

Submitter: Zachary Hammerle
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB604

Greetings,

Destination Western has supported new students at Western Oregon University over the past few years and has demonstrated higher student retention rates and student preparedness when compared other general sample groups. I personally have seen participating students come into the first few weeks of school prepared for a new academic and social landscape. The professional approach to college preparedness is stunning and key to new students' development through the logical exposure of concepts they will need to succeed.

The care and passion delivered throughout the program is considerable and the students benefit from each session and process. This program should be considered for funding this year and in perpetuity and should be considered an absolute necessity for Oregon college students in general. I trust the Senate Committee on Education can see that value in this program and like programs across Oregon. We trust this committee will continue to support our mission here at Western and the students benefiting from this program. Thank you for your consideration, time and passion.

Respectfully Submitted,