



2014-2015 Highlights

Greetings



Dear Friends:

We are delighted to share these highlights with you that showcase the accomplishments of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges over the past 12 months.

New Jersey's 19 community colleges serve over 400,000 students annually, making them the largest providers of higher education in the Garden State. With over 60 campuses, we take great pride in providing high-quality transfer, occupational, continuing education, business support, and community service programs at an affordable price that lead to student success and respond to local and statewide needs.

The information you'll find in this brief report is just an overview of the great things community colleges do working collectively to serve the people of our state.

Thank you for your continued support of New Jersey's 19 community colleges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Albright". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Helen Albright
Chair
New Jersey Council of County Colleges

FY 2016 State Budget

Governor Christie recently approved the final FY 2016 State Budget.

When the Governor introduced his proposed budget back in February, he presented a very fair budget for community colleges during these tough fiscal times. All of the things that matter most to community colleges were approved in the final State Budget:

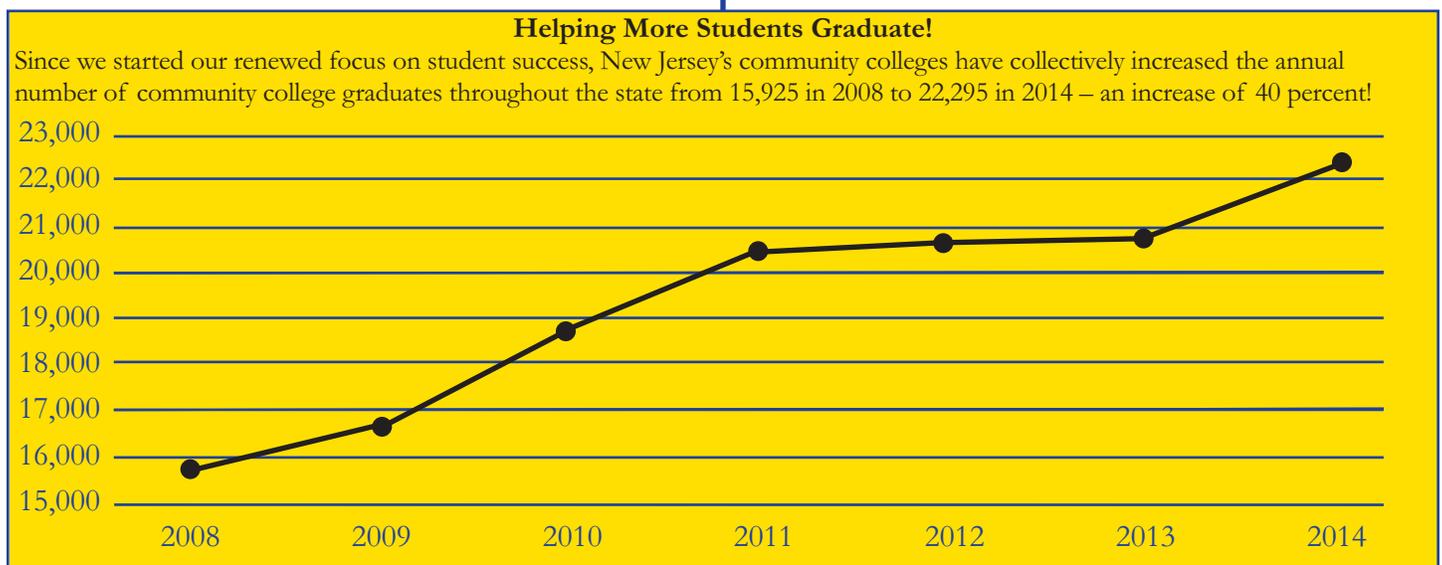
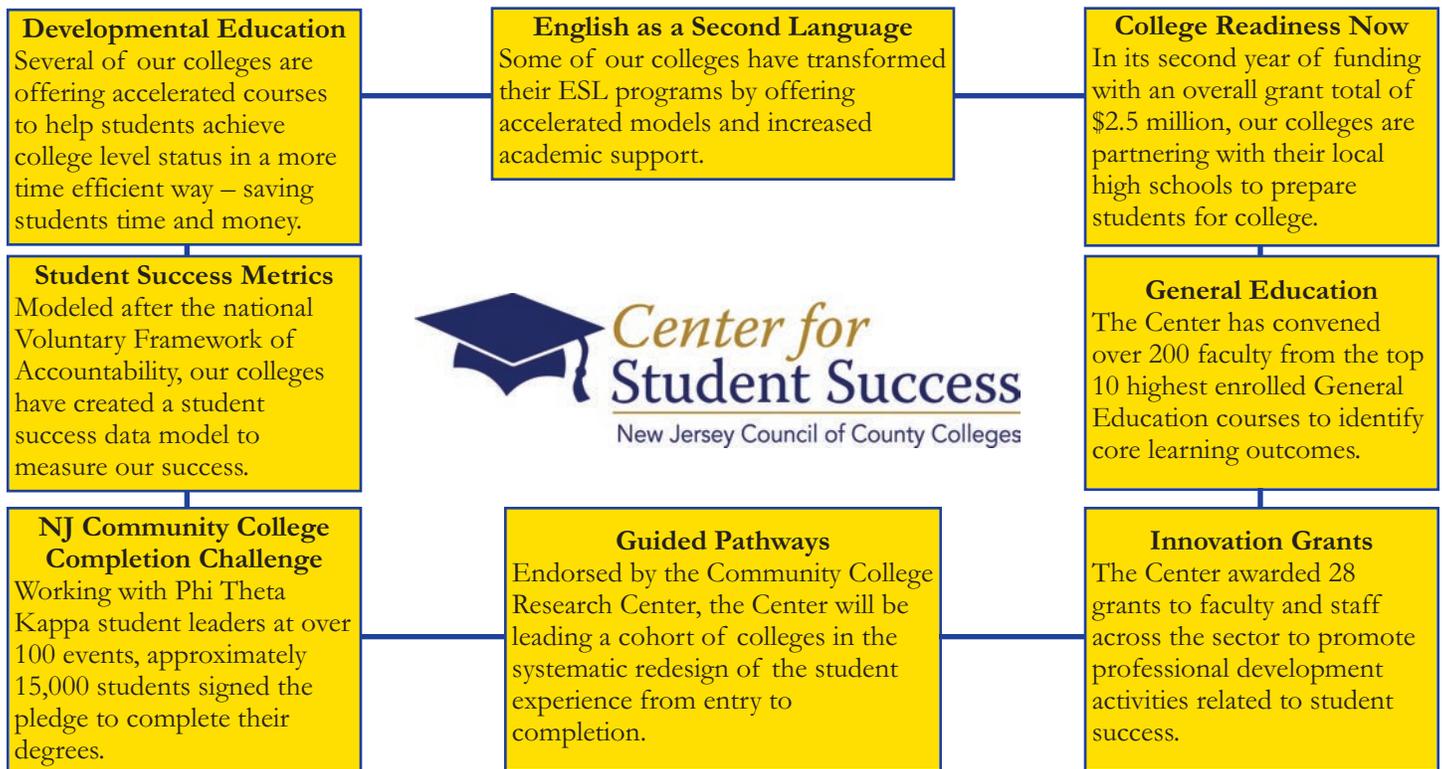
- Level operating aid for community colleges;
- Full funding for fringe benefits for community college employees that the state has paid in the past;
- Full funding for the Chapter 12 Community College Building and Renovation Fund;
- Full funding for student financial aid programs – Tuition Aid Grants (TAG) that support full-time students at all colleges and universities in the state; and
- Full funding for student financial aid programs that are just for community college students – TAG for part-time community college students and, of course, the NJ STARS program.



