Municipal Leadership for Postsecondary Success: Getting Started

THE CHALLENGE

In order for cities – large and small, urban, suburban, and rural – to be globally competitive and attractive to businesses and families alike, more of their residents must pursue and successfully obtain postsecondary degrees and credentials.

A postsecondary credential – whether it is a bachelor’s degree, associate degree, apprenticeship, or certificate – is critical for success in today’s economy. The Center on Education and the Workforce (CEW) at Georgetown University estimates that more than six in 10 jobs will require at least some postsecondary education by 2018.

For an individual, the higher the level of educational attainment, the higher the earnings over a lifetime. The CEW found that, “In 2002, a bachelor’s degree holder could expect to earn 75 percent more over a lifetime than someone with only a high school diploma. [In 2011], that premium is 84 percent.”

Despite the substantial returns to higher education, only 40 percent of American adults currently have postsecondary credentials, and this rate is significantly lower for underserved minorities.

Recent education policy efforts have focused on college-going, and, fortunately, many more students are now enrolling in college than in previous decades. However, millions of students are entering without the academic, financial, and social preparation necessary to succeed. Low-income and first generation college-going students in particular face a number of barriers in completing higher education. Whereas some cities and many community organizations have focused on greater access through strategies such as college advising and scholarships, city leaders increasingly recognize that even more challenges and opportunities emerge when confronting the current low rates of completion among students pursuing postsecondary credentials.

ESTIMATED RETURNS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce estimates that, on average:

- A high school dropout can expect to earn $973,000 over a lifetime.
- Someone with a high school diploma can expect to earn $1.3 million over a lifetime.
- A worker with some college but no degree will earn approximately $1.5 million over a lifetime.
- An associate degree holder will earn about $1.7 million over a lifetime.
- A worker with a bachelor’s degree can expect to earn $2.3 million over a lifetime.
Aware of the potential growth in tax revenues and economic activity associated with the higher compensation levels that postsecondary credentials typically generate, as well as the enhanced public safety and quality of life that improved rates of higher education attainment can yield, city officials are forming new partnerships with leaders in K-12 and higher education, workforce development, and business and civic arenas to increase postsecondary completion rates.

THE NATIONAL CONTEXT
During a joint session of Congress on February 9, 2009, President Obama announced a new national goal: “By 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.” Federal policymakers subsequently worked to provide additional supports to meet this ambitious goal by increasing access to and funding for Pell grants for low-income students, lowering the cap on monthly student loan payments as a percentage of income, and simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The increased federal focus on higher education also brought community colleges to the forefront of policy debates. As open admissions institutions, community colleges provide tremendous access to postsecondary education, but they have historically struggled with very low completion rates. In order to meet the 2020 goal, the federal government estimated that the nation would need an additional five million community college graduates. A White House Summit on Community Colleges held in October 2010 helped initiate a national dialogue on the role community colleges can play in achieving the nation's postsecondary attainment goal and building a 21st Century workforce. Recognizing the importance of collaborating with other institutions and organizations to increase attainment rates, federal officials have also taken steps to increase support for partnerships anchored by community colleges. For instance, the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program, authorized in 2009 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, provides $500 million per year in grant funding to help community colleges and other eligible postsecondary institutions improve and expand partnerships to provide education and training to TAA-eligible workers who lost jobs due to competition from international trade.

Coinciding with the federal government’s growing emphasis on community colleges, national foundations have also begun to turn their attention to community colleges and postsecondary success. The Lumina Foundation’s current Big Goal – to increase the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025 – is well aligned with the national college completion goal. The Lumina Foundation, along with other foundations, has supported efforts across the country to encourage:

- Better and more use of data in community college via the Achieving the Dream initiative;
- Remedial education reform via the Developmental Education initiative; and
- Competition among communities to increase their postsecondary attainment rates via the Talent Dividend Prize.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has also invested heavily in multiple higher education policy and practice reforms. Achieving these goals will require a focus on both the traditional-age student (those coming right out of high school) and the adult student population. As explained in the Lumina Foundation’s 2012 annual report, *A Stronger Nation through Higher Education*, 37 million Americans between the ages of 25 and 64 currently have some college credit but no degree or credential.

