

Setting the standard *for student success.*



President's Message

After a strong finish to the fall 2021 semester, it could be said that Walters State aced the spring 2022 semester mid-terms. The Tennessee Board of Regents in March recognized our institution as the community college of the year in the state.

Directly responsible for this award are our fantastic students, our faculty and staff, and our strong dedication to student success. The honor also would not have been possible without the consistent support that the college receives from our foundation members and trustees, the citizens in our 10-county service area, as well as the many business and industry leaders who support our mission.

The award recognizes the college's significant increases in on-time degree completion, certificate completion, transfer rates to four-year institutions, and progression and completion of underrepresented student populations. Other criteria include innovative programs that support student success and workforce development with student support services, K-12 partnerships/collaboration, and workforce-readiness partnerships.

The data that placed Walters State ahead of the pack shows that the initiatives toward achieving our mission of increasing the level of higher

education and workforce development are working. The recognition reflects also the hard work put forth by our students, faculty and administrators in overcoming unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An innovative approach to continuing our mission, along with our technological readiness to continue and expand online instruction, allowed for an even stronger focus on student retention and success.

We are immensely proud of being named the Tennessee Community College of the Year for 2022. And while it's a fantastic achievement, we accept it as an honor and not a destination. As we move forward, our vision and mission to enrich the lives of our students and community will only continue to expand, grow and become stronger.





Walters State named **Community College of the Year** by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The College of the Year award, presented during the Tennessee Board of Regents' annual SOAR Awards dinner in Nashville in March 2022, recognizes the college that has demonstrated a sustained commitment to and proactive advancement of student success and workforce development.

"I am so proud of every member of our college family for unwavering dedication to student success, especially during the challenges of the past two years," Walters State President Dr. Tony Miksa said. "We are deeply honored and humbled by this award. Without the tremendous community support that we receive from throughout our service area, and the leadership of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the state legislature, this accomplishment would not be possible."

In addition to other criteria, the selection committee looked at Walters State's development of a comprehensive and bold strategic plan to address existing equity gaps and how the college has contributed to state completion goals and system strategic priority areas across the institution.

More than 300 students, faculty, staff, supporters, state legislators and other guests attended the SOAR Awards Dinner, presented by The Ayers Foundation at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Nashville Downtown.



Why is Walters State the top community college in Tennessee? We asked our students!



RONY SOTO, engineering

"Walters State won Community College of the Year because of the great community that is here. Walters State will always feel like home. The classes here are small and you have more interaction with your professors. I've always felt comfortable asking questions. Students get so much one-on-one attention."



MARIAH DALTON, nursing

"As a Senators Page, I see what happens behind the scenes and I see how staff members are prepared to do whatever is needed. Sometimes, the little things make the biggest difference for students. Staff members take the time to know what a student needs to be successful."



OLIVIA SANDEFUR, business

"Walters State has amazing professors who truly care about their students. Everyone who works here seems to love their job and that sincerity and energy radiates onto students. Walters State is the best of both worlds: an affordable education with a great college experience."



ALEXA LONG, psychology

"I love the campus. I've made terrific friends here. The best thing about Walters State is the professors."

Walters State by

THE NUMBERS

Enrollment
5,379

Degrees and
certificates awarded
1,275

Placement rate for
technical graduates
96%

Student
average age
22

The most contact hours of noncredit training
in the Tennessee Board of Regents system
176,480

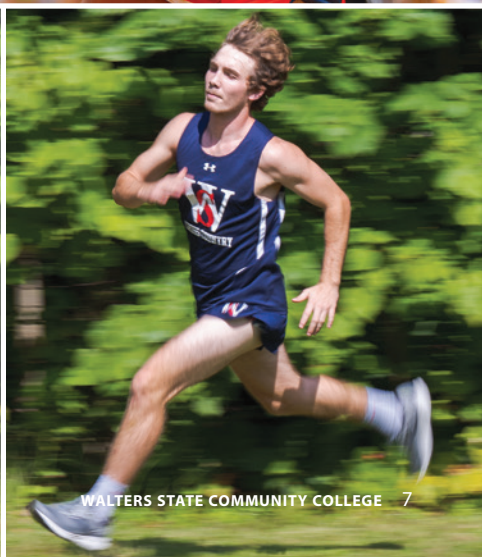
Youth participating in
enrichment and
workforce training classes
842

Walters State named
Military-Friendly College
**MOVED UP TO
SILVER LEVEL**



2021–22 TCCAA ALL SPORTS CHAMPIONS!

