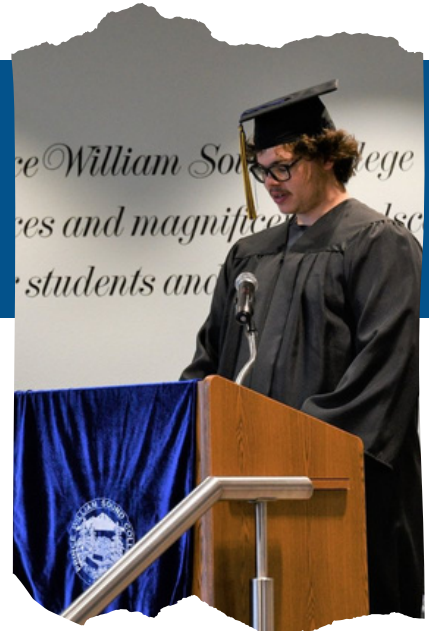




# PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COLLEGE

A UAA Community Campus Profile

The mission of Prince William Sound College is to use its unique resources and magnificent landscape to enrich the lives of our students and our communities. Prince William Sound College (PWSC) is a one-of-a-kind institution of postsecondary education located in Valdez, Alaska. The main campus and its extension sites in Cordova and Copper Basin are set amidst some of the country's most breathtaking scenery and rich cultural history.



As a community campus of UAA, PWSC offers general studies associate degrees available across all of UAA's campuses. PWSC also offers occupational certificates and associate degrees not readily available elsewhere, such as an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Millwright and Associate of Applied Science in Outdoor Leadership.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 NUMBERS

- 2,095 students
- 9 full-time and 27 part-time faculty
- 23 full-time and 14 part-time staff
- 4 student employees/semester

## PROGRAMS

- Adult basic education and GED programs
- 6 occupational endorsement certificates
- 1 certificate program
- 5 associate degree programs

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Jordan Lazarus (above) came to PWSC from Kotzebue for the Marine Services Technician OEC program and returned to PWSC for the Millwright OEC program. He now works as a millwright at the Hecla Greens Creek mine on Admiralty Island alongside fellow PWSC Millwright OEC and Associate of Arts graduate, Jared Humphrey, who has been promoted twice and will earn over \$100,000 this year, only two years after completing the PWSC Millwright program.

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## HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS

**2,095** Students took at least one for-credit course

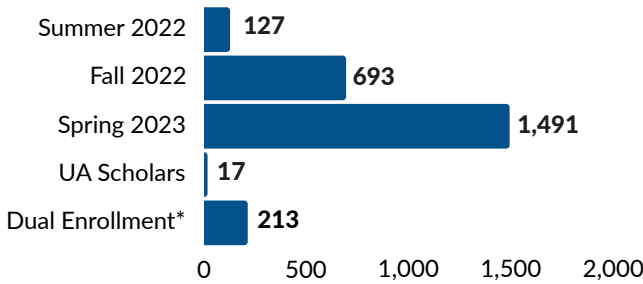
A year after graduating, PWSC program graduates (FY17 - FY21) were earning an average of \$45,427 annually, about 55 percent (\$16,206) more than they did one year before earning the certificate or degree. Program graduates (FY13 - FY17) working for 5 years were making 12 percent (\$5,368) higher wages on average than graduates who had only been working one year, showing that the earnings boost from a UAA PWSC credential increases over time.

One Year before Graduation	One Year after Graduation	Five Years after Graduation	Salary Increase (One Year to Five)	% Increase (One Year to Five)
\$29,221	\$45,427	\$50,795	\$5,368	12%



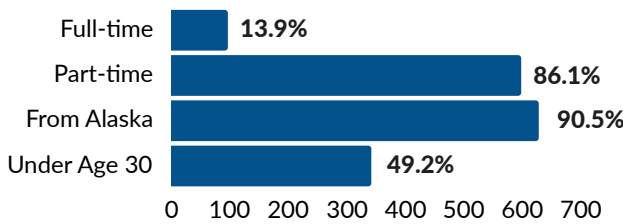
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### ENROLLMENT PROFILE

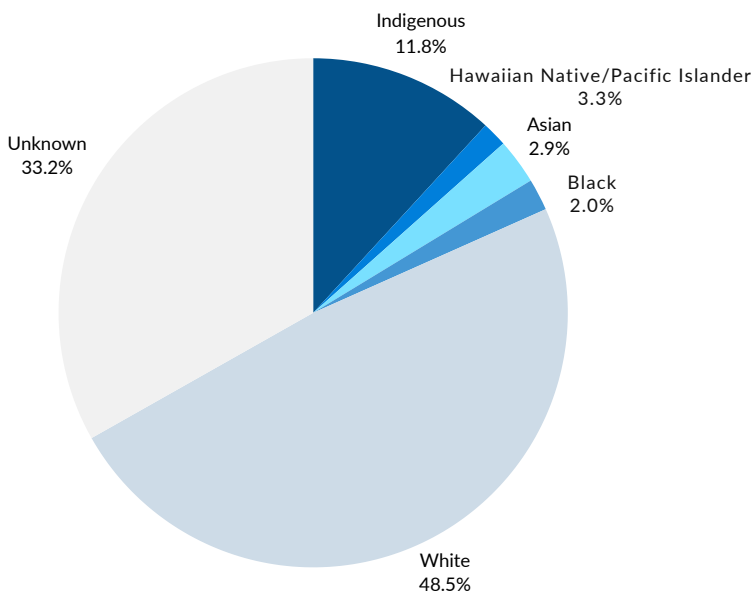


\*Dual enrollment refers to enrollment at the university by a student who is simultaneously enrolled in a K-12 (or homeschool) for which the student may receive credit at both the K-12 and postsecondary levels.

### STUDENT PROFILE



### RACE/ETHNICITY



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Aliahna Karsunky is a homeschool high school and dual-credit student from Sterling (originally Ketchikan) who heard about PWSC's Marine Services Technology program from her home school organization. The Marine Services Technology program is supported by the Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) and Department of Education and Early Childhood Perkins grants.

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*I could attend classes for free, thanks to grant funding. I applied to PWSC's boat handling and safety class in June and loved it. I fell in love with Valdez and knew I had to come back. So, I returned for internal combustion theory in July, and now I'm here for the entire maritime services program this semester.*

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### COMMUNITY IMPACT

PWSC's partnership with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company makes possible the annual training of hundreds of Prince William Sound fishing fleet crews for oil spill response throughout Prince William Sound as part of the SERVS Vessel of Opportunity program. Fishing fleet crews train to prevent and contain potential oil spills from ships carrying oil out through Prince William Sound from the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Terminal in Valdez. This collaboration between Alyeska and PWSC ties two of the largest economic forces in Alaska together in one effort, fisheries and oil, and it touches every port community in Prince William Sound.

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