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Celebrating

Years of FIRSTS

A Reflection of the Past to Present Day in 2026

The First Step Up

1975



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
				1 New Year's Day Campus Closed Kwanzaa Ends	2	3
4	5 Winter Quarter Begins	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Campus Closed	20	21	22 Faculty In-Service Day No Daytime Classes	23	24
25	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29	30	31

JANUARY

1975:

Since its founding in 1975, the Green River College Foundation has been on a mission to provide the resources that let Green River College exceed what state funding alone can offer. From awarding its first scholarships in 1978, to receiving its first million-dollar gift in 2005, each milestone has built capacity, flexibility, and access.

Today:

The Foundation awards more than 300 scholarships each year, provides vital emergency resources for students, and supports the college in responding to changing community needs. **The generosity of donors** helps ensure this legacy continues to grow.

January is:

Muslim American Heritage Month





2016

With a Little Help from Friends

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Groundhog Day	10 Advising Day No Classes	11	12	13	14
15	16 Presidents Day Campus Closed	17 Lunar New Year Ramadan Begins	18	19	20	21 Valentine's Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

2016:

From its origins as a welcoming bridge for high school seniors, the **Grad to Gator program** at Green River College began by offering early admissions support, placement guidance, and priority registration through "College Signing Day."

Today:

Grad to Gator has grown into a multi-city-wide commitment to access and opportunity. The program now includes summer success workshops and peer mentoring to ensure students **arrive at college ready, not just enrolled.**



February is:
Black History Month



1971

Transforming the Student Union

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time Begins Holi	16	17	18	19	20	21
15	23	24	25	26	27	28
22		St. Patrick's Day		Eid al-Fitr Ramadan Ends	Study Day No Daytime Classes	
29	30	31	Winter Quarter Ends	Campus In-Service Day No Daytime Classes		

MARCH

1971:

When Green River College opened the first **Student Affairs Building** in 1971, it filled a vital gap, offering students a dedicated space for services, activities, and community. It was a transformative moment.

Today:

The **Mel Lindbloom Student Union** is a hub for connection, community and campus life. Through a bold act of leadership in 2007, the students approved a self-imposed fee to help pay for the building construction. The Student Union is a lasting symbol of leadership and belonging and is host to multiple community events throughout the year.

March is:

Women's History Month & Irish American Heritage Month



Fifty Years of Scholarships

1978



APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter 12	Spring Quarter Begins 13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
				Advising Day No Classes		

1978:

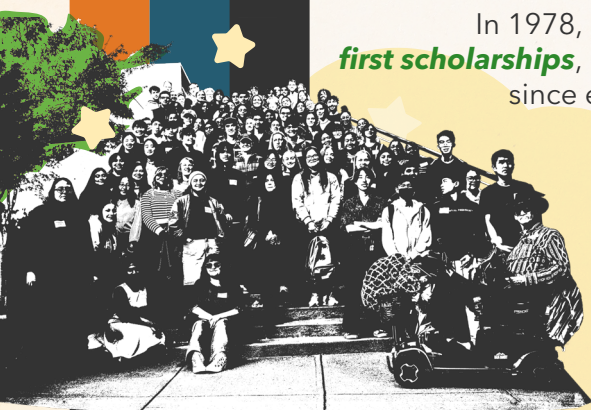
In 1978, Green River College Foundation awarded its **first scholarships**, marking the beginning of a tradition that has since empowered thousands of students to pursue their educational dreams.

Today:

The Green River College Foundation continues this legacy, awarding **more than 300 student scholarships annually**. Thanks to donor support the scholarship program continues to expand, ensuring that future generations of students have the financial assistance they need to succeed.

April is:

Arab American Heritage Month, Autism Acceptance Month, & Deaf History Month



Growing Access

1986



SUN MON TUE WED THR FRI SAT

					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 May Day	9
10	11	12 Cinco de Mayo	13	14	15	16
17 Mother's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day Campus Closed	Eid al-Adha				

MAY

1986:

In 1986, Green River College took its first bold step beyond its main Auburn campus by opening **a branch campus in downtown Kent**, bringing education closer to more students in South King County.

May is:

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, & Military Appreciation Month

Today:

Green River College has campuses located in **Kent, downtown Auburn and Enumclaw**. Branch campuses provide expanded access and deliver programs in the heart of the communities they are located. These campuses are more than extensions of physical space – they're vital bridges to opportunity for students who might not be able to commute to the main campus.