The following teams were **Region VII Champions** this year: **Baseball**, **Women's Basketball**, **Golf**, **Women's Cross-Country** and **Men's Cross-Country**.



Engineering Technology expands to Sevier County Campus

Walters State's Engineering Technology Program expanded to the Sevier County Campus in fall semester of 2022. All courses needed for both the automation specialization and the computer-aided design (CAD) specialization are available in Sevierville. These lead to A.A.S. Electrical Engineering Technology Automation Specialization and A.A.S. Engineering Systems Technology Computer-Aided (CAD) Design Specialization degrees. Both are popular with students and teach skills local employers need. The expansion was made possible by a grant from the DENSO North America Foundation. The foundation is the philanthropic arm of DENSO, a leading mobility supplier and Sevier County employer.



The engineering technology automation specialization prepares students to program computers used in manufacturing, construction and other fields.

Pharmacy technician training offered in one semester

To meet the growing demand for pharmacy technicians, Walters State developed a one-semester certificate program. Students are trained in processing prescriptions, interpreting and filling hospital medication orders, non-sterile compounding, legal and ethical issues, billing, inventory management, and pharmacology.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam to earn their CPhT credential. Completing this final step usually increases a graduate's pay. Most students are hired by their clinical practice sites before officially becoming graduates.



Kimberly Brown, associate professor of pharmacy technician, assists a student in the program's lab. A one-semester pharmacy technician certificate is now offered to meet the increasing need in the field.

Spanish certificate offered

During the last year, Walters State became the first community college in Tennessee to offer a certificate in Spanish. The program was spurred by interest from students and local employers. The need for Spanish speakers in the college's service area is present among fields such as human resources, health care, public safety and tourism. The certificate may be earned jointly with an associate's degree. Graduates have the option of taking a national exam to determine and document fluency.



Dr. Erika Stevens, associate professor of Spanish, helps a student with an assignment. Stevens led the efforts to establish an academic certificate program in Spanish.

Focusing on the next generation

Students from Greeneville Middle School, in March 2022, turned the stage of the Niswonger Campus Lyceum into a construction site. The students traded pencil and paper for hammer and nail, with a challenge: Build a tiny house. Applying math knowledge learned in the classroom, students completed the project in just four hours. Students also learned the importance of strong eye contact and practiced their handshake with the instructor.

High school students were given the opportunity to participate in welding and underwater robotics classes. The college sent its first underwater robotics team, the Aquatic Hitchhikers, to a tournament held at East Tennessee State University.

Funding for these unique opportunities was provided by grants from STEM.ID through the Niswonger Foundation and Nuts, Bolts and Thingamajigs. Local employers also contributed to the welding camp.



Students from Greeneville Middle School constructed a one-room tiny house in four hours on the Niswonger Campus. The event was sponsored by Workforce Training Youth Programs.

Grant funds bring innovative programs to Walters State

Two grants that are key to the college's mission were funded through the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education grant initiative through the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

SHAPE grant benefits students, hospitality industry

The Student Hospitality Apprenticeship Experience (SHAPE) funds new initiatives in both credit and noncredit programs to meet the growing needs of the region's hospitality industry. Funding, set at \$985,266, expands training in the hospitality industry and culinary arts. SHAPE also focuses on improving career awareness among high school students, adds new training programs in collaboration with local high schools, and provides additional training for high school culinary teachers.

TIME grant will establish apprenticeship programs

The Training Industrial Manufacturing Excellence (TIME) grant will enable the college to provide career education tools and opportunities to high school students in the form of apprenticeships. Manufacturers in Walters State's service area will participate in the program to provide onsite learning. A key component of this grant is a new training unit, which is designed to instill new graduates with the skills, attitude and habits most desired by employers. The college looks forward to collaborating with area school systems and business organizations. The grant is valued at \$981,217.