THE STATE CONTEXT
The state-led Common Core State Standards Initiative, which developed standards that have now been adopted by 45 states and the District of Columbia, created a clear framework for assessing whether students who graduate from high
school are “college- and career-ready.” Standards in English language arts and mathematics are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college and the workforce. As states and school districts prepare for implementation of the Common Core State Standards and the related assessments, local schools will need support to help inform parents, students, and the community at large about how the standards better align the knowledge and skills taught in grades K-12 with the expectations of colleges and employers.

At the same time, states are functioning in a new economic climate, with more constraints than ever on their budgets. It is in this context that, in many states, community colleges and higher education institutions of all stripes are struggling to cope with reductions in state funding. These cuts have drawn attention to the need to restructure financing models for these institutions. Several states, such as Tennessee, are experimenting with funding formulas that link the amount of state aid, at least in part, to student completion rates, thereby strengthening the incentive for community colleges to focus on ensuring that their students persist and complete a credential successfully.

**THE TALENT DIVIDEND**

The Talent Dividend, a concept and a community mobilization campaign developed by CEOs for Cities, has prompted dozens of larger cities across the nation to mount new postsecondary success initiatives. The metropolitan area with the largest increase in postsecondary completion will be awarded a $1 million prize to launch a national promotional campaign highlighting local efforts. Fifty-seven cities have registered to compete for the prize, and 23 cities are participating in a National Talent Dividend Network launched by CEOs for Cities in partnership with FutureWorks. To learn more, visit [www.ceosforcities.org/city-dividends/talent](http://www.ceosforcities.org/city-dividends/talent).

**STRATEGIES**

City leaders can employ a number of strategies to inspire and support local actions that have the potential to improve postsecondary completion rates. Five key strategies to consider include:

- **Become knowledgeable about local postsecondary access and success efforts.** A clear understanding of local college completion efforts that are already underway will allow municipal leaders to identify gaps in support for students as well as possible duplication of efforts.

- **Convene education stakeholders (K-12, postsecondary, community-based organizations, workforce agencies, and other partners) and take a cross-system approach to planning and implementation.** Because the needs of students who pursue postsecondary education are too broad to be addressed by a single program or institution, local leaders must develop and implement a postsecondary success agenda that spans multiple sectors.

- **Set a vision and citywide goals.** Engaging a variety of stakeholders, city leaders can gather baseline data about local high school graduation, college readiness, and college completion rates to set ambitious new goals and track progress over time. Using data that are disaggregated (e.g., by race, gender, income, and special education and English language learner status) will help ensure that local progress reports reveal critical achievement gaps.

- **Craft and implement an action plan grounded in promising strategies.** Municipal leaders can coordinate wraparound services to help young people complete college; align postsecondary success strategies with local workforce and economic development initiatives as well as the city’s overall strategic plan; and galvanize the business community to identify high-demand skills and credentials, provide internships, and raise funds for college scholarships.

- **Make the case for increasing postsecondary completion** by communicating regularly about the connections between postsecondary success, local economic development and quality of life. Mayors and other local officials can build the public and political will needed to foster a culture that supports college attendance and completion.
ACTION STEPS

1. CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OR SCAN OF LOCAL COLLEGE ACCESS AND SUCCESS EFFORTS ACROSS SECTORS, INSTITUTIONS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

An important first step for municipal leaders is to take stock of existing college success initiatives in the community. Nationally, colleges and universities have been among the first institutions to advance reforms that have the potential to increase the postsecondary success of their students. School districts, aware that high school graduation is necessary but no longer sufficient for their students to succeed in the labor market, have begun to direct resources toward college preparation programs, such as dual enrollment and college tours. Community-based organizations, local chambers of commerce, regional workforce investment boards, and other business groups and workforce development agencies also have invested in pilot programs or partnered with a small number of schools or colleges. Finally, other local organizations may be providing scholarships, pre-college advisement, and supports to both high school and college students. City leaders need to be aware of the panoply (or paucity) of college access and completion efforts that are already underway before developing a new initiative. See NLC’s municipal action guide on Conducting a Scan of Local Efforts to Promote Postsecondary Success (www.nlc.org/iyef) for more in-depth information about how to carry out a thorough scan.

