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*If you are a high school junior or senior, a parent of one, or are helping one consider their options, you are probably in the throes of your college selection process. This note is to give you four ideas to consider and encourage you to attend [Oregon Private College Week](#) in July.*

1

**High-Impact Teaching/Learning Practices:** Are you familiar with high-impact teaching/learning practices? You may be, but simply haven't heard them described in this way. High-impact teaching/learning practices include:

- service learning
- learning communities
- research with faculty
- internships or field experiences
- study abroad

All of the Oregon Private College Week host campuses practice most or all of these teaching and learning strategies. That matters to students because participation in these practices **can be life-changing**. So much so that it is recommended by education experts that students participate in at least two of these strategies before completing college. You will want to know what your institution offers so you make good choices while earning your degree.

2

**Institutional Grants & Scholarships:** The concept of institutional grants and scholarships may be the biggest difference between a private college and a public university. The resources available to a private institution to support student learning are very different than what is available at public institutions. Students and their families will want to have very open discussions with prospective institutions about what resources will be available to them if they choose to enroll. This is **not the time to be shy!** Get all your questions answered before you make your decision.

3

**Smaller Class Sizes:** At Oregon's private colleges, the average class size is **eleven students**. Most *high schools* don't have classes that small! With such low student-to-faculty ratios, students have a better opportunity to get to know their peers and instructors. (By the way, 90% of courses at Alliance institutions are taught by professors rather than teaching assistants.)

4

**Net Price is the *Real* Price:** Smart shoppers know that the sticker price isn't always the amount you pay. It's the same with calculating tuition at private colleges. Start with the posted costs from their websites and then discover opportunities for scholarships and grants. Once those are determined, subtract that amount from the sticker price, and you have the "net price," which is the *real* cost of attending that institution. It requires a little homework up-front, but it's **well worth it** on the back-end.

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