternatives to a Bachelor's Degree

States form coalition to boost career training

(AP) -- More than a year after the release of a Harvard University report encouraging the development of more pathways to careers for young adults, a coalition of six states has begun taking steps toward offering viable alternatives for students beyond attending a four-year college.

The Pathways to Prosperity report by Harvard University's Graduate School of Education concluded millions of students are being shortchanged in preparation for a successful career by a one-size-fits-all approach that encourages everyone to earn a bachelor's degree.

The researchers noted that while most jobs now require some higher education, just a third of those created in the coming years are expected to re-



A Seattle resident participates in a King County program that helps reduce the risk of poverty by supporting job training and education so that more people can support themselves and their families.

quire a bachelor's degree or higher. The same amount will need an associate's degree or

occupational credential. The report's authors urged the U.S. to place a greater emphasis on

occupational instruction.

Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Carolina

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tural leaders come to assist PCC students who have been involved with the juvenile justice system. Williams favorite quote echoed this work and was, "To give without remembering; to receive without forgetting."

He has been a force in local, state and national political leadership for many years. Williams was a candidate for the state legislature, walking door to door in his campaign to raise awareness of the issues facing the African American community in

Portland. If he had been successful, he would have been only the second African American elected to the Oregon Legislature at the time. At PCC, during Oregon Legislative sessions, Williams routinely testified on bills of significance to community colleges.

For all of his hard work at PCC, Williams was selected for the Association of Community College Trustees Pacific Region Trustee Leadership Award in 2010.

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