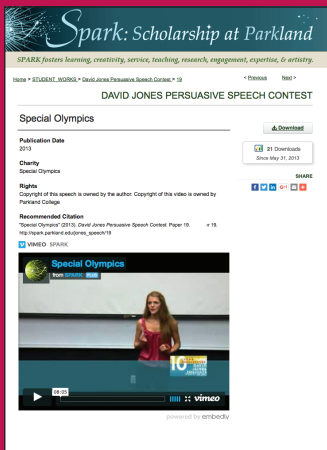


DIGITAL COMMONS: A Comprehensive Showcase for Community Colleges

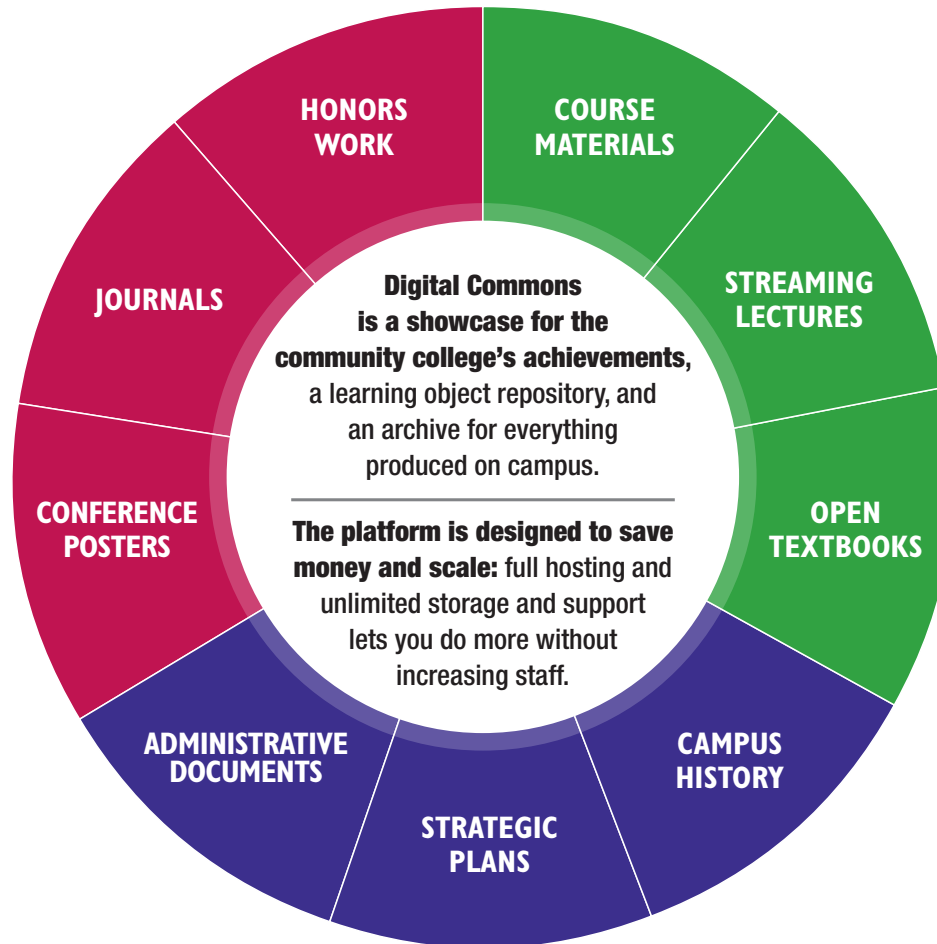
Demonstrating the value of student experiences is critical

Proving institutional value and creating opportunities for students is core to most community colleges' missions.

Digital Commons gives students a lasting, visible record of their achievements to **share with potential employers and admissions offices at four-year institutions.**



Parkland College uses Digital Commons to showcase videos of its annual speech scholarship contest and highlight the quality of student work.



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| <p>Open educational resources save students money</p> | <p>\$1,328</p> <p>Estimated annual cost of textbooks and supplies for two-year college students—up to 40% of tuition</p> | |
| | <p>\$3,000</p> <p>Estimated cost that a student would save over the course of a two-year program with OER</p> | |
| | <p>\$59,000</p> <p>Amount OER Provost's Challenge at Portland State saved students with Digital Commons</p> | |

Access to learning materials leads to affordable education

Rising textbook costs force many students to delay or refrain from buying course materials.

Digital Commons offers infrastructure to implement open education initiatives, **so students save money and you increase retention.**

Portland State University met their Provost's Challenge to make textbooks accessible with their Digital Commons site, PDX Scholar.

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