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# Access to Student Assistance Programs in Reach of Everyone (ASPIRE)

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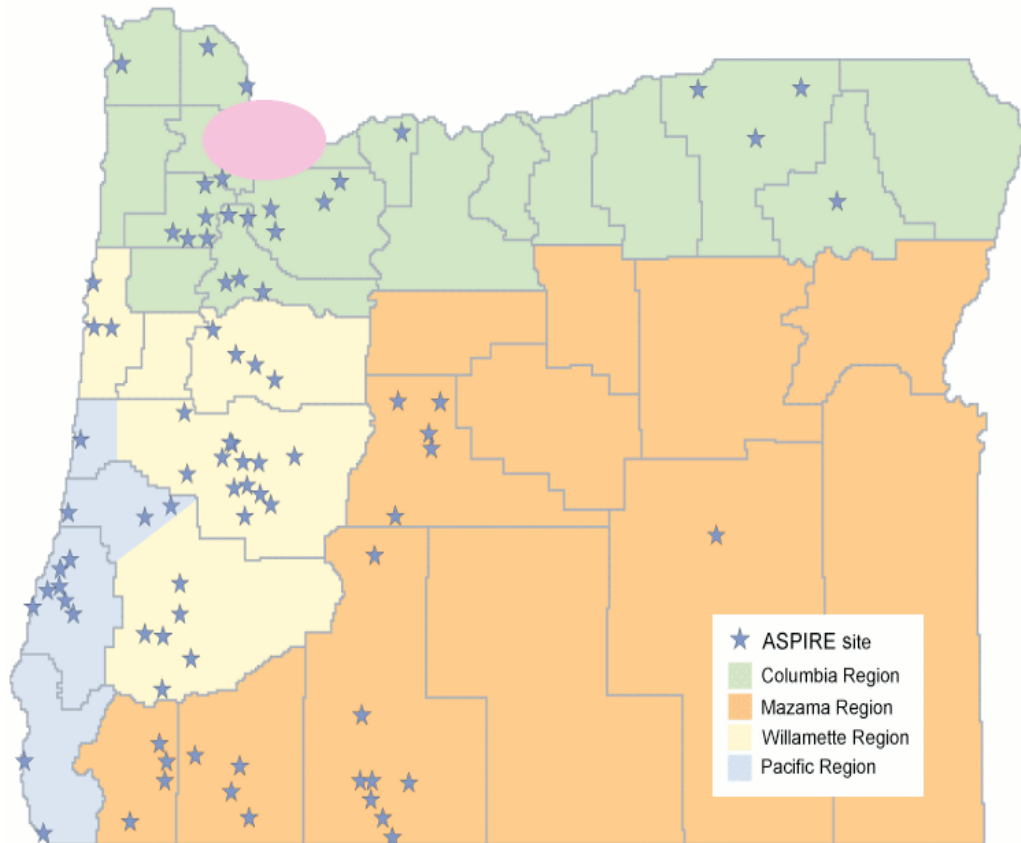
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# ASPIRE Program Oregon

## Provides



- Advising
- Resources
- Encouragement to Help Students Access Education and Training beyond High School.



# Reason For Internship

- Formal Proposition
  - Create Partnership between Linfield College and the ASPIRE Program at McMinnville High School
- Personal Reason
  - Social Capital
  - Educational Development



# Starting From Scratch

- What type of Partnership would be most suitable?
- Research similar Programs at other Institutions
- Interviews with Student Coordinators
- Expectations from Linfield College and McMinnville High School



# Student Mentor Experience

“When I was in high school I was discouraged from applying for private colleges and scholarships. That [discouragement] gave me the motivation to help others because I didn't want it to happen to someone else. I know I can't make a difference for hundreds of people, but I know I made a difference in one student's life, and that is what it is all about.”



# ASPIRE-Linfield Student Coordinator

- Integrating different Viewpoints and Expectations
  - McMinnville High School
    - Boundaries of Student Coordinator
  - Linfield College
    - Documentation and Vetting
  - Student Mentor
    - Support, Community and facilitation
- Final Consensus



# Current Projects

- Promoting ASPIRE at Linfield: Community Spotlight
  - <http://www.linfield.edu/ccs/ccs-files.html>
- Funding for Position
  - AmeriCorps
  - Federal Work Study
- Selecting Student Coordinator



# Political Science Major

- Building Social Capital
- Creating Cross-Cutting Cleavages





# Interdisciplinary Internship

- What I Experienced and Learned
  - Research and Interviews
  - Inter-communication between separate sources
  - Position Proposals



# Reflection

- Personal Reflection
- Resume
- Student Coordinator Position