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Hello,

As a staff member at Western Oregon University, I have gotten to see the powerful impact SB 604 has done for our campus. SB 604 has supported our Destination Western program. With this program, students who participated have shown greater improvement than students who were not in it. They retained at a higher rate, held higher credit course loads (with higher GPAs), and have felt a wider connection to campus. These students have gone on to join more leadership opportunities, gain confidence in their academics, and become great role models to other students. At a time like today, it's important for our students to feel welcomed in their institution and thrive to succeed.

Best,
Andres