

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
2017-18 Presidential Goals in Alignment with VCCS Complete 2021

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VCCS Complete 2021

Virginia's Community Colleges will lead the Commonwealth in the education of its people by tripling the number of credentials awarded for economic vitality and individual prosperity. The Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System establishes biennial objectives for the system in order to meet the VCCS Complete 2021 goal.

DSLCC Commitment – Pathways 2021

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College is committed to achieving the Chancellor's goal of tripling the number of credentials awarded annually to citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The College will implement strategies targeting increased enrollments, improved student success, and the development of seamless, relevant, and timely pathways to industry-recognized credentials and transferable degrees. The College must be creative in its efforts to achieve the VCCS goal, targeting specific potential student populations and focusing on increasing access through expanded distance learning courses and new satellite locations. The College must work to keep students--many of whom come from diverse backgrounds and underserved populations--persisting towards completion of their educational goals, creating a supportive, engaging environment for learning to occur and providing the resources necessary to keep students on the pathway to success. College leaders are dedicated to leaving no stone unturned in order to increase resources that support current services and make innovative ideas possible. However, without a supported, competent family of faculty and staff, the goal of student success cannot be achieved. The College is committed to supporting efforts to foster a positive workplace, developing trained, compassionate individuals who work together for a common cause—the success of our students and continued prosperity of the communities we serve.

Chancellor's Objective: *Increase VCCS Annual Admissions Applications from 110,000 to 130,000 by 2017.*

DSLCC Strategic Goal 1: Expand the College's Footprint in the Service Area

DSLCC will:

- Expand use of Career Coaches in all area high schools.
- Increase dual enrollment opportunities and Early College Programs.
- Develop a plan for growth of our presence in the Rockbridge Region.

- Increase fall admissions application enrollment yield for credit programs by 5% (FY17=47.7%).
- Collaborate with economic development partners to promote entrepreneurial opportunities and job growth within the region.

Chancellor's Objective: *Increase overall VCCS Fall-to Spring Retention to 71% systemwide.*

Chancellor's Objective: *Increase overall VCCS Fall-to Fall Retention to 60% systemwide.*

Chancellor's Objective: *Increase the overall annual VCCS graduates in associate degrees, certificates and career studies certificates by 6,000 over FY2015.*

DSLCC Strategic Goal 2: Improve Student Success

DSLCC will:

- Increase first-time full-time student fall-to-spring retention rates to 93% (FY17=92%)
- Increase first-time part-time student fall-to-spring student retention rates to 65% (FY17=60%).
- Increase first-time full-time student fall-to-fall retention rates to 65% (FY17=64%).
- Increase first-time part-time student fall-to-fall student retention rates to 50% (FY17=44%)
- Implement a comprehensive Advising Program utilizing the new Navigate system.
- Improve accessibility and eliminate barriers to student success.
- Increase the number of credit student graduates by 10% (FY17=229).
- Secure funding to apply to become an Achieving the Dream (ATD) College.
- Explore the implementation of an ESL program in Rockbridge area.
- Establish a Food Pantry for students and staff on the Clifton Forge campus.
- Evaluate and modify a First-Year Experience program.

Chancellor's Objective: *Increase Admissions Application Enrollment Yield to 60% systemwide.*

DSLCC Strategic Goal 3: Grow the Enrollment Base

DSLCC will:

- Increase the Application Yield incrementally to 60% by 2021 (FY17=47.68%).
- Increase annualized headcount by 2% (FY17=1,878)
- Increase the annualized FTE's by 2% (FY17=748).
- Increase fall, full-time students by 2% (FY17=474).
- Increase the number of previously dual-enrolled students who choose to attend DSLCC by 5% (FY17=111).
- Expand the *Dabney Promise* scholarship program by 10% (FY17=53 students).

- Increase student recruitment efforts, emphasizing traditionally underserved students as well as non-traditional populations who can benefit from a DSLCC education.
- Develop a plan to offer complete evening and/or weekend programs.
- Build greater bridges to the K-12 sector and the larger community through the expansion of the Dual Enrollment, Early College Programs and the Jackson River Governor's School.

Chancellor's Objective: *Secure resources for an outcomes based funding formula for workforce credentials.*

Chancellor's Objective: *Increase the number and percent of students for which the college obtains evidence of industry certification or license completion systemwide.*

Chancellor's Objective: *Collect college-generated baseline information on top business-demanded industry certifications and licenses offered at each college and college-generated evidence of the number of students earning the intended industry certification or license as a numeric value and as a percent of students who complete noncredit training in preparation for the industry certification or license.*

DSLCC Strategic Goal 4: Create Tomorrow's Trained Workforce

DSLCC Strategic Goal 5: Strengthen the Distance Learning Experience

DSLCC will:

- Renew academic programs and develop new credit and non-credit programs and classes to meet career and workforce needs, the demands of the new economy, and changing demographics.
- Continue to expand stackable certificates in existing certificate and degree programs.
- Increase the number of industry credentials awarded by 10% (FY17=572).
- Increase the enrollment in the Workforce Credentials Grant by 15% (FY17=71).
- Develop comprehensive Distance Learning standards (credit and workforce courses) and methods to increase enrollment opportunities to remote communities in the service area.
- Deliver workforce services training opportunities in all four regions of the service area.

Chancellor's Objective: *Identify and implement efficiencies in college and system office operations.*

DSLCC Strategic Goal 6: Promote a Positive Workplace Environment

DSLCC will:

- Increase professional development opportunities for faculty, staff and adjunct faculty.
- Hire additional full-time faculty.
- Review and evaluate the organizational structure on a regular basis, making changes necessary to maximize institutional efficiency, integration, and effectiveness.
- Continue improving communications across the campus.
- Utilize technology that best serves the College's mission and the needs of students, employees and the community.
- Expand employee recognition programs for excellence and outstanding service.
- Strive to become a "Great Colleges to Work For" from the Chronicle of Higher Education annual survey.
- Develop a supervisor's training program that enhances the workplace environment.

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Strategic Goal 7: Strengthen the Student Experience

DSLCC will:

- Improve student engagement and increase participation in campus activities and clubs.
- Secure funding for the installation of security cameras on the main campus in Clifton Forge.
- Increase funding spent on safety and security measures by 10% (FY17=\$15,000)
- Provide facilities that are safe, welcoming, sustainable, and flexible to support the college's mission.

Chancellor's Objective: *Secure funding for philanthropic and other investments for Year 2 of the Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative (RVHI).*

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Strategic Goal 8: Improve the Financial Stability of the College

DSLCC will:

- Increase donors to the College/Educational Foundation (FY17=253).
- Increase annual fund dollars to the College/Educational Foundation.
- Hire a part-time grant writer.
- Increase members to *Lancaster Legacy Society* (FY17=10).
- Meet or exceed the VCCS performance funding initiative.
- Raise funds to support Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative.
- Advance alumni relations efforts.

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Strategic Goal 9: Strengthen Our Presence as a Leader in the Community

DSLCC will:

- Participate at key meetings of civic, business, industrial, educational, and cultural groups that act to advance goals and strategies to improve the community.
- Support efforts to raise the bar of educational attainment by working with local superintendents, principals and directors of career and technical education centers.
- Explore funding sources for a walking trail and community arboretum on the Clifton Forge campus.
- Participate in community initiatives, projects, grants, etc. that focus on community improvements and enhancements of quality of life for residents, such as a proposed health center.
- Explore a "Day of Caring" approach for DSLCC employees to volunteer in the community.