

As a 4j ACTS Coordinator for the 5th Year Program at South Eugene High School, I have seen what this bridge year means to countless students. Working with Lane Community College and their staff has highlighted for me the supports that some students need to transition to a community college experience, and be successful. This relationship is unique and powerful as we partner to support students in their first year in college.

The personalized academic advising, orientation program and preference in registration ushers students who have struggled for various reasons in high school into a new setting where they can pursue their interests and dreams through the expanded curriculum the community college offers. Some of these students are first generation college students.

Undocumented students, students who do not have the financial support of their parents or access to their financial information, or students who are homeless or on their own have stayed in school despite unthinkable obstacles, yet to move to community college need a great deal of support. These students have often attended four or more high schools during their high school years, which often puts them at a major disadvantage academically and socially. Yet, when encouraged and supported, they make the greatest gains and dream the biggest dreams.

The system is difficult to navigate, let's assist students in obtaining education to be job-ready! Many students are examples of those who have benefited from 5th Year Programs.

Thank you  
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