



# Community Colleges for Iowa

## 2021-2022 Year in Review

### New Name, Same Great Work

Earlier this year, we rebranded to Community Colleges for Iowa as the “doing business as” name for a variety of collaborations and organizations across Iowa’s 15 Community Colleges. Together, we strive to advocate with one voice for accessible excellence in education. While legally we remain the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, this new brand helps us to connect with a wider audience about the value Iowa Community Colleges bring to students, businesses, and communities.

### New Faces

Last Fall, we hired two new staff members. Lissah Beglinger is our Administrative Assistant supporting the team, building, and members in a variety of important ways! Roy Salcedo is our inaugural Director of Equity and Inclusion and is leading the work of the Alliance for Equity and Inclusion.



### Advocating with One Voice

We continue to work hard to advocate for Iowa’s Community College students and communities at the state and federal levels. See our Annual Legislative Report for a fuller summary of the session. Here’s an overview of outcomes on our priorities:

#### Invest in Community Colleges

- State General Aid was increased by \$6.5 million. While this was less than we requested or need, it was a higher percentage increase than any other part of Iowa’s education system.

#### Programs and Policies to Boost Enrollment

- Part-time students were made eligible for the Last Dollar Scholarship, a very important expansion of access to this program for the students who need it most.
- More flexibility was given in hiring College and Career Transition Counselors. These positions can now be licensed counselors or other qualified professionals to ensure we can expand this successful program statewide.

#### Collaboration to meet workforce training needs

- Workforce training funding sources were funded at status quo, including maintaining last year’s increase in 260F Job Training funding.

EVENTS  
ARE BACK

This year, we continued to adapt by providing networking and training opportunities for the Community College network. We were excited to again offer more events in person while still offering the convenience and ease of online events. We hosted eight Trustee Education Webinars that engaged over 1,300 people. We also partnered with the Iowa Department of Education on two workshops that engaged hundreds of staff and faculty from all 15 colleges on aligning credit and non-credit for equity and data. We are also back this year with the first in-person Community Colleges for Iowa Conference in two years at Western Iowa Tech!

# Alliance for Equity and Inclusion Sets Priorities

Early in 2021, all 15 Community Colleges officially signed on with the Iowa Department of Education to our new, statewide Alliance for Equity and Inclusion. This year, we formed an Alliance Steering Committee of leadership from across the state. Recently, they set these priorities:

- **Data, Research, and Trends:** identify state “gaps,” challenges, trends, statistical irregularities, anomalies, etc. to mitigate.
- **Male Student Enrollment:** create strategies to address the almost 20% decrease in male student enrollment in a 5-year span affecting several colleges.
- **Aligning Credit and Non-Credit:** support the alignment of credit and non-credit; specifically addressing inequities of access to specific services.
- **Community College Affinity Networks:** create specific affinity employee networks to provide state-wide support to staff and faculty.

## Expand Member Portal

This year, we expanded our online Member Portal to more staff and leaders across the Community Colleges for Iowa Network. All our leadership and work group participants, along with Presidents and Trustees, can create a profile, search the directory, and contact other individuals or groups. We have also updated the website and are adding more resource pages in the portal.

Don't have a log-in yet? Contact Lissah Beglinger: [lbeglinger@ccforiowa.org](mailto:lbeglinger@ccforiowa.org)

# Strengthening Statewide Collaboration and Leadership

Bringing Community College leaders together has always been a core part of our mission. This year, we continued to strengthen these efforts by better defining and supporting our leadership and affinity groups and better connecting them with our overall advocacy and collaboration efforts. Thank you to this year's Board and Officers!

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