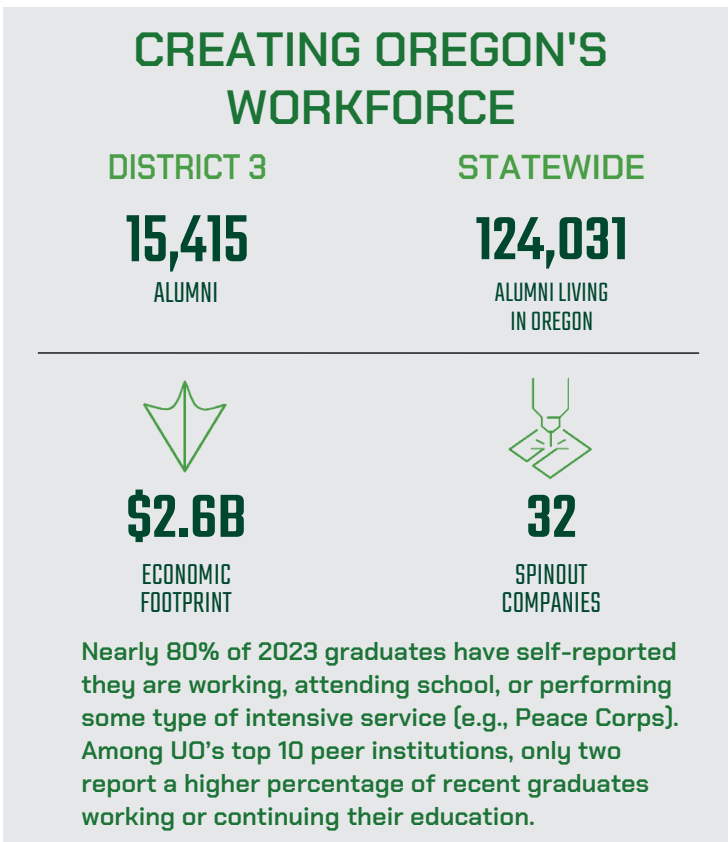
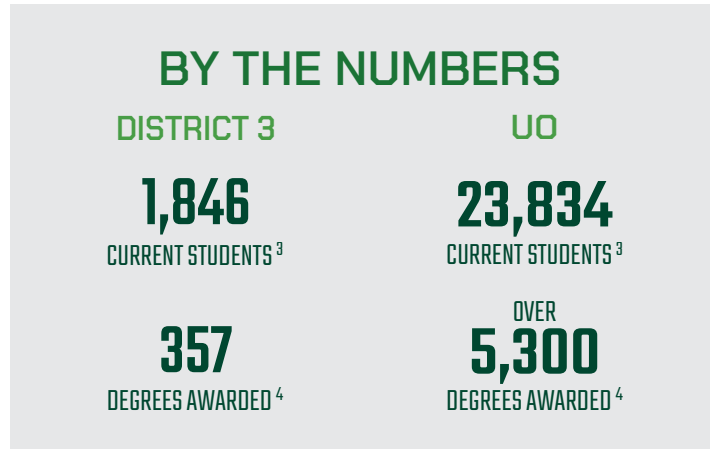
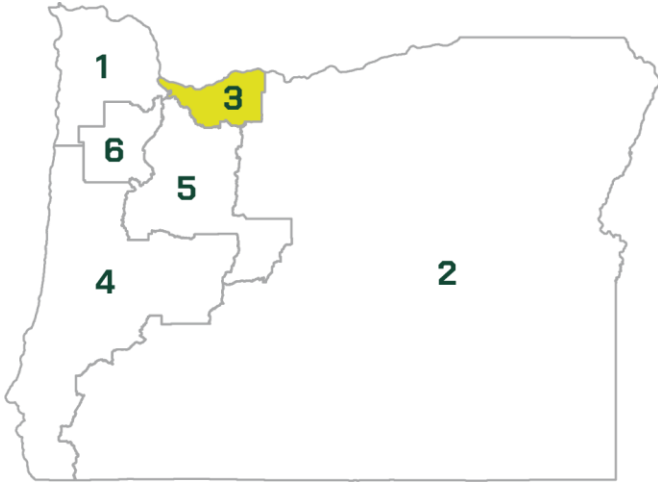
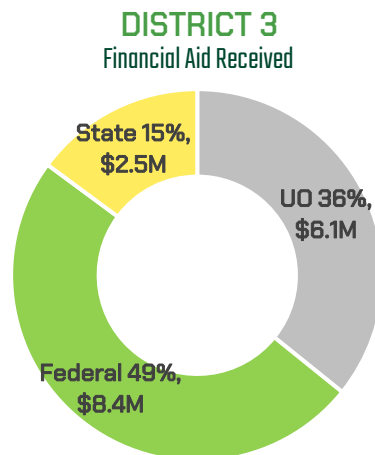
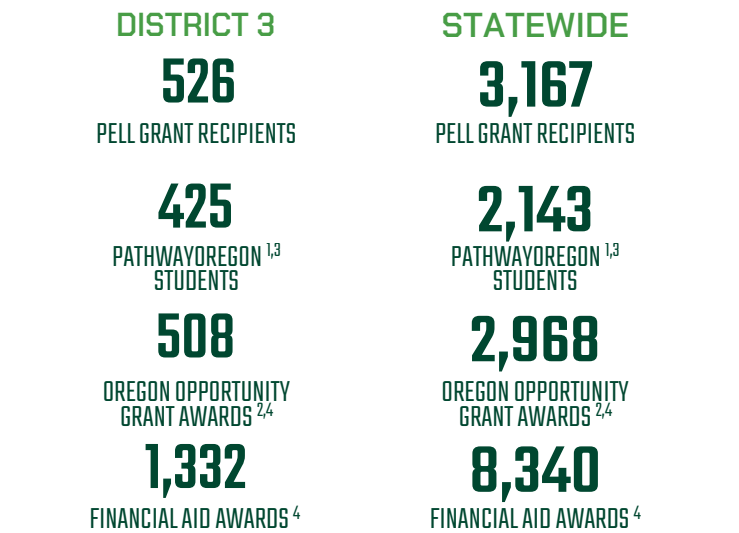


