In 2019, Everett Community College said goodbye to longtime president David Beyer and welcomed new president Daria Willis. Beyer retired at the end of June after leading EvCC for 13 years – the longest tenure of a president in the college’s history. During those 13 years, EvCC added more than $150 million in new construction, enhanced its equity work, and partnered with more community organizations and businesses.

“This college has demonstrated to me the importance of two-year institutions in fostering opportunity for many people to aspire and secure economic mobility in this rapidly changing world. The dedicated and talented people who work here have made this final chapter very special and fulfilling,” wrote Beyer, who retired with more than 40 years of higher education experience.

In July, the college welcomed EvCC’s new president, Daria Willis. “I am so very elated to join such a transformative institution,” Willis said. "EvCC’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as demonstrated through the 5 Dimensions of Equity is what attracted me to the Pacific Northwest. I look forward to building relationships with faculty, staff, and students to lead the charge for EvCC’s continued success for many years to come.”

She previously served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, New York within the State University of New York system.

You can learn more about her work at EvCC by following her on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @EvCCprez or on Snapchat.
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The college serves students seeking a wide variety of education options. Students come to EvCC to affordably start their four-year degrees, earn certificates, train for new jobs, experience hands-on training in professional and technical programs, learn English, develop basic skills, finish high school, or to learn just for fun.

19,077 Students educated by EvCC in 2018-19

19:1 Student-Faculty Ratio

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE EVCC

- 44% Academic
- 29% Personal Interest
- 19% Professional / Technical
- 9% Basic Skills

ABOUT EVCC

Top 5 Programs
1. General Liberal Arts and Science
2. Nursing Prerequisites
3. Business
4. Biology/Environmental Science
5. Engineering

4,611 Students who earned college and high school credit at the same time in dual-credit programs including Running Start, College in the High School, CTE Dual Credit, and EvCC’s Ocean Research College Academy (ORCA) program.

CLASSES OFFERED
- 58% of classes are offered in person during the day
- 22% of EvCC classes are offered online
- 12% of classes during the evening
- 5% of class times are arranged with the instructor
Students learn to speak and write English in EvCC workshops offered evenings at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in south Everett.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights, volunteers gather in a classroom at St. Mary Magdalen Parish & School in south Everett to help their neighbors who want to learn English.

The workshop is offered in partnership with Everett Community College’s BRIDGES Center, which provides free assistance to adults learning basic reading and math skills, as well as support for English language learners. More than 85 students have attended since September 2018.

“Our parish and school are so beautifully diverse, and we began to see the great need for English-language instruction. What developed was a strong partnership with EvCC and outreach that extended beyond our parish community. Working together to address the needs of our local community has been a powerful experience!” said Kristin Moore, Director of Development & Admissions at St. Mary Magdalen School.

Not far from the church is the Casino Road Academy, a multi-agency coalition that provides adult education and early learning programs in south Everett. EvCC partners with Seattle Goodwill and the YMCA to offer five levels of English language classes.

The collaborations are two of many EvCC has developed to meet students’ needs close to home and give them opportunities to learn alongside experts in their fields.

Advanced Manufacturing Training & Education Center (AMTEC) students in the American Society of Welding EvCC chapter also designed and built a special project to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Led by welding instructor Jason Speicher, who was honored in June 2019 as an EvCC exceptional faculty member, the students created a welded steel replica using part of an I-beam from the World Trade Center. The memorial was donated to Burien Fire Station 28.

“This piece of history is now on display in their lobby for all citizens to remember this tragic day,” the City of Burien wrote.
In 2017, members of EvCC’s First Nation’s Club had an idea – open a gathering space for Native American, Indigenous, and Pacific Islander students. In March 2019, the alumni returned to celebrate the opening of huyadadaličə, which means the place of our way. Located in Monte Cristo Hall, room 221, the space has computers, study areas and room for student meetings.

“It’s amazing seeing a dream like this come true – to have a place for our Aboriginal and Indigenous students to feel at home, to feel like themselves,” said EvCC alumna Kayah George, who is a member of the Tulalip Tribes and a student at Simon Frasier University. The space reflects EvCC’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion – a core part of the college’s mission.

