



GILLETTE COLLEGE 2017-18

Community Report
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Gillette College: Student Success

Tech Programs are Tools for Success



Taylor Littlejohn
Scottsbluff, NE
Diesel & Welding Technology

Taylor Littlejohn started his career in the automotive industry, detailing cars for high-end auctions in his hometown of Scottsbluff, NE. Eventually, he decided he wanted to go back to school to pursue a more technical career.

"I've always been interested in how things work and how to fix things," he said.

A friend recommended the diesel technology program at Gillette College. When Littlejohn walked into the Technical Education Center and saw the high-bay diesel lab, he knew he had found the perfect place to continue his education.

"What I noticed most about the program was the phenomenal facility. It is stocked with all the newest equipment and tools, and you can tell the college does a great job of staying tuned in to industry changes," he said. "I know I'm getting a quality education here."

Littlejohn completed his Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology in 2016 and received a co-op with Cloud Peak Energy through a competitive interview and testing process. He is currently completing the two-year contract with the company where he works with a mentor as a diesel mechanic. After he completes his contract, Cloud Peak Energy will pay for his education and possibly extend an offer for full-time employment.

"I would like to work at Cloud Peak long term if possible," he said.

Littlejohn is now working on his Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology. He maintains a 4.0 GPA while going to classes four days a week and working 12-hour shifts at the mine on Fridays and Saturdays.

"I guess you could say I'm not afraid to take on a challenge," he said. "My goal when I went back to school was to get a well-rounded education, and Gillette College allowed me to achieve that."

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Earn a Degree. Not Debt.

\$3.70
In Wyoming, college students experience a return of \$3.70 in higher future income for every \$1 they pay for their education.
Wyoming Community College Commission, Econ. Value of Community Colleges, March 2016



Shealyn Bender
Hometown: Douglas, Wyoming
Major: Secondary Education

"I absolutely love the secondary education program at Gillette College, and the instructors are fantastic. I plan to transfer to Valley City State University to get my bachelor's degree after I graduate this May. I'm saving a lot of money by completing my first two years here. I'd love to eventually become a high school teacher in Gillette."

OUR MISSION:
Creating student success and making a difference in our communities through educational leadership.

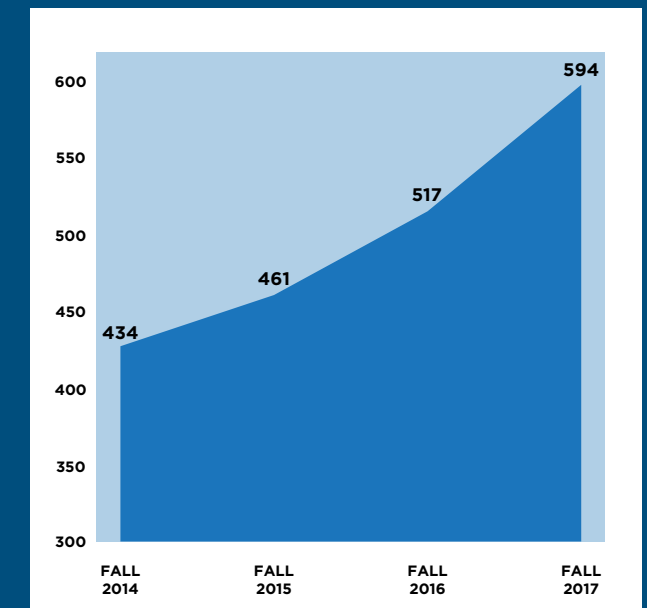


Alison Clarke
Hometown: Gillette, Wyoming
Major: English

"All of the faculty and staff at Gillette College are really helpful and always available to answer questions. Campus has a great atmosphere. Living on campus is a great way to get to know other students and find ways to get involved."

OUR STUDENTS

Gillette College Historical Headcount
Full-time degree-seeking students



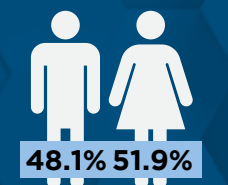
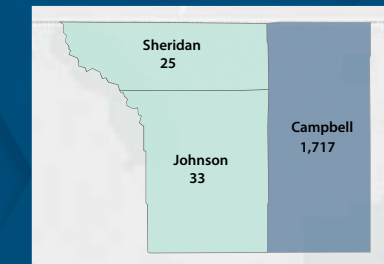
Fall 2017 Enrollment
2,165 students
Full-time equivalent (FTE): 1,141

25% Dual or concurrent
43% Credential-seeking
32% Other non-credential

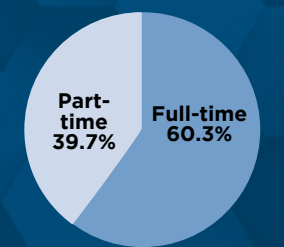
594
Full-time degree-seeking students

Who Are Our Students?
Selected demographic information, Fall 2017

Where are our students from?