By surveying the landscape of college success initiatives, city leaders can find out not only who in their community is focused on increasing postsecondary attainment and what various existing programs look like, but also where these efforts might overlap or leave gaps in meeting students’ needs and providing essential services. Through this research, city leaders can begin to understand the relationships between and among the stakeholders, especially where partnerships are strong or where no partnership exists at all. Municipal officials can start this research process by asking several key questions, including:

- Are city agencies and the mayor’s office involved in efforts to provide scholarships, pre-college advising, or other supports to college students?
- Do any local organizations and/or city agencies already participate in a multi-sector postsecondary completion initiative?
- What role does higher education play in the city’s existing economic or workforce development strategies?
- What are the scope and findings of any data analyses conducted to date regarding postsecondary completion trends and dynamics? Will recent policy and funding developments in schools, higher education, or other arenas affect future college completion rates?
- Do any organizations, agencies, or individuals participate in relevant local, state, or national networks that provide support for postsecondary success agendas?
- Has the city received any special grants or other sources of funding to address postsecondary attainment?

2. HOST CONSULTATIVE SESSIONS TO LISTEN TO THE PERSPECTIVES OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS.

Coordinated action by colleges, school districts, community leaders, employers, and other stakeholders can likely speed improvements in postsecondary success rates. Especially during tough economic times, these stakeholders must work together to share costs and resources in order to achieve common goals. Mayors and other city leaders are uniquely situated to bring disparate groups together to discuss priorities, concerns, and possibilities for collaboration. By convening consultative sessions that engage institutional stakeholders, as well as students and their families, municipal leaders can obtain valuable input and raise awareness of the importance of postsecondary completion to the community. City officials who wish to take action on this issue should reach out to the following entities, each of which can make important contributions to a postsecondary success initiative:
• **School district(s):** Success in postsecondary education begins with success and preparation in K-12 education.

• **Colleges and universities (community colleges, technical colleges, four-year public and private colleges and universities):** Postsecondary institutions may already have embarked upon their own college completion programs, but engaging these institutions in a larger, citywide initiative can help their students take advantage of resources beyond academic supports.

• **Community-based organizations:** In many cities, at least a few community-based organizations focus on expanding high school students’ access to college, whether through scholarships, SAT or ACT preparation, college tours, mentoring programs, or help with college applications.

• **Wraparound service providers:** City agencies and other providers of housing, health and mental health services, transportation, and child care can connect current and prospective students with the full set of supports they often need to succeed.

• **Workforce investment boards and chambers of commerce:** Increasing the college attainment of local residents will only improve students’ economic prospects if the credentials and degrees they earn are well regarded by local employers and if there are jobs available for graduates. City leaders can help match students with local employers by coordinating postsecondary success efforts with local workforce and economic development initiatives and with the city’s overall strategic plan.

Many of these organizations play a vital role in assembling the data that city leaders need to understand the high school graduation and college enrollment, persistence and completion rates of local students. For more information, see NLC’s municipal action guide on *Using and Sharing Data to Improve Postsecondary Success* at www.nlc.org/iyef.

While it is important to ensure these entities have a seat at the table, cities can also reach out to a broad range of other potential partners – including faith-based organizations, ethnic associations, parents and students – with an interest in supporting postsecondary success.

### 3. ESTABLISH A LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE TO GUIDE AND SUSTAIN COLLEGE ACCESS AND COMPLETION EFFORTS.