Raising Hands to Support

2005

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Islamic New Year Study Day No Daytime Classes	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Juneteenth Campus Closed	27 World Refugee Day
Father's Day 28	Spring Quarter Ends Commencement 29	30				

2005:

The GRC Foundation received its first million-dollar gift, a landmark moment that **seeded an unrestricted endowment** and expanded our capacity to respond to urgent needs.

Today:

The unrestricted fund continues to provide vital support and flexibility, allowing the Foundation to assist the college with programs and initiatives for student success **for every Gator today and in the future.**

June is:

LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Caribbean Heritage Month, & Immigrant Heritage Month

**SAY
"YES"
TO STUDENTS!**

2024



Where the World Meets

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
					Independence Day (observed) Campus Closed	Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Summer Quarter Begins					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		International Non-binary People's Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JULY

1988:

In 1988, Green River College welcomed its very **first International Programs cohort**. That year, 17 courageous students took a leap of faith to pursue their education in a new country.

Today:

That vision has grown into a **thriving global community** with 952 international students from around the world attending in the 24-25 school year. This extraordinary growth is a testament to the transformative power of education and the support systems that help students succeed.

July is:
Disability Pride Month



2022

**First
Hanford
Award
Recipient**



AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		Women's Equality Day	Summer 8-Week Session Ends		

2022:

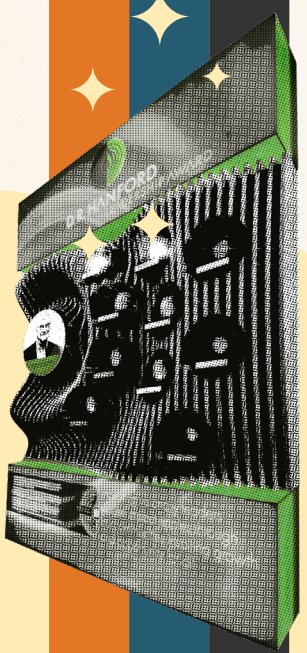
Since its launch in 2022, the D.R. Hanford Leadership Award has celebrated exceptional service and impact: its inaugural honoree, **Erin Jones**, has forged a career spanning 26 years of educational innovation, from classroom teaching to statewide leadership.

Today:

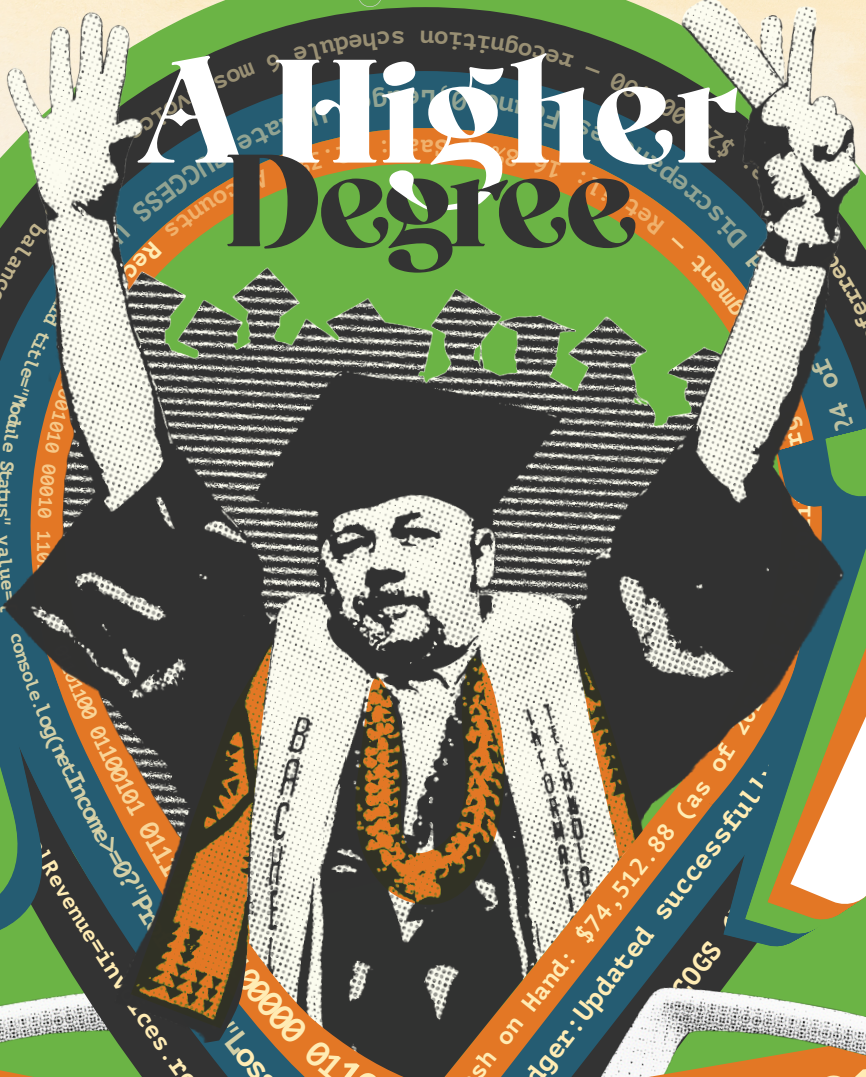
In 2025 we honored **Virginia Cross**, a trailblazing leader who was the first in her community to earn a master's degree, served as the first Head Start Director for the Muckleshoot Tribe, and advanced Indigenous and equitable education across the region.

