PATHWAY TO THE BACCALAUREATE COLLEGE SUCCESS CONSORTIUM
2016-2017 FACT SHEET

PATHWAY’S INNOVATIVE PROGRAM DESIGN
Pathway to the Baccalaureate is a regionally-developed, award-winning collective impact initiative, launched in 2005, to provide early and ongoing support for students with demonstrated barriers to college access and completion, beginning in high school through attainment of a baccalaureate degree. Our K-16 consortium provides a coordinated, inter-institutional network of services and interventions that facilitate student success and support seamless transitions across participating institutions. By leveraging the efforts and resources of our institutional and non-profit partners, together we pave the pathway to college and career access, success, and excellence for Northern Virginia’s underserved student populations.

WHAT PATHWAY DOES
Pathway provides participants with a supportive, transfer-focused community coupled with intrusive, developmental advising using a career pathways, case management approach, to guide students to and through their college careers. Our interventions include:

- Holistic student services offered on-site at participating schools and centers during the regular school day, at NOVA campuses, and at George Mason University
- Comprehensive intake and individualized transition and transfer plans to mitigate barriers to college access, success, transfer, completion and career attainment
- Cohort and family programming to enhance academic, navigational, and financial readiness for college transition, academic success, and university transfer
- 1:1 college transition support with admissions, financial aid and domicile, testing, advising and priority registration at high schools and non-profit locations
- Supported access to community services and supplemental financial resources
- Dual generational programming targeting parents and children of participants
- $500,000+ in dedicated grant and scholarship funding to program participants
- University visits, student activities and leadership, service-learning, peer mentoring, STEM and career enrichment, experiential learning, and alumni engagement
- Early engagement and enrollment opportunities at George Mason University
- Guaranteed, priority admission and continued, on-site support at George Mason U

OUR PATHWAY SITES
In 2016-17, Pathway serves over 3500 12th graders enrolled in 50+ high schools and centers across nine school systems, while over 6800 college-matriculated Pathway students attend all NOVA campuses and George Mason University. Pathway also supports selected regional non-profit and community organizations with similar target populations.

OUR PATHWAY STUDENTS
Over 90% of our 10,000+ participants represent one or more US Department of Education populations known to adversely affect persistence in college, including first generation, immigrant, and minority populations, students with disabilities, youth in foster care, and parenting students. More detailed participant demographics are outlined on the reverse.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- 97% of high school-enrolled participants earn their diplomas on time
- 88% of high school participants transition to post-secondary one year post-graduation
- 89% of NOVA-enrolled participants persist from the first to the second semester
- 82% of first year students at NOVA persist to the second year of college
- Pathway represents 7% of NOVA’s student population and 14% of credentials awarded
- Over 80% of Pathway’s Mason transfers complete a bachelor’s degree within three years of transfer enrollment
- Participants exceed college and national benchmarks in access and success outcomes

¹ For more detailed information/outcomes data, please visit our website: www.nvcc.edu/pathway
OUR PATHWAY VISION:
To ensure that all students in Northern Virginia with the desire and capacity to achieve a baccalaureate degree are provided with the individualized, structured resources and support they need to pave their own pathway to college and career access, success and excellence.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT DATA: 2016-17 COHORT
- High School GPA Range: 0.67 to 4.49; Median High School GPA: 2.90
- 50% of participants received Free or Reduced Lunch in high school
- 74% of participating students receive financial aid and/or scholarships
- 25% of participants are pursuing STEM-H degree programs
- 21% of students in the NOVA Honors Program are Pathway to the Baccalaureate students
- Exclusive of race, 55% of participants self-identify as Latino/Latina

PROGRAM RECOGNITION
Pathway has been lauded as a sustainable, innovative model for improving college completion rates among underserved students, and was described in US News & World Report as “a national example” for promoting post-secondary success. Organizations across the nation have showcased Pathway’s collaborative, collective impact operational model, including the White House Summit on Community Colleges and the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. Pathway provides technical assistance and mentoring to institutions and organizations across the nation, and our model has been successfully replicated, including the ACES program in Montgomery County, MD. Pathway’s accolades include the Virginia Excellence in Education Award and the 2016 Excelencia in Education Foundation’s Example of ¡Excelencia! at the Associate Level. An in-depth case study on the program was released by the New America Foundation. Pathway has been featured in articles by the Chronicle of Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges 21st Century Center, the Christian Science Monitor, and the Washington Post, where it was described as “NOVA’s extraordinary pipeline to college”.

REGIONAL vs. PATHWAY DEMOGRAPHICS

STUDENT ETHNICITY

ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME

PATHWAY STUDENT COLLEGE READINESS