District Service Area..82%
Other WY Counties9%
Other US States8%
International1%



23.5% Work full-time
45.6% Work part-time

MEDIAN AGE
Full-time 23.3
Part-time 22.5

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Gillette College: Student Success

Gillette College Makes Dreams Possible



Sawyer Poitra
Nursing ADN '10

For local Gillette resident Sawyer Poitra, Gillette College was the ticket to her dreams. After her daughter, Rylan, was born, she thought she would have to put her college plans on hold. Then she found out about the nursing program at Gillette College. She could get a great education right in her hometown where she had support from family and friends.

Poitra graduated with her Associate Degree in Nursing from Gillette College in 2010 and became a registered nurse.

"I felt very prepared after I left Gillette College, not just to pass the NCLEX exam, but also to be a great nurse," she said. "The program is very hands-on and the clinical experiences at local clinics and hospitals were great."

She is now the director of the Women's Resource Center of Northeast Wyoming in Gillette, where she also works as a nurse. The center is a non-profit medical clinic that serves women and families in northeast Wyoming. She recommends Gillette College to anyone who is looking to further their education, especially nontraditional students and families.

"I felt very prepared after I left Gillette College, not just to pass the NCLEX exam, but also to be a great nurse."

"I'm in contact with a lot of young women through my work and a part of that is showing them that you can have dreams, get your degree, and be able to provide for your family," she said. "Gillette College is there to help make that happen."

Gillette College: Economic Impact

Your Community College

Gillette College is committed to serving the citizens of Campbell County. Helping students earn a credential that leads to job opportunities by providing quality and affordable education is our primary goal. Our effective and efficient district model affords students from across our tri-county service area enhanced access to degree options as well as a variety of nationally renowned extra-curricular opportunities. Our ability to offer programs that meet the needs of students, local business, and industry is correlated to the support of our local legislators, elected officials, and private individuals.

While the majority of our funding comes from the State of Wyoming, the local funding ultimately makes a vibrant community college providing a high quality experience for every student. Beginning in 1969 and continuing today, the citizens of Campbell County have provided mission-critical support for higher education when the need presented itself. The evidence is seen in a thriving campus that was envisioned and built over the last fifteen years and the college's steady growth in enrollments and programs. Consequently, the college's estimated \$52.5 million annual contribution to the local economy by graduates of Gillette College remains a testament to local commitment. Today, thousands of former Gillette College students are employed in northern Wyoming.

Gillette College 2017-18

Operating Budget
\$10,337,167

Campbell County Public Funding 2017-18

BOCHES	\$1,652,335
Campbell County	\$520,000
City of Gillette	\$335,000
Total	\$2,507,335



SkillsUSA Awards 2013-2017

Every year, students in Gillette College's Technical Education Programs have the opportunity to test their skills and knowledge against students from the region. Event champions earn the right to compete nationally against thousands of their peers.

SkillsUSA is a career-technical student organization serving students in secondary and post-secondary technical, skilled, and service occupations. SkillsUSA helps prepare America's high-performance workers and provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development.

16

State Gold Medals

73

Total Awards

SkillsUSA 2017 Results

	State	Nationals
Automated Manufacturing	1 st	2 nd
Diesel Technology	1 st	9 th
Job Interview	1 st , 2 nd	11 th
Job Skill Demonstration A	1 st , 2 nd	9 th
Individual Welding	2 nd , 3 rd	15 th
Welding Fabrication	3 rd	
Related Technical Math	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	12 th
Quiz Bowl	2 nd	

Gillette College Employs

102

Full-time employees

81

Part-time employees

183

Total employees



Gillette College has a \$64.8 million total annual economic impact

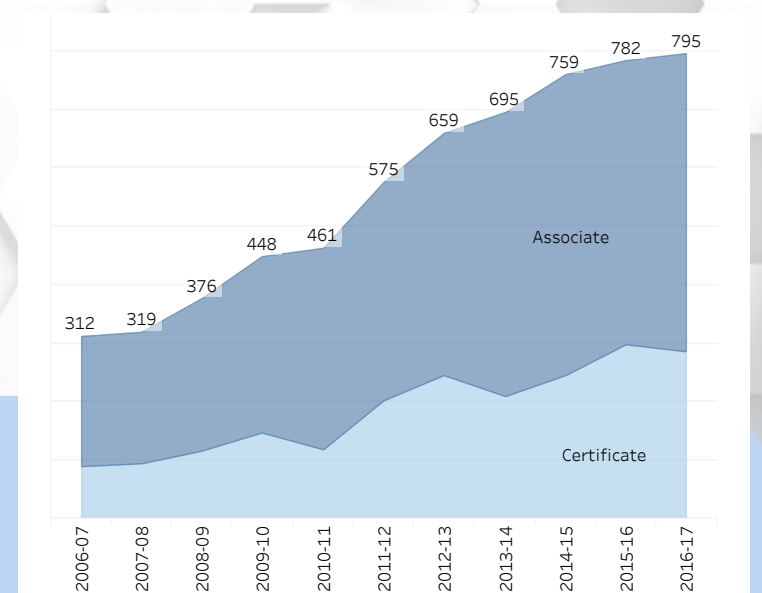
- The Economic Value of NWCCD (FY 2013-14), Economic Modeling Specialists, February 2016

Goal 1,000

NWCCD will help fill the Wyoming skills gap by producing 1,000 graduation awards per year by 2020. We will align our programs to the local and regional economies to ensure our curricula, schedules, campus environment, and services help students graduate on time with minimal debt and multiple job opportunities.

