

Fostering Collegiate Success

Description

Fostering Collegiate Success is a WOU initiative that provides the pathway and support necessary to help students who have been in foster care succeed in college. Bringing together financial, social, and educational support systems, the initiative works to remove common barriers to college completion and helps to make the university experience rich and meaningful for this nontraditional student population. Components of the ***Fostering Collegiate Success*** initiative include:

- Coordination with Independent Living Programs
- Web-based student resources
- Fundraising
- Faculty/staff training & mentorship
- Community outreach
- Campus awareness campaigns

You can help by informing others about the initiative, contributing to our scholarship fund, participating in a training, providing employment opportunities or other resources for students, or joining one of our campaigns.

Contact Information

For logistical, resource, or training information, contact:
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Foster youth interested in learning more about the initiative can also contact:
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