

## Serving More Virginia Students

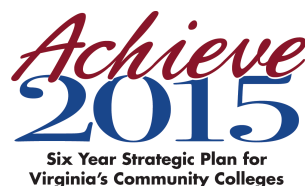
Virginia's Community Colleges remain the on-ramp for higher education in the commonwealth. Serving two-thirds of Virginia's undergraduate students, the VCCS is seeking the resources necessary to remain Virginia's leading provider of higher education, including:

- Increasing the number of full-time students majoring in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and healthcare (STEM-H) fields;
- Updating existing classroom space to accommodate those students;
- Serving more U.S. military veterans by making it easier for them to access our colleges and translate their military experience into college credit; and
- Building on the momentum of the 2011 investment in workforce development programs.

Seven out of ten Virginians want to see a full-time employee at every Virginia Community College whose sole purpose is to serve veterans, according to a recent VCU Commonwealth Poll.

78 percent of Virginians want to see Virginia's Community Colleges produce more STEM-H graduates, according to that same poll.

Nearly nine out of ten Virginians want to see Virginia's Community Colleges work with employers to ensure that students' skill sets match workplace needs, according to the statewide VCU Commonwealth Poll.



## Producing More Virginia Graduates

Before this decade is finished, two out of three jobs available in Virginia will require more than a high school education. That challenge is compounded by demographic changes in the state featuring an increase in groups of people who have little or no college experience. Virginia's Community Colleges are seeking resources to attract and enroll those students and to ensure they graduate. That includes:

- Increasing staffing and automated student support services aimed at helping first-generation college students;
- Using more learning technology to help students overcome challenges in specific subject areas; and
- Continuing the VCCS reengineering work that is earning rave reviews and national attention for its student success focus.

Seven out of ten Virginians want to see Virginia's Community Colleges place more emphasis on serving first-generation college students.

## Seeking More Faculty and Facilities

Virginia's Community Colleges enrolled more than 50,000 additional students during the recession. Enrollment continues to increase. Virginia's Community Colleges are seeking resources necessary to educate more students, including:

- Increasing the number of classes taught by full-time faculty to 47 percent by the year 2013;
- Facilitating a cost-of-living salary increase, for the first time in four years, for faculty and staff;
- Expediting 14 STEM-focused capital projects in the Six-Year Capital Plan.

84 percent of Virginians believe having up-to-date facilities affects the quality of a college education, according to a recent VCU Commonwealth Poll.

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**Produce More Graduates**

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**Provide Adequate Faculty and Facilities**



**2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Virginia's Community Colleges are asking General Assembly partners to support the Governor's introduced budget. That plan contains an essential investment to produce an additional 100,000 Virginia college graduates: the central goal of last year's unanimously supported Top Jobs for the 21st Century (TJ21) legislation.

60 percent of Virginians do not believe their community colleges receive adequate state funding, according to a recent VCU Commonwealth Poll. In the same survey, however, 80 percent said Virginia's Community Colleges provide good value for the money that is spent on them.

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**Serve More Students**