

Wenatchee Valley College
Historical Highlights

- 1939 Wenatchee Junior College formed with classes at WHS
- 1941 First class graduates – KWJC WJC radio on air
- 1943 Helen Van Tassell named administrative dean (president) of college
- 1947 WJC merges with Wenatchee School District; Deaconess Nursing Program moves to college
- 1949 AZ Wells gives house to School District for WJC
- 1951 Construction begins on Well and Batjer Halls
- 1954 James Starr becomes college president
- 1955 Name changed to Wenatchee Valley College
- 1962 Anderson Hall, Smith Gym, and VanTassell Center open
- 1963 Bill Steward becomes college president
- 1964 WJC enrollment tops 1,000
- 1967 Community College Act; WVC district includes 3 NCW counties; Sexton Hall opens
- 1969 Student protests
- 1970 WVC design charrette held at Camp Field in Leavenworth
- 1971 WVC Foundation incorporated
- 1972 John Brown Library & Media Center built
- 1973 Wells House placed on historic register
- 1975 WVC establishes Okanogan County Education Service

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- 1977 James Davis hired as college president
- 1986 Arnie Heuchert becomes college president
- 1988 Eller Fox Science Center opens for classes
- 1989 *Reflections* published to mark WVC 50-year anniversary
- ~ 1990 WVC offering classes at Nespelem
- 1994 Woody Ahn hired as college president
- 2000 Bob Parlette interim college president; WVC at Omak Foundation
- 2001 Jack Becherer hired as college president
- 2003 WVC District name change committee;
- 2004 David Beyer interim college president
- 2005 Jim Richardson hired as college president
- 2011 Wenatchi Hall opens
- 2013 Music & Arts Center opens
- 2014 75th anniversary celebration