NWCCD Credentials Awarded

Degrees and certificates



795 credentials awarded in 2016-17

POWER YOUR FUTURE



Powering the Future of Gillette College

YOUR IMPACT empowers students, strengthens the community, and builds a better tomorrow

Your College, Our Collective Future



Dr. Mark Englert
Gillette College
Vice President and
Chief Executive Officer

If you have already supported us, **thank you**. We could not have created such a vibrant, dynamic learning environment without your generosity. We are extremely pleased with the results of the master plan so far. The new areas are giving students a high quality, competitive education that often exceeds their

expectations, and those of their future employers.

While we've made tremendous progress, **there are still key improvements we want to make** for our students. That's why we've embarked on our Power Your Future campaign. The campaign aims to enhance success for students, success for academics, and success for the community with key projects that continue to improve our physical campus and expand our academic resources. **Giving to the college builds a legacy** that expands opportunities for you, your community, and the families that live here.

We're halfway there!

Our goal is to raise \$6 million and we've raised \$3 million. We are so pleased to be making progress for our students!



Words from Our Supporters

"I give to the foundation because it supports our youth and it supports our community. What other reason do you need?"

– CLIFF KIRK, DONOR AND HONORARY CHAIR

"I've chosen to dedicate my estate to Gillette College to continue that momentum, and enhance the incredible opportunities that the college provides."

– LETA TANNER, DONOR AND HONORARY CHAIR

"Gillette College is one of our biggest assets. When our youth stay in Gillette and work and raise families in Gillette, our community thrives."

– PAT LITTON, DONOR AND HONORARY CHAIR

WAYS TO INVEST

1 Invest in Student Success

Scholarships & Grants

Your gift directly supports individual students, making it possible for them to attend college through need-based grants and merit-based scholarships.

\$500,000



Learning Resource Center

Help transform the existing library into a comprehensive learning resource center to provide students with critical support and enhanced study and career skills.

\$1,250,000

\$1,750,000 Total

2 Invest in Academic Success

STEM Center

Students proficient in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and math) power our expanding technological industries here in Gillette and throughout the nation. This hands-on learning center exposes both our students and area high school students to leading-edge equipment and resources.

\$2,000,000



Program Development Fund

We take pride in equipping students with experience in the latest workplace skills. Your gift supports our Machine Tool Technology and Business programs with dollars for upgrades, updates, and expansion.

\$500,000

\$2,500,000 Total

3 Invest in Community Success

Workforce Development & Entrepreneurship Center

At Gillette College, we aim to keep our city vibrant. Your gift helps develop a community fabrication lab, community outreach efforts, and student programs for the STEM center.

\$1,000,000



Student & Community Facility Completion

Gifts complete construction on outstanding areas of the Pronghorn Athletic Center and the Rodeo/Agriculture Center, helping these extraordinary new facilities reach their full potential.

\$750,000

\$1,750,000 Total

\$6,000,000 Grand Total

Creating a Foundation for Our Future



Heidi J. Gross
Gillette College Foundation
Executive Director

Through our **Power Your Future** campaign, we are ensuring that Gillette College continues to grow and respond to our community's needs. The future success of our students lies in our ability to provide funding for programs, **scholarships and grants**, and **workforce development**. The

addition of a STEM center will enable us to provide a better learning environment for our students and area youth.

The FAB Lab and entrepreneurial center will help small businesses grow.

As we look to the future, we must bear in mind that our revenue streams have been impacted by reduced state funding as well as local county funding. We rely more and more on the support of our community and private donors to continue providing quality higher education for our community. Gifts from generous donors **ensure the success of our students** for years to come.

Please Join Us

We encourage you to join our Power Your Future campaign and make a difference in students' lives. Please reach out to one of us today to make this important investment.



Campaign Executive Committee

Back row: Dr. Mark Englert – Vice President/CEO of Gillette College, Gregg Blikre – President of Gillette College Foundation Board, Cameron Smith – Rancher, R.T. Cox – Attorney, Nick Kasperik – Retired – Joy Global Operations Manager.

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Ways to Give – Reach out to make a difference, today!
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Areas of Study

Administrative Assistant
Biology
Business*
Computer Information Systems
Computer Networking Administration
Computer Web Design
Criminal Justice*
Cyber Security
Diesel Technology*
Education, Elementary*
Education, Secondary*
Electrical Apprenticeship
Engineering
English
General Science
General Studies
Health Science
History
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Industrial Technology
IT Support Technician
Machine Tool Technology*
Mathematics
Medical Assistant
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Psychology
Social Science
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* NOTE: For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.sheridan.edu/gainful-employment>.

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