Grants funded during 2021–22 school year

United States Department of Agriculture

- Rural Business Development Grant.
- \$65,000 for allied health equipment.

Tennessee Board of Regents

- Student Engagement, Retention and Success (SERS).
- \$30,095 to fund speakers and workshops for The Reaching Institutional and Student Equity Project.

Denso Foundation

- \$100,000 for engineering technology equipment.

Tennessee Arts Commission

- \$4,500 for Mildred Haun Conference.

Ed Trust Thrive Grant

- \$30,000 for Recruiting Hispanics to Achieve (RHITA) Program.

Nuts, Bolts and Thingamajigs

- \$10,000 Youth Camps.

U.S. Department of Education

- Childcare for Student Parents, \$198,899.

First Horizon Foundation

- \$5,000 Youth Workforce Development.

Parker Hannifin

- \$5,500 for Workforce Training Assessments.

Senators Central:

Guiding students from start to finish

Senators Central, a new resource center designed to provide one-on-one assistance in navigating the college experience, opened in August 2021. The center serves prospective, current and returning students, helping them reach their academic goals.

Senators Central works to make the application and registration process as simple as possible through key enrollment-development areas.

Recruitment

Senators Central staff hit the road this year, visiting high schools with newly designed recruitment materials stressing the academic excellence, positive environment and affordability of Walters State.

Online campus tours

A complete campus tour for all four campuses is now available online. Tours are led by students who share information about the college and its academic programs. The value of in-person campus tours remains strong, while this online version provides a timely alternative or serves as a preview for an actual campus visit.

Revamped student orientation

The standard in-person and online orientation received a big boost with the addition of new events such as the Senators Start-Up and the President's Picnic.

Navigators

The Senators Central Navigators is a new group on campus comprised of students familiar with the college process. Navigators serve as peer advisors. They also lead campus tours, visit schools and businesses, and assist in other areas where needed in Senators Central.



Senators Central staff members plan enrollment activities throughout the year.



Student Emma Bowen talks with Teresa Hensley, assistant coordinator of Senators Central. As a Senators Central navigator, Emma hosts campus tours and assists current and future students.

2022 Distinguished Award recipients

Kelsey Solomon, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Suzanne Stephens, associate professor of history were recognized with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

The T. Henry Drinnon Award for Outstanding Professional Staff went to Melanie Redding, director of enrollment development and orientation, and Lisa Burchfield, systems analyst II.

The Distinguished Support Staff Award was given to Cynthia Gilland (*no photo available*), information processing specialist, and Cindy Hodge, custodian.



Kelsey Solomon



Dr. Suzanne Stephens



Melanie Redding



Lisa Burchfield



Cindy Hodge

CCAMPIS program helps with child care costs

Walters State and Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority have received a U.S. Department of Education grant to fund CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents in School) Program. The program seeks to provide child care funding to low-income parents who are enrolled in college. While child care assistance is often needed, it has seldom been available to students. CCAMPIS pays up to 60% of child care costs directly to licensed providers.



College earns Military Friendly Silver Award

Walters State earned a silver ranking as a Military Friendly School, a level above the college's previous ranking, placing the school in the top 30% of colleges of similar size. The rankings are compiled by G.I. Jobs magazine. The college opened a new veterans center, offering a game room and private study space, in 2021.

Cody McFarland, an electromechanical engineering major, received the Chancellor's Commendation for Military Veterans during Veteran's Day activities at the Lady Senators and Senators basketball game. McFarland served as a combat engineer in the U.S. Army. He enrolled at Walters State to improve his life and his career opportunities. At the time of the presentation, McFarland was employed by OshKosh of Morristown.

Keck receives President's Outstanding Student Award

Tanner Keck, a civil engineering major from Bean Station, received the 2022 President's Outstanding Student Award, the highest award given to a Walters State student. Before receiving this honor, Keck was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Team. He was one of 20 students nationally to be named a Phi Theta Kappa Cengage Century Scholar. On campus, he was an award-winning debate team member. He placed first in the creative nonfiction category in the statewide literary anthology "Tennessee Mosaic" during his freshman and sophomore years.