While local circumstances always vary, mayors who are committed to postsecondary success initiatives are well advised to invite other key leaders (see above) to join some type of executive or steering committee that meets on a regular basis to coordinate efforts. This group can create consensus, garner public will, set goals, and facilitate needed policy and practice changes. At the same time, stakeholders at other levels also must be engaged – both high-level leaders and on-the-ground implementers of each organization. Working under the direction of a steering committee, a core implementation team composed of key staff representing each of the main partner organizations, along with task forces that draw upon local expertise and focus on individual issues (e.g., data sharing, curriculum alignment between high schools and postsecondary, communication strategy, etc.), typically play instrumental roles in making city leaders’ vision a reality.

### LEVERAGING CITY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

By taking a cross-system approach to planning and implementation, city leaders can engage multiple institutions and programs as they seek to provide a full set of supports and services that students need to overcome barriers to completion. Cities in particular are in a strong position to allocate the human, financial, and physical resources that support postsecondary success and assemble other resources through outreach to the local philanthropic and business community. Some cities designate a mayoral or city staff member to take the lead on postsecondary success efforts.
4. SEEK CONSENSUS REGARDING MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND KEY BENCHMARKS OR MILESTONES TO ASSESS PROGRESS.

With a strong leadership group in place, city officials can help ensure that the postsecondary success initiative is centered around measurable goals and benchmarks. Baseline data on local high school graduation, college readiness, and college completion rates can be used by mayors and other leaders to promote shared accountability for ambitious new goals and track progress over time. Disaggregating data by race and gender is essential for tracking achievement and completion gaps among different groups of students.

The City of Riverside, Calif., recently announced its college completion goals, which were developed through the collaborative efforts of many local partners, including city, education, and business leaders, and endorsed in an agreement between Riverside Community College and the two school districts within the city. Before an audience of more than 700 high school students and local media, Riverside’s leaders unveiled new, concrete goals for 2020. The city pledged to ensure that at least 90 percent of high school students graduate, compared to today’s graduation rate of 79 percent, and that 62 percent of students go on to college, compared to the 42 percent who currently attend college.

5. CREATE DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS IN ORDER TO ASSEMBLE A FULLER PICTURE OF THE CITY’S EDUCATION PIPELINE.

By deciding to aggregate and/or link their data, local partners – including school district(s), postsecondary institutions, nonprofit organizations, and city agencies – will better understand the city’s education pipeline, including where along the pipeline students tend to falter. These data sharing efforts are often enhanced through the development of formal agreements and mechanisms among partner organizations. Analyzing local data can deepen stakeholders’ understanding of low-income student needs and barriers, and this analysis should shape their actions to improve college completion.

For instance, in Louisville, Ky., the Mayor’s Education Roundtable initiated goal-setting discussions and transitioned into a new public-private partnership housed at the local community foundation. That partnership, called “55,000 Degrees,” seeks to launch Louisville into the top tier of “competitor cities” by adding 40,000 bachelor’s degrees and 15,000 associate degrees by 2020. 55,000 Degrees has created a public Education Data Dashboard available online at www.55000degrees.org/education-data-dashboard.

6. DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ACTION PLANS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO “MOVE THE NEEDLE” ON COLLEGE COMPLETION.

Together with their multi-sector partners, municipal leaders can create a comprehensive action plan for increasing post-secondary attainment in their city. As part of a leadership committee, mayors and other elected officials can help set the vision and goals, and then direct staff in the mayor’s office and key city agency heads to implement promising practices that shore up the education pipeline and open new pathways to living-wage jobs and careers.

In a number of cities, municipal departments and other local agencies provide important wraparound services – such as housing, health services, and transportation – to which counselors and other student support staff at local high schools, colleges, and universities can refer students as they move into and through their higher education experiences. Some of these cities, such as Phoenix, Ariz., and San Antonio, Texas, provide wraparound services at one-stop college access and success centers located online and at public libraries or other city-owned spaces.