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### MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE



Sources: UO Institutional Research; UO Student Services and Enrollment Management; Tim Duy, Economic Impact 2020-21 Update



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<sup>1</sup> UO's program that ensures academically-qualified Pell Grant-eligible Oregonians will have their tuition and fees paid through a combination of federal, state and university funds.

<sup>2</sup> The Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) is Oregon's largest state-funded, need-based grant program for college students.

<sup>3</sup> Fall 2023 data. <sup>4</sup> Academic Year 2022-23 data.

In 2022–23 unmet financial aid need for all UO resident students was \$63.3 million

# UO in Oregon's 3rd Congressional District

## A New Approach for Improving the Behavioral Health and Well Being of Children

The **Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health**, located in the UO's NE Portland campus, is creating a new profession – the child behavioral health specialist – that only requires an undergraduate degree to deliver behavioral health services at schools, the healthcare system, and other community settings. The program emphasizes training in the early identification of behavioral health concerns and delivery of interventions that can prevent the onset of mental health problems in young people. The program prioritizes the needs of youth who have been historically or persistently underserved and will be shaped by the input of community stakeholders. The first cohort of child behavioral health specialists will graduate in 2026.

## Advancing Housing Solutions through Mass Timber Product Design

The **TallWood Design Institute** (TDI) is a collaboration between Oregon State University's Colleges of Forestry and Engineering and UO's College of Design. Representing diverse faculty expertise amongst the disciplines of architecture, structural engineering, and wood science, the institute's mission is to advance mass timber and other wood product building solutions through applied research, industry partnership, and educational opportunities.

In Sept. 2022, as part of the \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge, the EDA awarded the Oregon Mass Timber Coalition a total of \$41 million for to modernize and boost the forest products industry in Oregon, including \$25 million to the TallWood Design Institute for the Oregon Acoustic Research Laboratory that will be located at the **Port of Portland**, and affordable housing prototyping using mass timber.

## Center Supports State Preparedness for Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake



In 2023, the **National Science Foundation** awarded \$15 million to establish the nation's first subduction zone earthquake hazards center – a nexus for earthquake science and hazards research. **The Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center**, or CRESCENT, housed in the Department of Earth Sciences at the UO, is uniting scientists from 16 institutions around the U.S. studying the possible impacts of a major earthquake along the Cascadia subduction zone, the offshore tectonic plate boundary that stretches more than 1000 kilometers from southern British Columbia to northern California. The center is advancing earthquake research, fostering community partnerships, and diversifying and training the next generation geosciences work force.