Center for Student Success

The New Jersey Center for Student Success, created by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges in 2012 and awarded a Kresge Foundation grant in 2014, is dedicated to the success of New Jersey's community college students. We work together with students, faculty, administrators, and staff to develop a culture of academic and personal success.

What follows is an impressive display of both statewide and local accomplishments led by the Center for Student Success... accomplishments that only happen when trustees, presidents, faculty members, staff members, and students work together to achieve the specific goals set out in the Big Ideas project, now the Strategic Goals for Student Success.



NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development

Since 2004, the NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development brings the vast training resources of the state's 19 community colleges under one roof for the benefit of businesses and other organizations.

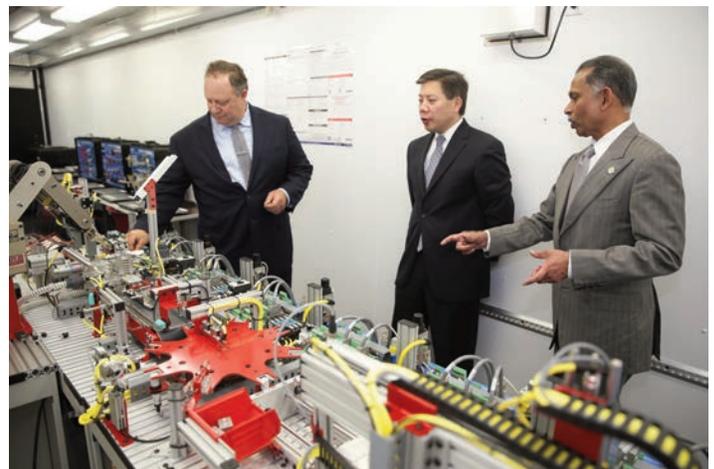
Performance Highlights

In just over 10 years of operations:

- All 21 county employers and workers are being served through job related training services both for upgrading skills or retooling to find a new job;
- The Consortium has enrolled 129,020 trainees and served over 5,700 employers in the state;
- Total training revenue since inception: \$29,401,072;
- Revenue grew from \$1.8 million in 2010 to \$4.7 million in 2015 (161% cumulative growth rate in five years);
- 100% of operating budget is covered by revenue generated;
- Total return on the colleges' fully preserved initial \$2,215,000 investment: \$9,903,981 (446% cumulative return in 10 years);
- The Consortium is recognized by the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development as a partner in Workforce Development initiatives in the state; and
- The Consortium is the primary provider of state employee training organized through the Civil Service Commission, designated by an executive order of the Governor.

Current Training Programs

- NJBIA Basic/Employability Skills Training for incumbent employees;
- SEIU/32BJ Training for union members;
- Advanced Manufacturing Training for the unemployed;
- Civil Service Commission Training for state and other government employees; and
- A \$10 million U.S. Department of Labor training grant to help long-term unemployed get back to work in Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology and Life Sciences. The NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development supplemented the award with \$2 million to expand our work to Financial Services, Healthcare, Transportation, Logistics, Distribution, Retail, Travel and Tourism.



The Workforce Consortium recently put into service two mobile training labs. Pictured, Camden County College Professor Kevin Schmidt and Workforce Consortium Executive Director Sivaraman Anbarasan showcase one of the lab's capabilities to U.S. Department of Labor Deputy Secretary Chris Lu.



NJ Community College Joint Purchasing Consortium

New Jersey's community colleges established the Joint Purchasing Consortium (JPC) in 1999 to combine the member colleges' buying power to negotiate better prices on products and services.

Since then, the JPC has worked to maximize the purchasing power of the participating colleges. The joint purchase of natural gas, under the leadership of Ocean County College, and electricity, under the leadership of Middlesex County College, resulted in savings of several million dollars for the colleges that participate. Cumberland County College negotiated a joint contract for all 19 community colleges for Accuplacer placement tests.



This past year, the JPC secured basic investigative training for Title IX compliance for 16 participating community colleges. Passaic County Community College secured discount pricing for online training from several vendors, which is critical in meeting Title IX compliance regulations. Raritan Valley Community College led efforts to secure a reduced discount rate and other charges for processing tuition and other payments using credit cards. Camden County College successfully secured discounted pricing for laboratory supply and medical supply/equipment catalogs. Turnitin, a plagiarism monitoring software used in distance education, has agreed to keep the same consortium price for the coming year – an initiative led by Cumberland County College.

Most recently, the Assembly and Senate passed legislation that would authorize the JPC to serve as the lead contracting agency for joint purchases on behalf of community colleges. The legislation is now on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

NJCCC Coordinating Responsibilities

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges was created by state statute (18A:64A-26) in 1989. The NJCCC is an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, and serves as the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government.

New Jersey's community college system operates in a way that was once described as "coordinated autonomy." "Autonomy" makes clear that the cornerstone of New Jersey community college governance is local authority. Everything starts with the affirmation that local trustees and the presidents they hire know best how to serve the needs of their local communities. "Coordinated" drives home the point that local autonomy is not absolute. Autonomy only works when it is coordinated in statewide ways that serve statewide needs.

The NJCCC coordinates several important statewide programs, including the Community College Funding Formula, Chapter 12 Building and Renovation Fund allocations, Perkins Funding allocations, and General Education course approvals. In addition, the NJCCC's Course Review Committee determines which community college courses are eligible for state aid.