In addition to providing academic and non-academic student supports, city leaders can make connections between their economic and workforce development agendas and the degree or certificate programs offered by local colleges. For instance, cities can partner with chambers of commerce, workforce investment boards, and key industries to promote a closer alignment between the curricula of postsecondary programs and the skills sought by local businesses, helping to ensure that students receive the training necessary to earn a living wage without leaving the city. Dialogue between
mayoral education advisors and city economic development staff is often an important prerequisite for cities working to build or strengthen these partnerships. Mayors in several cities, such as Pittsburgh, Pa., and St. Petersburg, Fla., have also encouraged businesses, philanthropies, and residents to donate to college scholarship funds that reduce barriers to access for disadvantaged public school students.

7. BE PERSISTENT IN RAISING AWARENESS AND CELEBRATE EARLY VICTORIES TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN MOMENTUM.

Mayors and other city leaders have a powerful bully pulpit from which to make the case and build public will in support of efforts to improve postsecondary success. Utilizing their visible leadership positions, city officials are particularly well positioned to spearhead campaigns that push for a citywide system of support for college attendance and college completion.

For example, in Philadelphia, Pa., Mayor Michael Nutter fully embraced education reform upon taking office despite a lack of mayoral control over K-12 schools or higher education. Mayor Nutter announced and publicized two key targets: 1) cutting Philadelphia’s high school dropout rate in half, and 2) doubling the city’s college attainment rate in five to ten years. In nearly every public speech since his inauguration, Mayor Nutter reminds residents of the importance of achieving these education goals.

Mayor Ron Loveridge of Riverside, Calif., has included the local postsecondary success initiative, Completion Counts – A Riverside Learning Partnership, in three consecutive State of the City addresses. As he stated in his 2012 State of the City address, “Completion Counts is a defining opportunity for Riverside. The Talent Dividend is becoming the best marker of a successful city in the 21st Century. The presence of college-educated people explains much of a city’s success. In Riverside, a one percentage point gain in college completion would yield an estimated $185 million increase in per capita income.” Mayor Loveridge has been at the center of conversations in his city to align K-12 education, higher education, and workforce development, and has used his position and convening power to engage stakeholders at all levels in Completion Counts.

RESOURCES

LUMINA FOUNDATION
Lumina Foundation’s Big Goal is to increase the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025.

www.luminafoundation.org/goal_2025.html

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
The foundation seeks to dramatically increase the numbers of young adults who complete their postsecondary education, setting them up for success in the workplace and life.

www.gatesfoundation.org/postsecondaryeducation/Pages/default.aspx

CENTER FOR LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY (CLASP)
CLASP’s Center for Postsecondary and Economic Success (C-PES) advocates for better policies, more investment, and increased political will to increase the number of low-income adults and disadvantaged youth who earn postsecondary credentials.

www.clasp.org/postsecondary
COMMUNITIES LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP
An initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for which NLC’s Institute for Youth, Education and Families serves as managing intermediary, Communities Learning in Partnership supports and accelerates the efforts of city leaders, community college and other postsecondary institution leaders, and their partners to increase attainment of postsecondary degrees or credentials by low-income students in selected communities.

COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA
Established in 2009, Complete College America is a national nonprofit that works with states to significantly increase the number of Americans with quality career certificates or college degrees and to close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations.
www.completecollege.org

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY’S CENTER ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE
The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce is an independent, nonprofit research and policy institute affiliated with the Georgetown Public Policy Institute that studies the link between education, career qualifications, and workforce demands.
http://cew.georgetown.edu

JOBS FOR THE FUTURE (JFF)
JFF develops policy solutions and new pathways leading from college readiness to career advancement for struggling and low-income populations in America. By 2020, JFF, working with its partners, is committed to doubling the number of low-income youth and adults who attain postsecondary credentials.
www.jff.org/projects/current/education/connected-25/59

MDC’S PARTNERS FOR POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS
MDC’s Partners for Postsecondary Success program is a three-year demonstration funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to build community partnerships that significantly raise the number of low-income young adults completing postsecondary credentials relevant to living wage work.
www.mdcinc.org/projects/partners-postsecondary-success