Just down the hall from huyadadaličə is the college’s Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program, which provides resources and extra support to historically underrepresented students in STEM programs.

“It’s really like a second home. I come here after class and stay here most of the day and do my homework,” said software engineering student Kevin Jardinero. The college is letting future students know about resources like huyadadaličə and MESA at community events, such as Noche Entre Familia. The Spanish-language information session and celebration includes music, food, and activities for children.

The college also enjoyed hosting more than 2,100 high school and middle school students at EvCC’s 17th annual Students of Color Career Conference. The event includes panel discussions with local professionals who share their experiences and inspire students to continue their education.

“‘You are not simply the leaders of tomorrow,’” keynote speaker Nikkita Oliver told students. “‘You are the leaders of today.’”

32% of EvCC students are students of color
Members of EvCC’s First Nations Club who proposed in 2017 that the college create a gathering space for Native American, Indigenous and Pacific Islander students. Cullen Zackuse (left), Kayah George, Tara Duffin, Sebastian Corrales and Rafael Alvarez with Diversity & Equity Center Program Manager Emma Ka’aha’a’ina (fourth from left with red and white lei). Erik Sanchez, also a member of the “Original Six” was unable to attend.
When Melisa Suljic crossed the stage at graduation, she had company – her newborn daughter Melanie.

Suljic, the first in her family to graduate from high school and the first to attend college, wasn’t sure she’d finish her degree.

With help from EvCC resources for foster care youth and the college’s TRiO Student Support Services program, she earned her associate degree and is headed to Western Washington University’s Human Services program.

She was also selected as one of three college students statewide for the Governor’s Civic Leadership Award for her advocacy for children in the foster care system. Suljic, who lived in foster care as a child, is planning for a career helping foster youth.

The college’s commitment to helping students like Suljic succeed was recognized in March 2019 when Achieving the Dream named EvCC a Leader College of Distinction. EvCC was one of 11 community colleges in the nation to earn the distinction.

EvCC was recognized for increases in the number of students completing math and English requirements during their first year, year-to-year retention, and degree completion.

The college achieved math and English gains by using alternative placement, which allows students to submit their high school transcripts or standardized test scores instead of taking a placement test, and shortening the pre-college course sequences.

The college strengthened its retention and completion by requiring students to complete orientation, to meet with an advisor prior to enrollment and before their third quarter, and to select a pathway (a group of related degrees and certificates).
“EvCC has provided me the opportunity to get ahead with my education and save money. I knew EvCC was the right fit for me when I became involved as a Student Ambassador. I was able to learn about the many resources this campus has to offer for their students, such as tutoring, the Writing Center, and de-stressing events!”

- Jacky Guzman, EvCC Running Start student and Student Ambassador.

“I chose EvCC, but they chose me back. I have received an EvCC Foundation scholarship for the last two years, been employed as a tutor, volunteered with different clubs, and been invited to the local Phi Theta Kappa chapter and the Honors program here on campus. I came here only hoping to receive a degree. In the process, I was welcomed into an amazing community.”

- Raymond Haug, EvCC engineering student. In addition to his EvCC Foundation scholarships, he was named a University of Washington Martin Family Foundation Achievement Scholar, which will help fund his education at EvCC and at the University of Washington, after he transfers there in Fall 2020.

“I struggled with my English speaking skills. When you understand everything, but you cannot explain your thoughts and ideas, it is discouraging and embarrassing when you cannot express yourself well. BRIDGES helped me a lot to improve my English in speaking, writing, and reading.”

- Simerjit Kaur, who was a teacher in India before moving to the United States. She used EvCC’s BRIDGES Center free resources to improve her English, later becoming a volunteer for the center. She earned a Medical Assisting Certificate in 2019.
Imagine the song “Sugar, Sugar” with slightly different lyrics.

“Glucose – ah, sugar sugar – You are my favorite fuel... from the blood-borne substrate pool.”

Everett Community College biology instructor Greg Crowther wrote these lyrics to help his students learn about the role of glucose in exercise. The song parody has more than 940,000 views on YouTube.

