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Columbia Basin College Announces Running Start Summer Funding Available

Pasco, WA, March 26, 2024 - Columbia Basin College (CBC) announces summer funding availability for current, graduating, and new Running Start Students. This year, high school students that have completed their 10th grade year are eligible to apply for Summer 2024 quarter and take a maximum of 10 credits. Students that are currently in Running Start are also eligible to take a maximum of 10 credits. In addition, graduating high school seniors (Class of 2024) that are 15 credits or less of earning an associate degree at CBC are eligible for a maximum of 15 credits.

Interested students will need to qualify in college-level in one area (English, math or reading) to participate in Running Start. Once the student qualifies for Running Start and applies, they will automatically qualify for the summer funding. "We are excited to see the Running Start funding expand into summer. This gives students more time to complete college level courses and obtain an Associates degree," says Cheryl Holden, Vice President for Student Services.

"Running Start is a fantastic chance for local high school students to get college credits for free while still in high school. The students enjoy the opportunity to experience college on a smaller scale and it gives them an idea of what to expect at college," says Elizabeth Hernandez-Osario, Director for Running Start at CBC. The program has shown year over year growth that has exceeded expectations. We encourage students to apply soon as summer quarter registration starts on May 29. If your student is currently a Running Start student, their registration date is on May 21.

For further information or if your student is interested in participating in Running Start please visit our Running Start Getting Started Checklist to get started: <https://www.columbiabasin.edu/learn/enhance-your-high-school/running-start/getting-started-checklist.html>. Or for more information regarding summer funding, please visit our RS page at <https://www.columbiabasin.edu/learn/enhance-your-high-school/running-start/waivers-and-forms.html>

For any questions, please email runningstart@columbiabasin.edu or call us at 509-542-4481.

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