OMG CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE LEARNING
OMG seeks to accelerate and deepen social impact through strategy, evaluation, and capacity-building and has been a leader in planning and evaluating national postsecondary success initiatives.
www.omgcenter.org

PUBLIC EDUCATION NETWORK (PEN)
The Public Education Network (PEN), along with its Academy for Educational Development counterparts, provides technical assistance to eight local education funds under two college access initiatives: KnowHow2GO and the Citi Post Secondary Success Program.
www.publiceducation.org/collegeaccess.asp
TALENT DIVIDEND
The Talent Dividend is part of CEOs for Cities’ latest research on the City Dividends and is helping mobilize cities across the nation to develop new college success initiatives. In partnership with FutureWorks, CEOs for Cities launched the National Talent Dividend Network to help local officials and their community partners increase postsecondary completion rates in cities nationwide.

www.ceosforcities.org/TalentDividendNetwork

CITY EXAMPLES
The following city examples highlight various models of mayoral engagement in college completion and different city-school-college partnerships to improve education across the birth through college and career continuum.

MEMPHIS, TENN. (POP. 646,889)

In 2009, when A C Wharton, Jr., was first elected as mayor of the City of Memphis, the city faced a dire economic situation. Only four percent of Memphis City Schools’ students were rated as “college-ready” based on standardized test scores, and only 23 percent of Memphians over the age of 25 had attained a college degree. In response to the large disparity that exists between the area’s workforce needs and workforce preparation, Mayor Wharton established the Office of Talent and Human Capital as one of his first official actions. The office has an express goal to attract, develop, and retain an educated and talented workforce that can propel the city to an improved economic status.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (POP. 1,445,632)
www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot

Created under former Mayor Phil Gordon and supported by current Mayor Greg Stanton, College Depot is a free, full-service program located in a local library branch that offers college planning through outreach, guidance, resources, and referrals.

PORTLAND, ORE. (POP. 583,776)
http://allhandsraised.org

During his two terms in office, outgoing Mayor Sam Adams and the City of Portland developed a strong infrastructure to support K-12 education improvement and postsecondary access, with an emphasis on the low-income young adult population. Mayor Adams made a public commitment to increase high school graduation rates by 50 percent and to double the number of young people who go on to receive postsecondary education and training. He also emphasized that to reach these goals, a focus on all students, particularly students of color who are dropping out at the highest rates, is necessary. Mayor Adams launched the countywide Education Cabinet, whose efforts are now subsumed by a metropolitan area Cradle to Career initiative.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (POP. 1,327,407)
www.cafecollege.org

Supported by Mayor Julián Castro, funded by the City of San Antonio, and managed by the San Antonio Education Partnership, Café College is both a physical one-stop center with college access and success advisors on site and an online resource for students and their parents from middle school through high school. Café College also provides students with information on transferring and returning to college.
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (POP. 805,235)
http://sfbridge2success.org

Under the leadership of Mayor Edwin Lee, the City and County of San Francisco has several formal partnerships with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), and San Francisco State University. The city also joined with the City College of San Francisco, SFUSD, and others to create the Bridge to Success postsecondary success initiative, one of several multi-sector partnerships supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s Communities Learning in Partnership (CLIP) initiative. The city provides significant funding to SF Promise, a dedicated fund that seeks to guarantee a spot at SFSU for every participating sixth grader in SFUSD schools. Among the many programs in which the city and school district collaborate are The Partnership for Achievement, GEAR-UP, SF Promise, career and technical education, and apprenticeships.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (POP. 145,170)
www.sayyessyracuse.org

Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, the University of Syracuse, and the Syracuse City School District work closely with numerous education stakeholders through Say Yes to Education, a partnership designed to increase high school and college graduation rates by providing youth with comprehensive supports and services. These supports include the promise of free college tuition to one of nearly 100 colleges and universities for those who meet residency, graduation, and admission requirements. The local partners formalized their commitments through the Say Yes to Education Compact, and each partner contributes to the model’s critical components: use of data, whole-school reform, comprehensive community services, a flexible municipal governance structure, and student-centered scholarship incentives.

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