Crowther, who started teaching at EvCC in January 2018, has written more than 150 songs to go with his anatomy and physiology lessons. Students, who are future nurses and doctors, need to memorize multiple complex human systems.

Music helps learning and retention, and Crowther has the research to show it. He co-authored a study published in the International Journal of Science Education, Part B in July 2018.

His work is one of many innovative ways EvCC is educating students.

Another is simulating the spread of misinformation during an election, which is part of the final exam for instructor Dennis Skarr’s Computer Information Systems information security class. Skarr was honored as an exceptional faculty member in June 2019.

Skarr, who is a member of the Washington National Guard’s Cyberspace Operations Group, brings his professional experience into the classroom.

Students also benefit from the industry experience of instructors at the college’s Advanced Manufacturing Training and Education Center (AMTEC). EvCC is still the only community college in the nation participating in Boeing’s AerosPACE program, which brings together students from eight colleges across the country to design, build, and fly an unmanned aerial vehicle.

“It provides the most real-world opportunities for students to grow than any other course than I think you can take in the education system today,” AMTEC instructor Michael Patching said.

EvCC biology instructors Greg Crowther (on piano) and Hilary Kemp lead microbiology students in an extra-credit singalong. Crowther wrote a song parody about immunology to the tune of “A Blaze of Glory” to help students understand how the body handles viruses, focusing on the difference between their extracellular stage and their intracellular stage.

Listen to Greg’s science songs at Faculty.Washington.edu/Crowther.
ATHLETICS

Larry Walker coached on Everett Community College’s basketball court for 31 years. In October 2018, the college honored the retired athletic director and men’s basketball coach by naming the court in his honor.

“We are thrilled to have this opportunity to recognize Larry for the countless hours of service and dedication to this college and generations of Trojan student-athletes. Naming this court inside of the beautiful facility that he helped build is the perfect way to honor Larry,” said EvCC Athletic Director Garet Studer, who succeeded Walker.

Throughout Walker’s tenure, hundreds of athletes came through the program and became teachers, coaches, and mentors to youth.

The entire Walker family has been a big part of the college’s athletic program. Son Darrell Walker played for his father’s team (with his future brother-in-law Scott) and coached with his dad for several years, and daughter Kelli played on the EvCC women’s basketball team. Kelli’s husband Jeremy attended EvCC, and daughter Julie has worked as an instructor.

At EvCC, Walker played an integral role in bringing back sports that had long ago been eliminated at EvCC including baseball, volleyball and cross country. The college now has 11 athletic teams.

He also was a key player in the creation of the state-of-the-art Walt Price Student Fitness Center, which replaced the gym EvCC built in 1958 at 13th Street and Rockefeller Avenue.

The Walker family, including Larry Walker and his wife Carey (center).

2019 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Individuals
- Janell Alyea - Basketball and Track and Field
- Elden Colombo - Track and Field
- Mike Malecki - Baseball
- Andre Piper-Jordan - Baseball and Basketball
- Rich Haldi, retired EvCC Vice President of Student Services

Teams
- 1948 Baseball
- 1957 Track and Field
At the end of Winter quarter, Phuong Vu’s father had a stroke. She sat beside him in an intensive care unit for 10 days, holding his hand until he died. She missed class. Incomplete courses meant she wasn’t able to get financial aid for her final quarter. With hospital bills, rent and other expenses, her family wasn’t able to help.

“My EvCC Foundation scholarship helped me in my hardest time,” said Vu, who was selected to speak at the college’s 2019 commencement.

Vu finished her last quarter at EvCC thanks to a Foundation scholarship, funds from the National Science Foundation, and help from the TRiO student support services program. In the Fall, she’ll continue her education at the University of Washington. She plans to become a doctor.

She shared her father’s advice with the class of 2019 at graduation: “You have power. You have the power to light up the house, the power to light up your heart, and the power to inspire others. You have the power to make a change.”
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EVOLUTION OF THE TROJAN LOGO

On the cover, you’ll see Everett Community College’s new Trojan spirit mark, which symbolizes and honors the Trojan spirit. The Trojan was selected as the college’s mascot by a student vote in 1941. Above are some of the college’s previous Trojan designs.