“You'd be a good lawyer!” is what Myra's high school friends told her after she argued her point of view in class. More than a decade later, that possibility is ever more likely, especially with the experience she has gained at OSU-Cascades.

Myra started her college journey at community college, but working two full-time jobs on top of her classes was challenging. After a six-year break, a move to Redmond from Eugene, and a pandemic to prompt some self-discovery, she found new motivation to pursue her high school dream.

At OSU-Cascades, a faculty mentor encouraged her interest in researching the perspectives of local people of color about their hometown. Classmates encouraged her to apply for the legislative liaison position within student government. Scholarships lifted her even more.

“My path isn’t typical, but all the hard work I’ve put in matters and I’m excited for the next step,” she said.
Central Oregon’s economy is growing fast and diversifying. Employers look to OSU-Cascades to provide skilled workers in growing industries such as high-tech, biosciences, healthcare and outdoor products. According to a study by ECONorthwest, by 2025 OSU-Cascades will contribute:

- **$196.8m** in statewide economic output
- **2,083** jobs
- **$3.44m** additional annual state income taxes

Learn more: osucascades.edu/economic-impact

Local and regional support and collaboration are helping shape the physical and academic future of OSU-Cascades.

### A campus for students and community

Encompassing a 128-acre campus footprint, a vision to become a model for innovation and sustainability, and a mission to connect with the surrounding community, the OSU-Cascades’ award-winning long range development plan reflects a nearly two-year, public planning process.

Feedback was gathered across areas important to the future campus including sustainability, community integration, health and wellness, and arts, culture and enrichment, as well as building placement.

### Majors that develop in-demand employees

A growing portfolio of academic programs reflect Central Oregon’s vibrant economy and abundant natural resources. Input from area businesses and industry help develop and enhance programs in computer science, energy systems engineering, outdoor products, kinesiology and others. Future fields of study are determined based on student and national employer demand, and match with OSU-Cascades’ mission. At full build out, OSU-Cascades will offer as many as 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Watch us grow. osucascades.edu/expansion
ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Growing Enrollment

Leading in a climate-challenged world.

A researcher drawn to how climate change affects human communities, in 2018 Elizabeth Marino was one of only 10 scientists and the only social scientist appointed by the White House as a delegate to the Second Arctic Science Ministerial. In 2020, she was again called upon by the White House as a lead chapter author in the Fifth National Climate Assessment.

Learn more: osucascades.edu/american-conversation

1,271 enrolled undergraduate and graduate students

79% of 2021 graduates engaged in one or more internships, practicums, capstone projects, service learning, leadership or study abroad experiences

18% of students transfer from COCC

$4.3m awarded in scholarships since 2001 through the OSU Foundation

Based on fall 2022 enrollment

What Students Study
Believing in his future.

Angel Ruvalcaba  Arts, Media and Technology '26

A first-generation college student, Angel was born in Madras and grew up in Redmond. As he excelled in school, his parents set college as an expectation. An in-home health care worker originally from Mexico, his mother saw firsthand the difference a bachelor's degree could make in someone's life.

Today, Angel is participating in OSU-Cascades' TRIO program, where mentors help guide him and his peers to opportunities and services that support their academic success. He has also earned scholarships and grants, and is in a degree partnership program with Central Oregon Community College.

"My parents are proud, but they still have high expectations," he said.

He believes his courses will help him realize his dream of owning a video gaming company.