August is:

Transgender History Month



A Higher Degree



SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day Campus Closed			Summer 10-Week Session Ends	Rosh Hashanah	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Fall Quarter Begins					
Yom Kippur	28	29	30			
27						

2014:

In 2014, Green River College launched its **very first bachelor's degree program**, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Software Development, opening doors for students to stay local, learn hands-on, and enter high-demand tech careers without transferring to a university.

Today:

Our offerings have grown to **nine Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees plus a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**, with flexible formats, employer-driven curricula, and strong pathways into both the workforce and graduate education.

September is:
Hispanic Heritage Month



19



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Winning Moves

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
National Coming Out Day 18	Faculty In-Service Day No Daytime Classes Indigenous Peoples' Day 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Advising Day
No Classes

Halloween

1969:

In 1969, Green River College earned its first conference **basketball championship** as a member of the Washington Athletic Association of Community Colleges. That historic victory set a foundation of athletic pride and community spirit.

Today:

In 2024, the Gators made headlines again, capturing their **first-ever Northwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championship** in a thrilling overtime win. These milestones represent decades of growth, grit, and dedication from student-athletes, coaches, and supporters alike.

October is:

Italian American Heritage Month, Filipino American Heritage Month, Polish American Heritage Month, & LGBTQ+ Heritage Month



2000

Celebrating the Future!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Saving Time Ends					Professional Day No Classes	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Diwali			Veterans Day Campus Closed		Transgender Awareness Week Begins	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Transgender Day of Remembrance	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Thanksgiving Campus Closed	Native American Heritage Day Campus Closed	
29	30					

NOVEMBER

2000:

The Green River College Foundation **Scholarship Banquet** began in 2000 to recognize students for their accomplishments and donors for their support.

Today:

The Scholarship Banquet continues to spotlight student scholars whose stories inspire and **bring the community together in celebration**. The event has grown each year, and continues to be a heartfelt, memorable event.

November is:

American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month,
National Military Family Appreciation Month,
& Transgender Awareness Month





2009

Full Circle Support

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Hanukkah Begins ——— 11 ———
 Fall Quarter Ends Human Rights Day ——— 17 ———
 Hanukkah Ends ——— 19 ———
 Christmas Campus Closed ——— 25 ———
 Christmas Eve ——— 31 ———
 Kwanzaa Begins ——— 26 ———
 New Year's Eve

2009:

In 2009, through a collaborative effort, the GRC Foundation Board, faculty, and staff created the **SAFE Fund**. This fund, the first of its kind, aided students who were facing an emergency, whether it be a utility bill, computer access or textbooks. During the first year, a total of \$7,200 was awarded to help 23 students in need.

Today:

The Green River College Foundation is working toward a \$1 million endowment that will ensure emergency support for students is available in perpetuity. The name has changed **from the SAFE Fund to Gator Pledge**, but it continues to help close critical gaps when an emergency threatens to cause a student to drop out of class or school altogether.

GATOR PLEDGE!
ENDOWMENT

2026

A Half-Century of Nurturing Growth is a Legacy for the Future.

1975 2025



Over the past 50 years, the Green River College Foundation has played a pivotal role in supporting Green River College's mission by providing support for students and the college. Thanks to the generosity of dedicated donors and the community the foundation will continue its mission to provide resources to assist Green River College in achieving educational excellence.