Tanner Keck

Career Pathways Scholar

Christina Mabe is one of 13 students in Tennessee to be named a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Career Pathways Scholar. She completed her Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice in the spring. Mabe attended classes while working full time as a case coordinator for Greene County Juvenile Court. She was attracted to Walters State after hearing about Tennessee Reconnect, a state program that provides scholarships for adult learners.



Christina Mabe

Dual Enrollment graduate

Emma Gerding earned her associate's degree two weeks before officially graduating from Claiborne County High School. She also completed an internship as part of a civics engagement class. Working with a female judge and attorneys confirmed her decision to pursue a career in law. Her academic excellence led to generous scholarship offers to continue her studies. She is now a junior at a private university with plans for law school.



Emma Gerding

Distinguished Alumni recognized

Seven graduates representing different times and majors were named Distinguished Alumni during a winter ceremony. These alumni were selected by a nominating committee comprised of staff, community members and fellow alumni.

- Class of 1975: Esco Jarnagin, Sheriff, Hamblen County, retired.
- Class of 1978: Denise Terry, Attorney, The Terry Law Firm.
- Class of 1981: Tammy Francis, Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice founder.
- Class of 1994 and 1997: Jaime Parman-Ryans, professor of biology, Walters State Community College.
- Class of 1995: Melissia Ball, Attorney, Myers & Ball, LLP.
- Class of 2005: Roger Overholt, Chief, Morristown Police Department.
- Class of 2017: Joshua Hendricks, graduate student, University of Southern Mississippi.



Walters State honored seven of its past students with the Distinguished Alumni Award during a ceremony held on Jan. 22, 2022.

From left: Jonathan Nash, assistant director of Alumni Affairs; Jaime Parman-Ryans, Class of 1994 and 1997; Denise Terry, Class of 1978; Tammy Francis, Class of 1981; Esco Jarnagin, Class of 1975; Joshua Hendricks, Class of 2017; Tony Miksa, Walters State president. Distinguished Alumni Award recipients not pictured are Roger Overholt, Class of 2005, and Melissia Ball, Class of 1995.

Donor's generosity recognized by Tennessee Board of Regents

The late Jerry Kinnamon was honored by Cris Perkins, assistant vice chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, with the 2021 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy. Perkins, who was in Nashville, participated in the ceremony through a videoconferencing platform. Trustee George McGuffin accepted the award.

In 2013, Kinnamon established in her will a scholarship to honor her niece, Julia "Judy" Pope Grizzell McGuffin. Kinnamon asked that Walters State keep this donation private until her death. The college received the \$150,000 gift following Kinnamon's death in March 2020. While the presentation was delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions, Judy McGuffin was aware of the scholarship named in her honor prior to her unexpected death in August 2021.



Dr. Tony Miksa, president of Walters State, presents the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy to George McGuffin on behalf of the late Jerry Kinnamon. In her will, Kinnamon established a scholarship in honor of her niece, the late Judy McGuffin.

"The Kinnamon and McGuffin families have been loyal supporters of Walters State for many years," Dr. Tony Miksa, president of the college, said. "George and Judy McGuffin were very supportive of our natural science building, which bears their name. Four family members have served as trustees, and Judy served as president of the Board of Trustees. We are grateful for this family's continued support."

Kinnamon and her husband, Sam, established a similar scholarship in honor of their nephew, Tim Grizzell, following his passing in 1994 at the age of 48.

Foundation recognizes eight donors with portrait unveilings

The Walters State Community College Foundation recognized eight donors with the unveiling of portraits that will hang in the President's Trust Gallery.

These are the late Howell and Mary Bible, represented by Ray Bible of Morristown; Garry Brooks of Morristown; the Jerry Alvis Disabled American Veterans Chapter 59, represented by Ray Shockley, commander; Vicki Kinser of Morristown; Robert Pratt II and Dr. Eustacia Pratt of Morristown; Joan Susong of Morristown; Greg VonCannon of Talbott; and the late Dr. Christina Wu, represented by Lily Wu and Paul LeBel of Morristown.

