“I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and new.”

    Emerson

Virginia’s Community Colleges

45-year track record of educational excellence and innovation

23 colleges, 40 campuses and 273,000 students

30 miles or less from a community college in Virginia
Virginia 2015

- 60%: % of Virginia undergraduates that are enrolled in community colleges?
- 56%: % of community college graduates in transfer programs to pursue a bachelor’s degree?
- 42%: % of bachelor degree recipients having some community college experience?

Virginia 2014

- 13,000: # of employers served through workforce programs at Virginia’s community colleges?
- 31,000: # of degrees, diplomas and certificates earned in Virginia’s community colleges?
- 35,000: # of high school students in VA earning college credit through dual enrollment?
Almost 80,000 served through workforce training and continuing education courses in Virginia in 2014.

As mission-driven not-for-profits, community colleges offer the best value in higher education, and we have fought against the odds to keep our tuition and fees low.
Every $1 a student invests in his or her community college education yields an ROI of $3.80.
For taxpayers, the ROI per dollar is $6.80 over the course of the students’ working lives.

The net total impact of community colleges on the US economy was $809 billion in 2012.

That is equal to 5.4% of the nation’s GDP.
The added income created in the US through increased student productivity and spending of international students supported the equivalent of 15.5 million jobs.

Economic Modeling Specialists (2015)
Nearly ½ of all Americans have either fallen into poverty or have earnings that classify them as low-income. America's Community Colleges

For the first time in history, younger generations will be less educated than their elders. American Association of Community Colleges (2015)

Nearly ½ of all community college students entering in the fall term drop out before the second fall terms begins. American Association of Community Colleges (2015)
“The American Dream is at risk. Community colleges can help reclaim it. But stepping up to the challenge will require dramatic redesign of these institutions, and most critically, students’ educational experiences.”

American Association of Community Colleges (2015)
REDESIGN *student educational experiences*

REINVENT *institutional roles*

RESET *the system for success*

*American Association of Community Colleges (2015)*

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Increase completion rates by 50% by 2021

Enhanced rigor and accountability

Invest in support structures

Refocus mission and redefine institutional roles

Dramatically improve college readiness

Close the American skills gap

*American Association of Community Colleges (2015)*
The Essential Elements of Institutional Transformation

- Leadership
- Partnership
- Structure

Technology
Professional Development
Data

American Association of Community Colleges (2015)
Achievement Gap  Scalable Proven Practices  Stackable Credentials
Skills Gap  Tripling Credentials  Data-Informed Decisions
Technology-Enriched Practices  Transparent Teaching  Loss-Momentum Framework
Completion by Design  Student Success  Structured Pathways

Who do you design for? Top, middle, or lower third?
“When we design a class for the average student, we have designed it for no one. Each student has a jagged learning profile. Design to the edges.”

Todd Rose, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Professor of Educational Neuroscience
“Knowledge is the unending adventure at the edge of uncertainty.”

Jacob Bronowski