

VIRGINIA'S

Community Colleges

What We Do.

Why It Matters.

What We Can Build Together.

NEW RIVER
Community College

Every graduation has students with no plan.

This isn't a resources problem.

It's a system alignment problem.

Only 1 in 3

Virginia HS grads took any dual enrollment course

2.6M

middle-skills jobs in VA needing training beyond HS diploma

Birth of the Community College

1901: Joliet, Illinois. Six students.

1901

First public CC opens as part of an expanded high school program

1944

GI Bill explodes demand for accessible, affordable education

1960s

CCs open at a rate of one per week for nearly a decade

1970s

Junior colleges became community colleges as an intentional reframing of purpose

Surprising Numbers

1,026

Community Colleges
in the United States

46%

Of all U.S. undergrads
enroll at a CC

66%

The “At Any Point” Statistic

8.6 Million

Approximate number of students
served by community colleges
each year.

The VCCS you think you know?

That's not the one we're here to talk about.

Surprise #1

232,000+

Students served annually across 23 Virginia colleges

If VCCS were a single university, it would be the largest institution of higher education in Virginia.

11 of the nation's top 200 community colleges.

Out of 23 Virginia schools competing among 1,022 nationally.



11

Aspen Top 200
Community Colleges

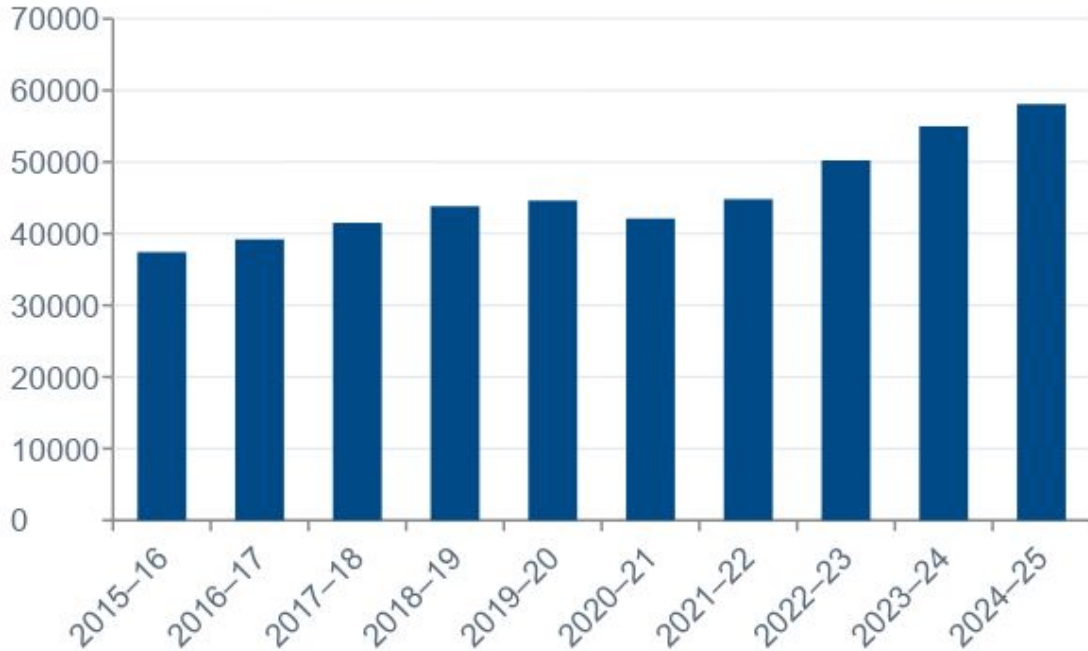
Aspen rankings measure student outcomes: completion, transfer rates, wages, and equity.

Yet 11 of our 23 made the national top 200

No CC system in America can claim a comparable rate

Dual enrollment has grown 55% in 10 years.

From 37,400 to 58,100 students



55%

Growth over 10 years
(2015-16 to 2024-25)

FastForward

Short Term Credentials with Immediate wage impact.

50%

Median wage increase
12 months after completion

94%

Course
completion rate

\$6B

In graduate wages
from \$96M state investment

\$5.70

Lifetime earnings
per \$1 invested

The Evolving Community College

CC 1.0

Access

CC 2.0

Success

CC 3.0

**Post-Graduation
Success**

NOW

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**Four places where
K-12 + VCCCS
is already working.**

Dual Enrollment

1 in 3 VA graduates have participated in dual enrollment.

Transfer Virginia

The Passport and UCGS solve a longstanding problem.

G3 Scholarship

Last-dollar tuition for households open access to high demand fields.

Early Colleges & CTE Academies

Pathways to Credentials before HS Graduations

What we leave on the table together.

1%

Percentage of Virginia High School Students who earn a degree or certificate while in high school.

My Call to Action: No Random Acts of Dual Enrollment moving forward.

Intentional partnership. Designed together.

Random Acts vs. Intentional Partnership.

NOW

We offer dual enrollment



VISION

We have a mapped pathway from 9th grade to credential (UCGS, Passport, and/or CTE).

NOW

Students can apply for G3



VISION

Our Career Coaches or Counselors walk every eligible senior through G3 before graduation

NOW

CTE courses are available through both high school and college CTE courses.



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CC CTE programs fill specific gaps in the regional market where needed & Some High School CTE courses are articulated into College Credit.

What Happens Tomorrow?

Call your CC president