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This program has some very beneficial impacts for our first-year and underrepresented students at Western Oregon University. This group of students is often first generation as well. Through this program, they are able to come onto campus early and receive information, assistance, and a head start in community building which are all things that contribute directly to their academic success. This in turn translates to higher degree completion in a shorter period of time and less debt for them. Thank you for considering funding this experience for this population of Oregonians!