



Ventura County Community College District  
**COLLEGE COMPLETION CHALLENGE**  
**A Call to Action**

In recognition of the central role that the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) has in meeting the educational and training needs in our community and, more broadly in contribution to an educated United States citizenry and a competitive workforce, we pledge to do our part to increase the number of Americans with high quality postsecondary degrees and certifications to fulfill critical local, state, and national goals. With the “completion agenda” as national imperative, the District has an obligation to meet the challenge while holding firmly to traditional values of access, opportunity, and quality.

- We believe the student success and completion agenda is the future of the Ventura County Community College District.
- We believe that completion matters and that every student counts.
- We believe in every student’s potential and responsibility to succeed – and that an engaged student is more likely to persist in college.
- We believe the “open door” must not be a “revolving door,” and that the VCCCD must take responsibility for student success.
- We believe that community colleges are the gateways to the middle class and beyond for millions of Americans.
- We believe that community colleges are an invaluable economic engine driving the nation toward renewed and sustained economic prosperity.
- We believe that talented and committed people working “heart and soul” at the VCCCD are ready to take on leadership roles to increase student success and college completion
- We believe to change in institutional culture, from emphasis on access only to emphasis on access and student success.
- We commit to courageous conversations about diversity, equity, and evidence reflecting student success and institutional performance.
- We commit, while increasing success rates for all students, to eliminating the attainment gaps that separate student groups on the basis of race, ethnicity and family income.
- We commit to acting on facts to make positive changes in the interest of student success and college completion.
- We commit to promoting faculty and staff development focused on evidence-based educational practice.
- We commit to providing development opportunities, for college administrators, trustees, faculty, staff, and students to building and sustain leadership for student success.
- We ask every trustee, administrator, faculty member, counselor, advisor, financial aid officer, staff member, and student organization to examine current practices, to identify ways to help students understand the added value of degrees and certificates, and to help them progress toward their goals.
- We ask every student to help one other student to succeed.
- We ask community members to support and work with us to help more students succeed.
- We ask elected officials to create the policy conditions that enable, support, and reward our work to strengthen student success.
- We ask other community colleges to join us by signing and sharing this commitment and call to action.

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