



The Future Connect Story

College Success One Student at a Time

Future Connect is a comprehensive scholarship and advising support program at Portland Community College (PCC) that seeks to change the lives of first generation and low-income students. The program provides long-term, individualized financial and advising support to students to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

“Future Connect has helped me so much with my life I can’t make it into words. I am in college. I am so happy. My parents are happy. My siblings are happy. My friends are happy. My ancestors are happy, and most importantly I am happy. I always knew I could do it. Future Connect helped me believe in myself.”

Guiding a diverse group of first generation and low-income students who face significant challenges to college success



	BLACK	LATINO	WHITE
Future Connect students	16%	41%	26%
All other PCC students who directly entered from Oregon public high schools	6%	18%	61%

Making a significant impact on postsecondary outcomes

Evaluation findings suggest that Future Connect is a model of how to achieve more equitable postsecondary outcomes for low-income and first generation college students through providing relationship-based, student-centered, and holistic support.

“...This marks a year and a half of a straight 4.0 GPA. I finally feel like I am the student I’ve always wanted to be thanks to Future Connect. I thank you all so much for all that you do. Future Connect truly changes lives. You all surely have changed mine.”

COMPARED TO STUDENTS WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, FUTURE CONNECT:



Closing the achievement gap

Among similar students who directly enrolled in PCC from Oregon public high schools, Future Connect students of color had better performance, persistence and completion than students of color and White students who did not participate in Future Connect.

	FIRST-YEAR GPA	FIRST-YEAR CREDITS EARNED	FALL-TO-FALL PERSISTENCE	COMPLETION OR TRANSFER WITHIN THREE YEARS
White students	2.14	18	63%	19%
Students of color	2.07	18	69%	17%
Students of color - Future Connect	2.47	27	77%	23%

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