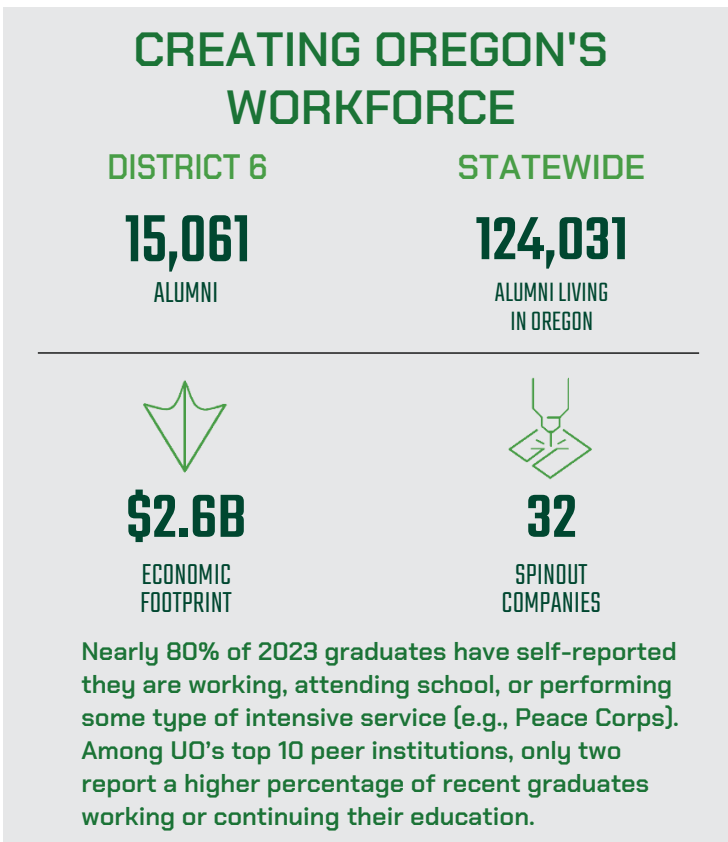
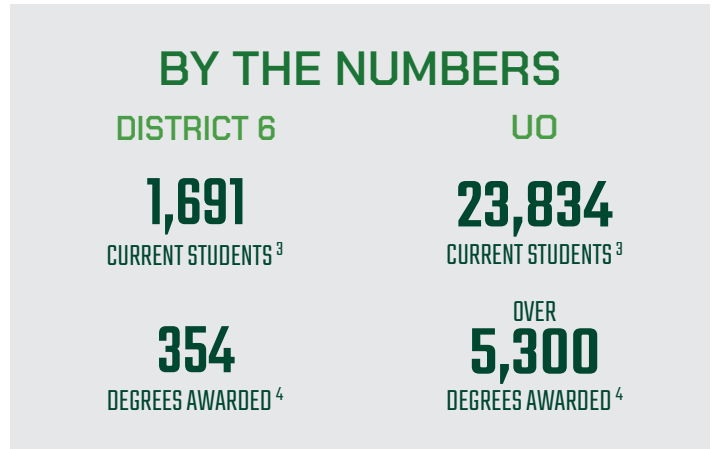
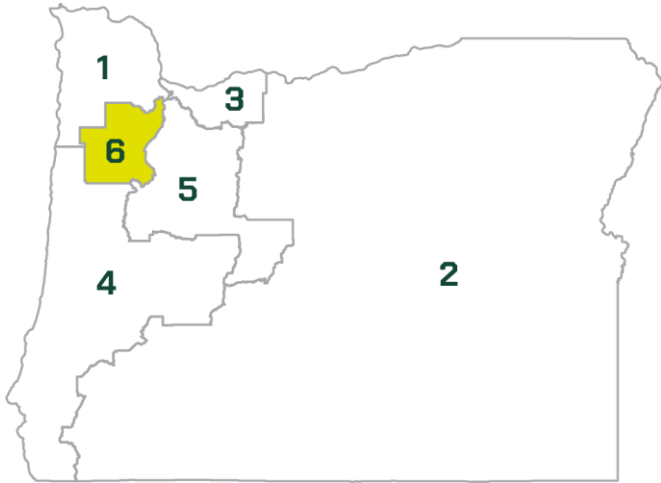
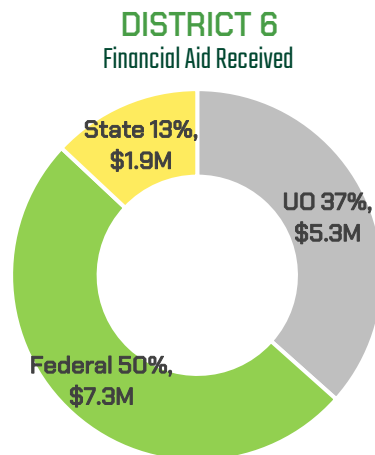
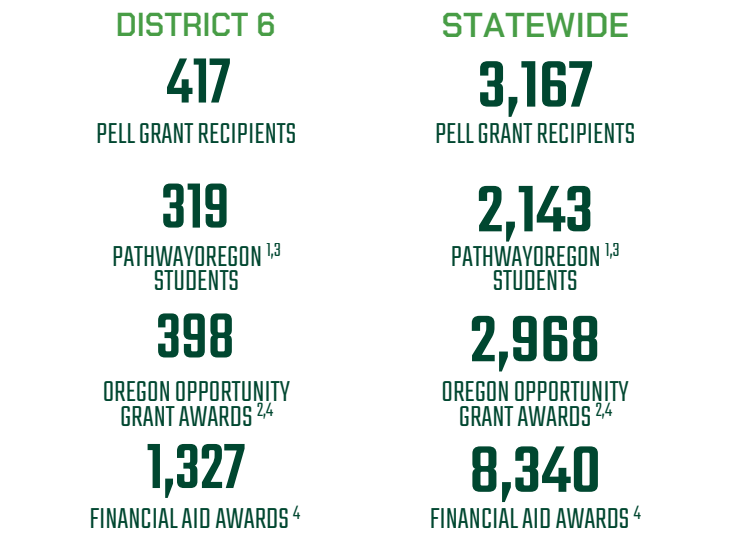


THE DIFFERENCE DUCKS MAKE IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6 | 2024



MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE



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



To learn more about the UO's impact, contact us at gcr@uoregon.edu or visit gcr.uoregon.edu/oregon-impact

¹ 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.

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

³ Fall 2023 data. ⁴ Academic Year 2022-23 data.

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

UO in the 6th 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 sharpened by the input of community stakeholders. The first cohort of child behavioral health specialists will graduate in 2026.

Transforming Oregon's Cities

The **City of Salem** is the UO's Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP) partner for the 2023-24 academic year. The year-long partnership helps communities solve problems of today and lay the groundwork for a sustainable, livable future – all while helping hundreds of UO students prepare for the workforce through applied learning. Students and professors are focusing on 20 courses directed at high priority city-identified projects, including the examining the role of AI and technology for cities, applying an equity framework for a city operations fee, a walkability and corridor assessment, and exploring passive cooling options for city-owned facilities.

Congressionally directed spending, sponsored by Senators Wyden and Merkley and former Congressman Peter DeFazio in 2022, and funds from the City of Salem are fueling the partnership and the ongoing work of SCYP.

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.

