GRADUATION OUTCOMES
FOR VCCS STUDENTS TRANSFERRING
TO 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

STUDENT SUCCESS SNAPSHOT #27
August 2013
STUDENT SUCCESS GOAL: ACHIEVE 2015

• Student Success
  – Triple the number of students graduating transferring, or completing a workforce credential to 91,173, including tripling the success of students from underserved populations to 39,393.
PREVIOUS RESEARCH: SCHEV

• State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) Transfer Cohort Lifecycle reveals certain groups more successful in 4-year transfer institution:
  – Students earning A.A. or A.S. from VCCS
  – Students earning a higher number of CC credits
  – Students who transfer within two years of VCCS graduation
PREVIOUS RESEARCH: SCHEV

5-YEAR COMPLETION RATES OF VCCS STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

![Bar chart showing completion rates for different categories of students and institutions.](chart.png)
STUDY COHORT

14,048
2005-2006
Associate Degree
Graduates

Earned CTE*
Degree 58%

Earned Transfer Degree 42%

*CTE = Career and Technical Education
2005-2006 VCCS ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES’ TRANSFER AND GRADUATION OUTCOMES

2005-2006 VCCS Associate Degree Graduates
14,048

- Earned Transfer Degree
  42% (5,970)
  - Transferred to 4-Year Institution
    71% (4,259)
  - Did Not Transfer
    29% (1,711)
  - Did Not Graduate from 4-Year Institution
    17% (720)

- Earned CTE Degree
  58% (8,978)
  - Transferred to 4-Year Institution
    56% (1,916)
  - Did Not Transfer
    24% (1,524)
  - Did Not Graduate from 4-Year Institution
    44% (848)
COHORT OUTCOMES: TRANSFER

• Of students graduating from the VCCS with an associate degree in 2005-2006:
  – 44% transferred to a 4-year institution
  – 75% of transfers subsequently graduated
MOST COMMON TRANSFER INSTITUTIONS

George Mason
Old Dominion
Virginia Commonwealth
Virginia Tech
James Madison
University of Phoenix
University of Virginia
Mary Washington
Strayer
Radford
Liberty
Norfolk State
## VCCS Graduates’ Transfer Fields of Study

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COHORT OUTCOMES:
IN-STATE VS. OUT-OF-STATE

Students Graduating from VCCS and Transferring to 4-Year Institution

- In-State: 86%
- Out-of-State: 14%
- Total: 6,175

Students Graduating from Both VCCS and Transfer Institution

- In-State: 77%
- Out-of-State: 23%
- Total: 4,607
COHORT OUTCOMES: BY GENDER AND SECTOR

Graduates by Gender

- VCCS Only Grads: Female 67%, Male 33%
- VCCS and Transfer Grads: Female 60%, Male 40%

VCCS and Transfer Graduates by 4-Year Institution Sector

- Public: 72%
- Private: 22%
- For-Profit: 6%
CONCLUSIONS

• 3 out of 4 students who earn a VCCS associate degree and transfer to a 4-year institution complete a bachelor’s degree

• VCCS data show 50% increase in the number of students transferring to 4-year institutions from 2007-2012
CONCLUSIONS

• Colleges can play a significant role in helping students reach the milestones of associate degree completion and preparation to transfer.
QUESTIONS?