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Skagit Valley College receives two grants

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Skagit Valley College received a \$305,000 grant to install energy-efficient lighting and plumbing at its Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses from the Ameresco Quantum, a renewable energy company.

When completed, the upgrades will the school's annual energy consumption by 389,877 kilowatts, a savings of \$25,397. New water-saving plumbing fixtures will save \$7,734 per year.

Achievement grant

Skagit Valley College was selected as one of 30 community colleges for the Achieving the Dream Network.

Achieving the Dream is a national nonprofit that works with colleges to improve student success, particularly students of color and low-income students.

By being selected, Skagit Valley College will receive \$250,000 over four years.

The funding pays for data-driven strategies to help students complete their education at Skagit Valley College.

Skagit Valley College and the other 29 colleges selected account for 300,000 more students being targeted by Achieving the Dream.

The organization works with 160 campuses nationwide.

The organization helps colleges assess data to determine barriers to student success and broaden efforts to help struggling students.