

YEAR-END REPORT



CAREER
CONNECT
SOUTHWEST

2019-2020

IMPACTS

The 2019-20 school year brought multiple challenges and opportunities, beginning with new funding from House Bill 2158 (Workforce Education Investment Act) that allowed our STEM Network to expand into a Career Connected Learning Network that partners with businesses, higher education and all 30 school districts across the six-county region. With a much larger service region, we established a [leadership structure](#) that is able to take into account the unique voices, needs and assets of the distinct communities we serve.

NETWORK STRUCTURE

SW WA GOVERNANCE BOARD

Pacific County
Direct Service

The Columbia River
STEM Network
Leadership Board

Clark County CCL
Board

The Gorge CCL
Advisory

Clark County CCL
Steering Committee

Regional Work Groups

Awareness/Exploration/Preparation/Launch/Higher Ed/Data
*Meet monthly to scale programs, develop best practices and share data

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With this funding, we also secured a dedicated Career Technical Education coordinator ([Scott Culbertson](#)) and a Business Equipment Manager ([Chad Mullen](#)). Culbertson supports K-12 educators by providing quality career-related learning experiences and aligning programs to graduation pathways. Mullen serves as an end-to-end contact for industry and community partners to work directly with schools.

2019-20 IMPACTS & ACTIVITIES



AWARENESS & EXPLORATION

13,475 elementary students used STEM+CCL storylines

7,080 middle and high school students experienced career-related learning events



PREPARATION

12 student internships

VIRTUAL internship model in place for construction and advanced manufacturing

OVER 280 business partners engaged



LAUNCH

4 endorsed programs

6 employers

40 available slots

3 new apprenticeship programs

Despite the stay-at-home orders necessitated by Covid-19, our team was able to provide thousands of experiences for students through curriculum integration, virtual career panels, internships and continuing to strengthen partners across K-12, business and higher ed to find new ways to support Career Connected Learning! Our STEM+CCL Curriculum team, lead by [Pranjali Upadhyay](#), was even able to create and deliver over 20,000 STEM@Home kits for elementary students.

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FUNDING

2019-20 Final Operational Budget

TOTALS FOR 2019-20	
Revenue	\$588,645
Carry Forward from 2018-19	\$82,500
Expenses	\$642,672
Balance Forward	\$28,473



Supplemental Grants

Career Connect SW was awarded a rural expansion grant of \$50,000 to develop targeted programs for middle school girls in Klickitat and Skamania Counties during the 2020-21 school year. We've also applied to the Community Foundation of SW WA for expansion funding in career prep experiences for students in Cowlitz County.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

WORKFORCE SOUTHWEST received \$240,000 in Intermediary Grant funding to expand the existing Semiconductor and Electronics Manufacturing Career Launch program and develop a new Medical Assisting Career Launch with a focus on incumbent workers and opportunity youth.

WSUV partnered with the Columbia River Economic Development Council to launch the Future Leaders project—an internship program to build social capital and support college students as they prepare to enter the workforce.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION SERVICES GROUP provided on-site 40-hour externships for 13 teachers across the region this summer (pictured above). Network funding provided a \$1,000 stipend for teachers to attend and submit lesson plans demonstrating how they will use this experience as a Career Awareness or Exploration opportunity for their students.



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About Us

Career Connect Southwest is one of nine regional career connected learning networks under the larger Career Connect Washington (CCW) as well as a partner network of Washington STEM. CCSW is funded through Career Connect Washington, Washington STEM and the contributions of school districts, higher education partners, business and industry.



Our Mission

Engage all learners in challenging, relevant and integrated Career Connected Learning (CCL) that strengthens the education-to-workforce pipeline at all levels and advocates for the value and importance of CCL to our community's future.

Our Vision

All learners in SW Washington acquire the knowledge, skills and experiences that will unlock futures, build a globally engaged community, ensure a prosperous economy and inspire innovation throughout our region.

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