



***Achieve 2015***  
**A Strategic Plan for Virginia's Community Colleges**

**PREAMBLE**

To contribute to the economic and civic vitality of the Commonwealth and its international competitiveness, Virginia's Community Colleges commit to increasing access to affordable education and training for more individuals so they acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in an ever-changing global economy.

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**ACCESS**

Increase the number of individuals who are educated and trained by Virginia's Community Colleges by 50,000 to an annual total of 423,000, with emphasis on increasing the number from underserved populations by at least 25,000 individuals.

**AFFORDABILITY**

Maintain tuition and fees at less than half of the comparable cost of attending Virginia's public four-year institutions, and increase the annual number of students who receive financial assistance through grants and scholarships by 36,000.

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

Increase the number of students graduating, transferring or completing a workforce credential by 50%, including increasing the success of students from underserved populations by 75%.

**WORKFORCE**

Double the annual number of employers provided training and services to 10,000, with a particular focus on high-demand occupational fields.

**RESOURCES**

Raise at least \$550 million in cumulative gifts and grants to support the mission of Virginia's Community Colleges.

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