**Central Washington University**

**2018 Supplemental Budget Request**

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**CWU seeks state investment to enhance STEM education throughout Washington state.**

**Teacher Shortage ($1.19 million)**

The State of Washington is currently experiencing a severe teacher shortage, especially in rural areas and in particular studies. CWU has the largest undergraduate teacher preparation program in the state, generating 1 out of every 5 classroom teachers in Washington. CWU proposes strategies that increase the number of teachers CWU certifies, and that channel these new teachers toward the greatest need.

In 2017, CWU proposed 10 strategies to address the teacher shortage; in 2018 CWU has proposed three additional strategies that help recruit teacher candidates, expand alternative ways of becoming a teacher, and produce more teachers ready to teach computer science. These strategies all focus on serving under-represented children and the neediest school districts.

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**Cybersecurity ($980,000)**

CWU seeks to significantly increase the number of graduates with the business savvy and cybersecurity expertise needed to address the growing threat of data breaches and computer system hacks. The Information Technology and Administrative Management (ITAM) program is the only cybersecurity program in the state that combines business management and computer science education.

No university is better positioned to served students throughout the state. CWU's distributed learning strategies include University Centers at six community colleges. Central's unique partnerships also include learning centers at Joint Base Lewis McChord and in Sammamish. ITAM programs are available online and include options to graduate faster through the competency-based Flex-IT program.

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**Game On! ($298,571)**

Central Washington University has developed a unique partnership with Microsoft and Spain’s Real Madrid Soccer Foundation to provide STEM and leadership training to under-served students. CWU successfully piloted the program with 25 students in spring of 2016; Game On! now serves nearly 250 girls and boys in middle-and high-school.

Students in the CWU Game On! Program, the majority of whom are Hispanic, learn and practice computer coding under the tutelage of Microsoft-trained instructors. Then they hit the soccer pitch to learn leadership, teamwork, personal health skills and soccer training with world-famous Real Madrid trainers. This modest budget request would double the number of students learning computer coding and leadership skills.

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*One who gets the gist of a subject matter and knows enough to be dangerous with that subject in conversation or writing. (www.urbandictionary.com)*

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**CWU proposes three strategies to help address a statewide teacher shortage by increasing the number of certified teachers, like Camille Jones (pictured here), a CWU alumna and 2017 Washington State Teacher of the Year.**
Technical Budget Adjustments

Tuition Backfill Correction ($1.11 million)
CWU seeks state support for the unanticipated, record growth in enrollment. CWU has experienced double-digit increases in freshman classes in 2015, 2016, and 2017. More than 90 percent of these students are Washington residents. The “backfill” associated with the historic 20-percent cut in tuition (SB 5954) did not anticipate CWU’s dramatic enrollment success since the passage of the bill in 2015. CWU is requesting a correction consistent with the intent of the legislation.

Employee Compensation ($4.29 million)
CWU is requesting funding to cover the costs associated with the salary and benefit increases in the enacted 2017-19 operating budget. The budget provided less than 50 percent of the funding needed to enact the Legislature’s compensation provisions. The failure to fully fund the budget directive left CWU with a multimillion dollar unfunded mandate, for which the university now seeks funding.

BY THE NUMBERS

4,200
Number of high school students served statewide through Running Start and other dual credit programs

$3,000
Typical tuition cost for undergraduate residents after financial aid

1,000
Increase in students since 2009

92
Percent of students who are Washington residents

32
Percent of students who are people of color

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Rank in Washington for commitment to diversity (including being the only college in Washington to receive the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award)