

COLLEGE SPARK

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College Spark Washington funds programs across Washington state that help low-income students become college-ready and earn their degrees.



READY TO RISE

Oftentimes, low-income students get to college without a support network of friends or family members knowledgeable about college life. That leaves them with nowhere to turn when they struggle with the transition to college and navigating through the college system.

Led by Degrees of Change, Ready to Rise will receive nearly \$3.4 million over five years to help low-income students stay on track and graduate from college.

Ready to Rise is a cohort-based program in which groups of students graduating from the same community and heading off to the same college receive a range of services including peer and adult mentoring, college readiness and academic supports, help in navigating college-based services, and leadership training. This model calls on a collaborative effort between colleges and community organizations to work together to improve the success of local college students.

Ready to Rise will be implemented in three regions including Tacoma, Vancouver and Yakima.



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