

# WSU Vancouver

WSU Vancouver was formally established in 1989 as one of four campuses that make up the Washington State University system. Today, WSU Vancouver is celebrating 25 years of progress in providing access to baccalaureate-level education for the people of Southwest Washington and beyond. The university's motto says it all: "Stay close. Go far."

Initially, WSU Vancouver served graduate students and upper-division students transferring from community colleges to complete their bachelor's degrees. Classes were held in Bauer Hall on the Clark College campus. In 1990, at the first commencement, 38 new graduates received their degrees.

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WSU Vancouver dedicated its new campus in the Salmon Creek area in 1996. Ten years later, in fall 2006, the university began serving freshmen and sophomores. For the 2013/2014 school year, more than 3,000 students enrolled, and 915 received degrees at the 2014 commencement ceremony.

WSU Vancouver offers 20 bachelor's degrees, eight master's degrees and three doctoral degrees. Students may also be enrolled in science graduate study programs in the School of Biological Sciences in Pullman and pursue their entire degree at WSU Vancouver, greatly enhancing the number of degrees available at the master's and doctoral level.



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A Seattle Fire Department officer at the Museum of Science and Industry 'Seattle Fire Day at MOHAI' event last October. Children at the event learn that firefighters are there to help and that they should not run away from them in an emergency.

### National reputation, local focus

WSU Vancouver is the only four-year research university in Southwest Washington—offering big-school resources in a small-school environment.

The university's 150 doctoral teaching scholars address critical challenges in more than 37 fields of study. The research conducted by faculty and students has both global and local impact—fuelling economic growth and develop-

ment in Southwest Washington.

In laboratories and classrooms at WSU Vancouver, students and faculty work together to tackle the most complex and difficult issues of the modern world. Students have the opportunity to work closely with nationally known experts on their research to learn, discover and innovate. The uni-

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