



Every student of every race and every income level needs quality education beyond high school.



The challenge to solve college completion is great, but the potential for real change is great, too. Visit FinishHigherEd.org

An Urgent, Unmet Need

In the coming decade, two-thirds of all new jobs will require some level of college education. Our current workforce does not have the skills to fill these new jobs. Worse, the fastest growing segments of our society, including those from underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds, are also those with the lowest educational attainment.

Unless we act now, the U.S. will see for the first time in history a generation of Americans who are less educated than the generation before them, and the implications will be severe across our society.

Student Desire Isn't the Problem

Every year, millions of students work hard to earn acceptance into colleges and credential programs. Yet despite their best efforts, nearly half of all students are not graduating. As a nation, we are not providing students with the support needed to succeed academically while balancing family and work demands. It's not that students don't want to graduate—It's that our current system isn't doing enough to help students graduate.

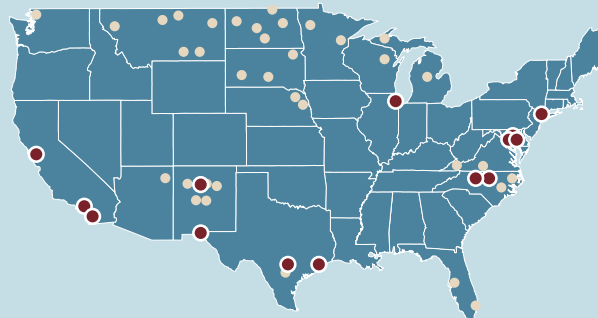
Promising Practices Are Already Underway Across the U.S.

The NCCC is committed to spreading the word about straightforward solutions that prove we CAN break down barriers to college completion. Leaders in states, institutions and community organizations across the U.S. are taking bold action:

- Addressing affordability for underrepresented students, and
- Directly aligning education with student and workforce needs.



Key Examples of Success



A few highlights:

- The Puente Project | Oakland, CA
- Science Educational Enhancement Services (SEES) | Pomona, CA
- Cal State College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) | San Marcos, CA
- UTEP Promise Plan | El Paso, TX
- Dreamkeepers and Angel Fund Programs | Galveston, TX
- Grantees of the Dreamkeepers and Angel Funds Programs
- NCCU University College | Durham, NC
- UMBC Training Centers | Baltimore, MD
- Careers in Health | Chicago, IL
- LCC/Capital One Student Design Center | New York, NY

A Diverse Voice

The National Coalition for College Completion is a diverse, nonpartisan group representing business, civil rights, community-based, student and youth advocacy organizations. The Coalition is the voice of stakeholders outside of education to increase college completion. We specifically urge support for promising practices and policy change within higher education institutions, states and communities that are transforming the postsecondary experience to better support today's students.

Real Change Is Within Reach

There are straightforward solutions that have the potential to increase college completion. We're pushing for focused programs and policy commitments that can create change for students TODAY.

- We're **celebrating** programs nationwide that transform higher education and are committed to graduating more diverse students.
- We're **elevating** completion as a priority with policymakers.
- We're **activating** our communities to speak out on behalf of today's students and strengthen our economy.

Visit FinishHigherEd.org to learn more about promising practices across the country and access our easy-to-use outreach materials.

A Policy Agenda Aligned with Reality

The Coalition's policy agenda encourages higher education institutions and associated support systems to provide innovative solutions to help America's college students succeed.

A student-centered approach should take into account the mobility and diversity of today's student, and align quality curriculum with the needs of today's workforce.

Tools and Support

The National Coalition for College Completion offers a wide range of easy-to-use outreach materials. These tools will help you or your organization educate policymakers, education leaders and the media about the importance of helping students get to graduation day. Visit us at FinishHigherEd.org to learn more.

The need is great. The stakes are high. The goal is achievable.

To join the Coalition or learn more, visit: FinishHigherEd.org

Partners of the National Coalition for College Completion include:

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Business Innovation Factory
Business Roundtable
Campus Progress
Center for American Progress
Center for Law and Social Policy
CEOs for Cities
Center for Student Opportunity
Committee for Economic Development
Corporate Voices for Working Families
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Forum for Youth Investment
Illinois Education Foundation
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Jobs for the Future
League of United Latin American Citizens
The Manufacturing Institute
Mobilize.org
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
National College Access Network
National League of Cities

National Skills Coalition
National Urban League
Single Stop USA
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Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
Student African American Brotherhood
Student Veterans of America
Young Invincibles
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