



## Achieve 2015 Goals and Progress

# Virginia Community College Chancellor's Goals: "Achieve 2015 - Take Two"

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Virginia's Community Colleges were created more than 40 years ago to address Virginia's unmet needs in higher education and workforce training. That pursuit continues with "**Achieve 2015 - Take Two**," a six-year strategic plan for Virginia's Community Colleges.

Community input served as the genesis for this strategic plan. Formal and informal conversations across Virginia with students, business and community leaders and elected officials guided the plan's creation. The ultimate success of the plan will be judged with Virginia's Community Colleges report back to those communities with the results of its five measurable goals.

To contribute to the economic and civic vitality of the commonwealth and its international competitiveness, Virginia's Community Colleges commit to increasing access to affordable education and training for more individuals so they acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in an ever-changing global economy. Having achieved the majority of the initial goals early, Virginia's Community Colleges are reaching higher and pursuing the following more ambitious goals adopted in January 2013.

### Access

Increase the number of individuals who are educated and trained by Virginia's Community Colleges by 50,000 to a total of 423,000, with emphasis on increasing the number from underserved populations by at least 85,000 individuals.

#### *Why this goal?*

Over the next 15 years, Virginia's Community Colleges will play a leading and critical role in the effort to increase the number of Virginia College graduates by 100,000. Accomplishing that requires our community colleges to serve more students, especially those who are first-time college students and those who come from families with little or no college experience.

### Affordability

Maintain tuition and fees at less than half of the comparable cost of attending Virginia's public four-year institutions, and increase the number of students who receive financial assistance and scholarships by 36,000.

#### *Why this goal?*

This goal is important to Virginia because the affordability of higher education is a growing concern to families and students. Virginia's Community Colleges are dedicated to giving everyone the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills so lives and communities are strengthened. Our colleges are also dedicated to helping more students secure grants, scholarships and other resources that enable them to pursue their college dreams.

## Student Success

Triple the number of students graduating, transferring, or completing a workforce credential to 91,173, including tripling the success of students from underserved populations to 39,393.

### *Why this goal?*

Virginia's Community Colleges are national leaders in their innovative work to elevate the issue of student success. The VCCS seeks to improve the number of students who successfully complete their community college studies and/or transfer to a university. A statewide overhaul of developmental education offerings ? one of the headlines of the VCCS reengineering work ? is but the latest effort in pursuing this goal along with strategies like Career Coaches, Middle College and Great Expectations.

## Workforce

Increase the number of employers provided training and services to 13,000, with a particular focus on high-demand occupational fields.

### *Why this goal?*

Virginia's Community Colleges were created in part to address Virginia's unmet workforce training needs. Since their inception, community colleges and employers have built a myriad of unique and customized partnerships that have attracted new companies and helped existing firms expand and compete in the global market. Creating more of those partnerships will play a key role in affirming Virginia's international reputation as a great place to do business.

## Resources

Raise at least \$550 million in cumulative gifts and grants to support the mission of Virginia's Community Colleges.

### *Why this goal?*

Public resources alone are no longer sufficient to fund the pursuit of the Virginia Community College mission. To fulfill the goals of Achieve 2015 and to meet the needs of the students, families and employers our colleges serve, Virginia's Community Colleges must expand their financial base. The colleges continue to seek partners among employers, foundations and individuals who understand the transformational value of Virginia's Community Colleges and are willing to invest in that work.

**You can read all about WCC's progress in meeting the "Achieve 2015 - Take Two" goals by clicking on the links below:**

[WCC Goals and Outcomes, 2013-2014](#)

[WCC Goals and Outcomes, 2012-2013](#)

[WCC Goals and Outcomes, 2011-2012](#)

[WCC Goals and Outcomes, 2010-2011](#)

[WCC Goals and Outcomes, 2009-2010](#)

### **What are Wytheville Community College goals for 2014-15?**

You can see WCC's 2013-2014 goals by clicking on the document below:

[WCC Goals, 2014-2015](#)

To visit the Virginia Community College System's "Achieve 2015 - Take Two" website, you may click [here](#).