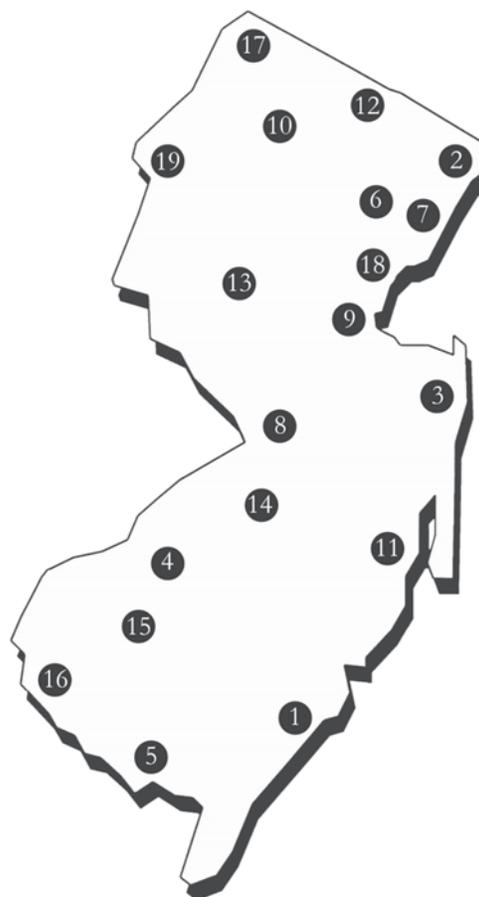
- This year, the Council coordinated the distribution of \$134,123,000 in state aid, and 16 community colleges will receive up to \$3 million each for building and renovation projects via Chapter 12. In addition, New Jersey's community colleges will receive \$7.8 million in federal Perkins funding.
- Over 100 new general education courses were approved in four review cycles in the following categories: Information Literacy, Science, Diversity, Humanities, Ethical Reasoning, Social Science, Communications, History, Math, and Technology.

- The Course Review Committee evaluated 557 credit courses. Of the 557 credit courses reviewed, 342 new courses were approved and 174 courses were approved as revisions of current courses.



New Jersey's 19 Community Colleges

- 1. ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
5100 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330-2699
(609) 343-4900 • www.atlantic.edu
- 2. BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652-1595
(201) 447-7100 • www.bergen.edu
- 3. BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738
(732) 224-2000 • www.brookdalecc.edu
- 4. CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE**
PO Box 200, Blackwood, NJ 08012
(856) 227-7200 • www.camdencc.edu
- 5. CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE**
PO Box 1500, 3322 College Drive, Vineland, NJ 08362
(856) 691-8600 • www.ccnj.edu
- 6. ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE**
303 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 877-3000 • www.essex.edu
- 7. HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
70 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 714-7100 • www.hccc.edu
- 8. MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
(609) 586-4800 • www.mccc.edu
- 9. MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE**
2600 Woodbridge Avenue, PO Box 3050
Edison, NJ 08818-3050
(732) 548-6000 • www.middlesexcc.edu
- 10. COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS**
214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, NJ 07869
(973) 328-5000 • www.ccm.edu
- 11. OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE**
College Drive, PO Box 2001
Toms River, NJ 08754-2001
(732) 255-0400 • www.ocean.edu
- 12. PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
One College Boulevard, Paterson, NJ 07505
(973) 684-6800 • www.pccc.edu
- 13. RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
118 Lamington Road
Branchburg, New Jersey 08876
(908) 526-1200 • www.raritanval.edu



- 14. ROWAN COLLEGE AT BURLINGTON COUNTY**
County Route 530, Pemberton, NJ 08068
(609) 894-9311 • www.bcc.edu
- 15. ROWAN COLLEGE AT GLOUCESTER COUNTY**
1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080
(856) 468-5000 • www.rcgc.edu
- 16. SALEM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
460 Hollywood Avenue, Carneys Point, NJ 08069
(856) 299-2100 • www.salemcc.edu
- 17. SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
One College Hill, Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 300-2100 • www.sussex.edu
- 18. UNION COUNTY COLLEGE**
1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016
(908) 709-7000 • www.ucc.edu
- 19. WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
475 Route 57 West, Washington, NJ 07882-4343
(908) 835-9222 • www.warren.edu