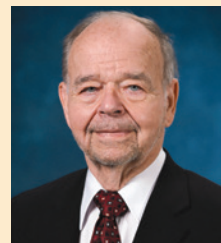
David Helton elected foundation president

Officers were also elected during the Walters State Foundation's annual meeting. David Helton, a Morristown businessman, was elected president. Sharon Greene of Morristown, vice president of mortgage lending at Citizens National Bank, was elected vice president and Justin Cook of Morristown, senior vice president of commercial lending at First Horizon, was elected secretary. Dr. Mark Hurst of Morristown, vice president of business and finance at Walters State, will continue to serve as the foundation's treasurer.

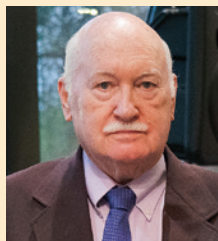
The foundation also recognized Darla Kitts, executive secretary at Walters State, during the meeting. Kitts began her career in the College Advancement Office shortly after earning her associate's degree from the college in 1979. She had worked with the foundation throughout her 43 years at the college and retired in 2022.



Howell and Mary Bible



Garry Brooks



Ray Shockley



Vicki Kinser



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Joan Susong



Greg VonCannon



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Financials



**Walters State Community
College Foundation
Unaudited Statement
of Net Position**

Summary for Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2022

Assets

<i>Current Assets</i>	FY 2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,400,987
Pledges Receivable (net)	494,684
Prepaid Expenses	9,615
Total Current Assets	2,905,286
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,189,593
Investments	16,728,088
Pledges Receivable (net)	1,938,922
Capital Assets (net)	650,314
Total Noncurrent Assets	20,506,917
Total Assets	\$23,412,203

Liabilities

<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
Accounts Payable	3,220
Unearned Revenue	—
Long-term Liabilities, Current Portion	—
Total Current Liabilities	3,220
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>	
Unearned Revenue	—
Long-term Liabilities	—
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	—
Total Liabilities	\$3,220

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred Inflows Related to Split Interest Agreements	1,163,550
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$1,163,550

Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets	650,314
<i>Restricted for:</i>	
<i>Nonexpendable</i>	
Scholarships and Fellowships	11,830,710
Other	1,743,181
<i>Expendable:</i>	
Scholarships and Fellowships	3,823,709
Other	3,768,062
Unrestricted	429,457
Total Net Position	\$22,245,433

Walters State Community College Unaudited Statement of Net Position

Financial Summary for Fiscal Year
Ending June 30, 2022

Revenues

Operating Revenues

Student Tuition and Fees (Net of Scholarship Allowances)	8,715,054
Governmental Grants and Contracts	1,304,102
Non-governmental Grants and Contracts	118,878
Sales and Services of Educational Activities	66,051
Sales and Services of Other Activities	273,265
Auxiliary Enterprises	94,781
Other Operating Revenues	27,670
Total	10,599,801

Non-Operating Revenues

State Appropriations	27,298,050
Gifts	97,683
Grants and Contracts	32,100,549
Investment Income	39,974
Capital Appropriations	1,601,186
Capital Grants and Gifts	884,605
Total	62,022,047
Total Revenues	\$72,621,848

Expenses

Operating Expenses by Function

Instruction	24,319,685
Public Service	320,738
Academic Support	2,593,892
Student Services	6,111,353
Institutional Support	4,816,794
Operation and Maintenance	6,644,521
Scholarships and Fellowships	12,427,889
Auxiliary	18,032
Depreciation	2,746,299
Total	59,999,203

Non-Operating Expenses

Interest on Capital Asset-Related Debt	24,637
Other Non-operating Expenses	17,533
Total	42,170
Total Expenses	\$60,041,373

