



## 2011 Community Colleges of Iowa Legislative Priorities

**State General Aid:** Supports a funding goal for state general aid of \$202.6 million in keeping with the growing demands of Community College programs and Iowa's fiscal realities.

**Workforce Training:** Supports a long-term commitment of state and local assistance for skilled worker training through the Workforce Training and Economic Development Funds, and other funding streams available to maintain and build capacity for skilled worker training.

**Adult Literacy:** Supports a State of Iowa commitment and appropriation to Adult Literacy Programs to support Iowa's illiterate adults, including dislocated workers without a high school diploma or GED.

**Local Governance:** Supports the 15 Iowa Community College Boards' local governance flexibility to access local tax support in its discretion to meet the needs of local workforce training and their local communities.



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## Community Colleges of Iowa



Skilled workers provide a positive payback to Iowa. The Community Colleges' career educational programs enhance Iowa's economy, increase worker income, improve the lives of the workers' families, attract businesses, and provide tax revenue to the State coffers.

### *...an Investment in Iowa's Future*

- As the largest postsecondary system in Iowa, the Community Colleges served record breaking enrollments totaling 25% of Iowa's age 18-64 population in one or more programs.

FY2009 Unduplicated Enrollment	
Credit Enrollment	133,387
Non-credit Enrollment	<u>297,055</u>
2009 Total Enrollment	430,442

Source: Iowa Department of Education

- Student tuition has increased to over 50% of Community College revenue and state general aid has declined \$25 million since July 1, 2009.
- 318,708 Iowans qualify for adult basic education according to the 2000 Census, yet Iowa is the only state that provides no adult literacy appropriation.
- Merely 2.2% of all property tax levied in Iowa reaches Iowa's Community Colleges to comprise less than 5% of their revenues.

Source: Iowa Department of Management