

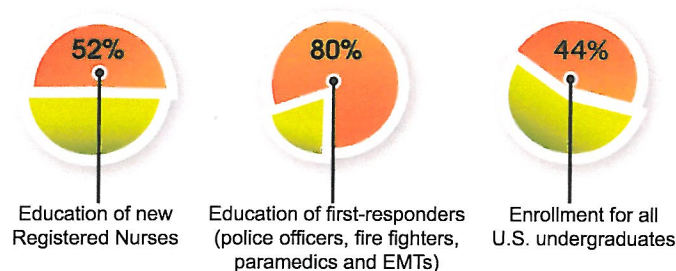
# A Stronger Kansas



## Fuel the economy.

There is no denying jobs are key to economic recovery, and community colleges prepare Kansas for economy driving jobs faster than any other educational system. Increase funding for community colleges and empower constituents to adapt, prepare and train for their global economy. Your support directly helps business owners and managers who need skilled workers to maintain and grow their businesses. We provide the most current and flexible training and education available to enhance employment readiness, workforce development and re-training. We are proud to offer accessible and affordable academic excellence to all Kansans.

### Community colleges nationally.



- State & local governments reap **16% return** on every dollar they invest in community colleges due to the increased earnings of community college graduates.
- Annually award more than **900,000** associate degrees and certificates.
- Over the past 20 years, the percent increase in credentials (certificates and degrees) awarded has **doubled**.
- **Half** of all bachelor degree recipients have attended community colleges.

(AACC Policy Brief 2011-04PBL)

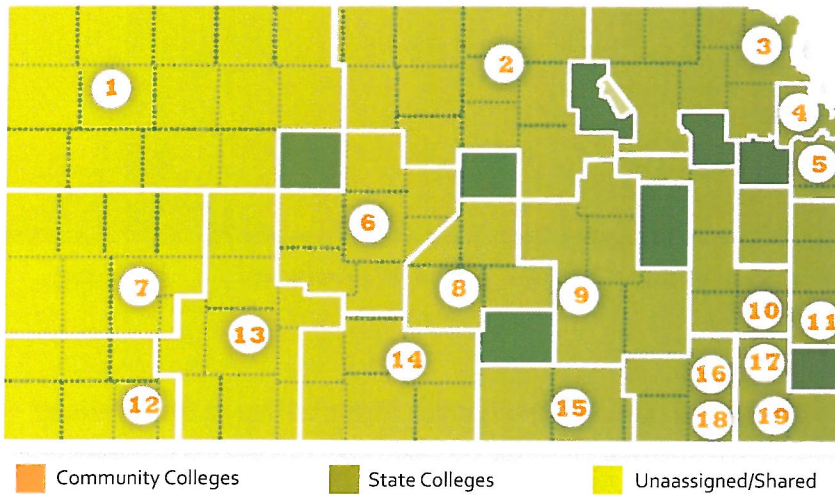
### Kansas community colleges.

- Kansas community colleges rely on nearly **19%** more local funding but receive **12%** less state funding than the national average for community colleges.
- From 2009-2010, over **60,000** Kansas community college students received nearly **\$192,000,000** in federal grants and loans.
- Average in state tuition and fees per credit hour are \$72.00 at our colleges, **one-third to one-half** the cost of a public four-year university in Kansas.
- In Fall of 2009, about **80,000** students attended community colleges to receive college credit and **60%** of those students were part-time, raising families, working or parenting as they try to get a higher education.

(KBOR 2010 Data Book, KACCT)

## The economic engine.

Among the top 10 factors for a business deciding to relocate are "existing workforce skills" and "access to higher education resources" according to *Site Selection* magazine. Strengthening Kansas community colleges makes Kansas more competitive in the global marketplace, energizing our economy with new jobs and increased revenues for the state.



## Kansas Community Colleges

- 1 - Colby
- 2 - Cloud County
- 3 - Highland
- 4 - KC Kansas
- 5 - Johnson County
- 6 - Barton
- 7 - Garden City
- 8 - Hutchinson
- 9 - Butler
- 10 - Allen County
- 11 - Ft. Scott
- 12 - Seward
- 13 - Dodge City
- 14 - Pratt
- 15 - Cowley
- 16 - Independence
- 17 - Neosho
- 18 - Coffeyville
- 19 - Labette

### 19 colleges. One purpose.

There are 19 community colleges in the state of Kansas. Strategically located throughout the state, we offer different areas of expertise, yet are united in our efforts to provide quality education and opportunity to advance our citizens and communities and encourage economic growth within our state.



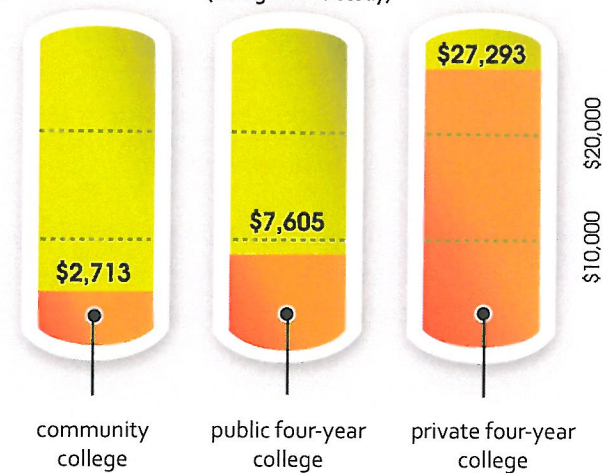
### Higher learning. Higher value.

- By 2018 **54%** of the jobs in Kansas will require post secondary education.
- Training for more than **60%** of those jobs can be delivered by community colleges.
- Community colleges will likely play a prominent role in providing nearly **40%** of jobs that will require a bachelor's degree (about **1.7 million jobs**) by providing lower division education as part of the transfer function.

(Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce, Projections for Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018)

### One Year Average College Tuition & Fees

(College Board study)



### Hearts and minds.

Kansas community colleges are shaping minds and changing lives. Awareness of Kansas community colleges is high and **perception is positive**. (KACCT survey)  
Affordability and value are reasons to enroll in community colleges. (KACCT survey)

Kansans who have lost jobs are training for new careers. Some are pursuing higher education for the first time. Employers partner with community colleges and find highly-trained, up-to-speed job candidates. The colleges themselves are an important employer in the state. **By supporting sustainable funding for Kansas Community Colleges, you are investing in a stronger economic engine for Kansas.**

Kansas Community Colleges. **The driving force.**

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