

# Community College Success

How Some Community Colleges Are Attracting  
More Students and Increasing Graduation Numbers,  
Counter to the Prevailing Trends

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# The Year to Try Everything

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# The Bad News

- For two years (and likely a third starting in the fall), community college enrollments are down significantly.
- Community colleges depend on enrollment for their missions, and for state and local appropriations.

# Why Community College Enrollment Took Such a Hit

- Initial theories about the pandemic proved to be false.
- Online education doesn't work well for many community college students.
- The impact of the demand for labor.

# Next Year May Not Be Much Better

Over all, the percentage of students who said they intended to attend a community college fell over three years from 25 percent to 19 percent. These students are more likely to be Latino than white (27 percent versus 15 percent), more likely to be a person of color than not (22 percent versus 17 percent) and more likely to attend a high-poverty high school than a low-poverty high school (27 percent versus 18 percent).

--YouthTruth

# How Spartanburg Community College Turned Things Around



# Rebound at Wallace State Community College





# Gains in North Carolina (and Some Losses)

- 2 percent increase in fall of 2021.
- 33 of 58 community colleges reported increases.
- Enrollment boomed in basic skills education (up 40 percent) and short-term workforce education (up 22 percent). The number of students in traditional academic programs fell by 3 percent.

# Nurses and Health Professions



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# Improving the Transfer Pipeline

- Changes in curriculum
- Changes in attitudes

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