Fact Sheet

Our commitment today, tomorrow, and beyond:

Virginia’s Community Colleges are the solution to Virginia’s workforce needs. Our 23 community colleges across 40 campuses ensure there is a community college within reach.

With additional funding, we are expanding programs to increase the talent pipeline.

Lowest Funded in Higher Education

Virginia’s Community Colleges are the best positioned to train and skill up community members to fill open jobs; even so, our colleges are the lowest-funded higher education institutions in Virginia, while continuing to be one of the most affordable options in higher education.

$0.57 on the Dollar
Virginia’s Community Colleges receive fewer than 57 cents for every one dollar that goes to support a full-time equivalent student at a public Virginia university.

23rd Percentile on Spending
Looking at expenditures per full-time equivalent student, we are in the 23rd percentile in the nation, meaning 77% of community colleges spend more per student.

What We’re Doing

Aligning to GO Virginia Regions  Convening Industry Summits  Funding pay-for-performance models  Scaling programs regionally

Sector Focuses

With additional funding, Virginia’s Community Colleges will expand programs to increase the supply of trained workers to meet business and industry demand across in-demand sectors. These are the programs that are the costliest to scale, but are the most critical to filling Virginia’s talent pipeline.

Healthcare  Information Technology  Skilled Trades  Logistics  Manufacturing  Infrastructure  Energy

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Virginia’s Community Colleges enroll 46% of all public undergraduate students in Virginia, and 81% of our students stay local and contribute back to their communities and economies.

**For every $1...**

- **Students** gain **$5.70** in lifetime earnings
- **Taxpayers** gain **$2.70** in added tax revenue and public sector savings
- **Society** gains **$8.80** in added income and social savings

**Successes**

- **$3.9 Billion**
  Wages earned from FastForward graduates, a result of a multi-year, cumulative $55 million investment.

- **52,900 Credentials**
  Over 52,900 credentials earned through FastForward since 2016.

- **230,000 Students Served**
  In 2022, we served about 230,000 students through credit, noncredit, transfer, CTE, and dual enrollment educational programs.

- **$20.5 Million**
  In 2023, 12,600 students received $20.5 million in G3 tuition assistance, with an additional $29 million in federal and state grant aid.

- **93,798 Minority Students**
  Just over 46% of enrolled credit students identified as a minority (35,681 as Black/African American; 28,949 as Hispanic/Latin; 17,621 as Asian).

**Bottom Line**

- Adequate funds → Increased ability to scale training in high-demand sectors → More trained workers meeting the needs of business and industry

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