The WSA hosts the only Legislative Liaison program in the country. We invite each of our member institutions to send a representative of their student association to Olympia each year to lobby our state representatives and work directly on legislation. The WSA offers intensive trainings, an office space located a few blocks from the capital, communications strategy and coordination, higher education policy expertise, and daily coordination and support for the Legislative Liaisons. By using this model, our association has passed hundreds of bills over the last few decades, including the creation of the Washington College Grant, which is nationally recognized as the most comprehensive and equitable student financial aid program in the country.

In addition to passing quality legislation, our Legislative Liaison program gives students real life experience working in public policy that most people are not exposed to until they are well into their careers. This experience trains our student advocates for successful careers in nonprofit management, public relations, as legislative assistants, consultants, lawyers, public policy experts, lobbyists, and as legislators themselves.
Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Legislative Liaisons, over the last four decades our association has developed, passed, and influenced hundreds of bills in our state legislature aimed at increasing access, accessibility and affordability.

Listed below are some of our recent legislative victories.

**Financial Aid:**
- HB 1028: Washington College Grant
- SB 6562: Defeated effort to allow institutions to set tuition locally
- HB 1043: Limiting differential tuition
- SB 5022: transparency and consumer protections for student loan borrowers
- SB 6029: Student Loan Bill of Rights
- HB 1433: Service and Activity Fees Decoupling
- SB 5197: National Guard scholarships
- 2015 Tuition Reduction (5%→15%)

**Voting Rights**
- SB 6313: Campus Same-Day Voter Registration and Voting Centers
- SB 5472: Expand Number of Ballot Drop Boxes in the State of Washington
- SB 5192: Voter Registration Package (same-day, Automatic VR, Pre-registration for 16/17)
LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES
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Equity

HB 1817: DREAM Act
SB 5166 Religious Accommodations
SB 5764: Protections for Campus-Based Victim Sexual Assault Advocates
SB 6561: Undocumented Student Loan Program
SB 5395: Comprehensive Sex & Consent Education
HB 2327: Review faculty in the Hiring Process for Sexual Assault Allegations/Misconduct

Student Supports

SB 5800: Homeless Student Support and Study
HB 2513: Prohibits Transcript Withholding Practices
SB 6142: Creates the Washington Common Application
HB 1009: Student Reproductive Parity
SB 6141: FAFSA Day & Financial Aid Transparency

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