Unaudited Summary of Student Financial Aid Awards

2021–22 and 2020–21

	FY 20-21		FY 21-22		Year Comparison +/-	
	# Awards	Award Amounts	# Awards	Award Amounts	# Awards	Award Amounts
Federal Work Study (FWS)	37	61,447	51	74,755	14	13,308
Pell Grant	2,110	7,919,304	1,915	7,251,675	-195	-667,629
Student Educational Opp. Grant (FSEOG)	268	244,982	218	136,308	-50	-108,674
Trade Readjustment Act (TRA/TAA)	4	15,596	8	33,697	4	18,101
Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA)	22	22,147	19	16,697	-3	-5,450
Robert Byrd Scholarship	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gear Up	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Total	2,441	8,263,476	2,211	7,513,132	-230	-750,343
Access and Diversity Grant	94	91,647	64	91,060	-30	-587
Dual Enrollment	1,722	1,377,573	1,746	1,654,961	24	277,388
Department of Children's Services	23	56,415	18	45,148	-5	-11,267
Helping Heroes Grant	2	1,500	1	1,000	-1	-500
Ned McWherter Scholars Program	1	3,000	3	9,000	2	6,000
Sam H. Odom Scholarship	1	1,000	2	3,000	1	2,000
TN Students Assistance Grant (TSAA)	1,427	1,351,078	1,499	1,442,628	72	91,550
TN Educational Lottery Scholarship (TELS)	1,405	3,807,381	1,283	3,410,136	-122	-397,245
TN Minority Teaching Scholar	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN Promise Scholarship	1,020	1,778,503	847	1,559,250	-173	-219,253
TN Reconnect Scholarship	740	1,945,003	570	1,411,706	-170	-533,298
TN Hope Foster Child	3	4,482	2	4,815	-1	333
Vocational Rehabilitation	4	14,869	6	7,372	2	-7,497
Waivers	446	284,813	497	274,366	51	-10,447
Out of State Waivers	38	427,700	30	344,572	-8	-83,128
State Total	6,926	11,144,964	6,568	10,259,014	-358	-885,951
Performance Scholarships	—	—	—	—	—	—
Athletic Scholarships (Fees, Books, Housing)	27	26,183	17	30,270	-10	4,087
Academic Service Scholarship (ASA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access Achievement Award (AAA)	87	273,012	77	223,461	-10	-49,551
Academic Performance (APS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walters State Promise Scholarship	323	517,035	247	489,923	-76	-27,113
Access and Diversity Grants	40	146,175	37	146,902	-3	727
Other Institutional (SGA, Gallery, Cheerleading, etc.)	20	20,490	20	23,400	0	2,910
Institutional Total	497	982,895	398	913,956	-99	-68,940
Foundation Scholarships	518	382,655	269	398,221	-249	15,566
Partners in Progress	204	76,130	171	69,585	-33	-6,545
Dual Enrollment Scholarships	257	69,874	43	21,513	-214	-48,361
Other Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foundation Total	979	528,659	483	489,319	-496	-39,340
Agency Scholarships	224	167,382	124	147,922	-100	-19,460
Sevier County Board of Education	210	103,029	169	88,497	-41	-14,531
Restricted	6	663	6	1,250	0	587
Knox Promise	46	13,739	23	7,957	-23	-5,782
Private Total	486	284,813	322	245,626	-164	-39,186
Total Awards	11,329	21,204,807	9,982	19,421,047	-1,347	-1,783,760
<i>Unduplicated Financial Aid Student Count</i>	<i>20/21</i>	<i>5,524</i>	<i>21/22</i>	<i>5,143</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>-381</i>

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Walters State Community College Vision

Walters State will be the leader in transforming our community through education.

Walters State Community College Mission

Through a focus on student success and innovative teaching, Walters State enriches the lives of our students and our community.

Expanded Mission Statement

Through a focus on student success and innovative teaching, Walters State enriches the lives of our students and our community. The college:

- Provides affordable, convenient access through multiple campuses, innovative technology, and distance education.
- Collaborates with other educational institutions to promote access, completion, and transfer.
- Partners with community businesses and organizations to meet specific educational and workforce needs.
- Offers programs of study leading to associate degrees or certificates.
- Provides pathways to institutional support services that improve student engagement and success.
- Fosters an inclusive campus community through cultural awareness, diversity and open dialogue.
- Delivers public service and non-credit programs in support of workforce training and personal development.
- Invests in highly qualified faculty and staff.
- Creates a culture of continuous improvement and accountability.
- Seeks external sources of support and funding to further educational opportunities.
- Provides resources to support community engagement and initiatives.



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