Higher Ed: Our vision for the future
System overview

- More than 256,000 students are enrolled in our 31 public 2-year and 4-year institutions
- Each year more than 52,000 students earn degrees
- There also more than 376 private occupational schools and 103 private and seminary schools
- Last year, state operating funding for public higher education totaled $544 million
Key issue

Experts project that by 2020, 74 percent of jobs in Colorado will require postsecondary education or training.
Shifting costs
Funding trends
Key question

- How do we get more people - especially those from the most rapidly growing demographic groups - to attain high quality postsecondary credentials?
How we get there

CDHE’s vision and strategic priorities

- Innovation and thought leadership
- Advocacy and outreach
- Strategic services
Thought leadership: Innovation and implementation

- P-20 Alignment
- Completion agenda
- Linkage to workforce
P-20 Alignment

- Admission and remedial policy revisions
- Faculty teams collaborating for changes related to implementation of new K-12 academic standards and impact on first-year courses
- Educator preparation programs
- Tracking student outcomes through data and reporting
- Endorsed diplomas
Completion agenda

Increase degree attainment
Improve student success
Reduce completion gaps
Restore fiscal balance
Linkage to workforce

- Skills for Jobs
- College Measures
- Alignment with K-12 on what it means to be workforce ready
- Data sharing with Department of Labor and Employment
Advocacy and outreach

- Communications focused on stakeholders
- Outreach to students and parents
- Tools focused on access and success
Communications

- Sharing research and data in user-friendly way
- Collaborating with institutional and K-12 communicators
- Staying in touch and keeping stakeholders informed through newsletters, daily press clips, social media, redesigned website
Outreach to students and parents

- College In Colorado
- Student complaint process (public, private, proprietary)
- StudyColorado
- CollegelInvest
- Transfer agreements
- DPOS
Tools/programs focused on access and success

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Colorado Challenge

College In Colorado

Degree Within Reach reverse transfer

ASSET Own Your Future

Supplemental Academic Instruction
Strategic services

- P-20 and workforce data linkages, research and analysis
- Performance funding
- Financial aid allocations
P-20 and workforce data

- District At A Glance
- Job Skills
- College Measures
- Remedial report
- Concurrent enrollment
Performance funding

- Performance contracts
- Fine-tuning metrics with institutions
- Measuring outcomes
Financial aid

- Completion incentive model
- Record infusion of financial aid dollars in SB-1
CDHE’s process

- Planning
- Policy innovation & legislation
- Investment
- Outcomes
- Assessment
Questions