

COMPLETE COLLEGE AMERICA

**WORKING WITH STATES TO ACHIEVE MORE COLLEGE DEGREES
AND CREDENTIALS**

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Founded in 2009 with a single focus on working with states to:

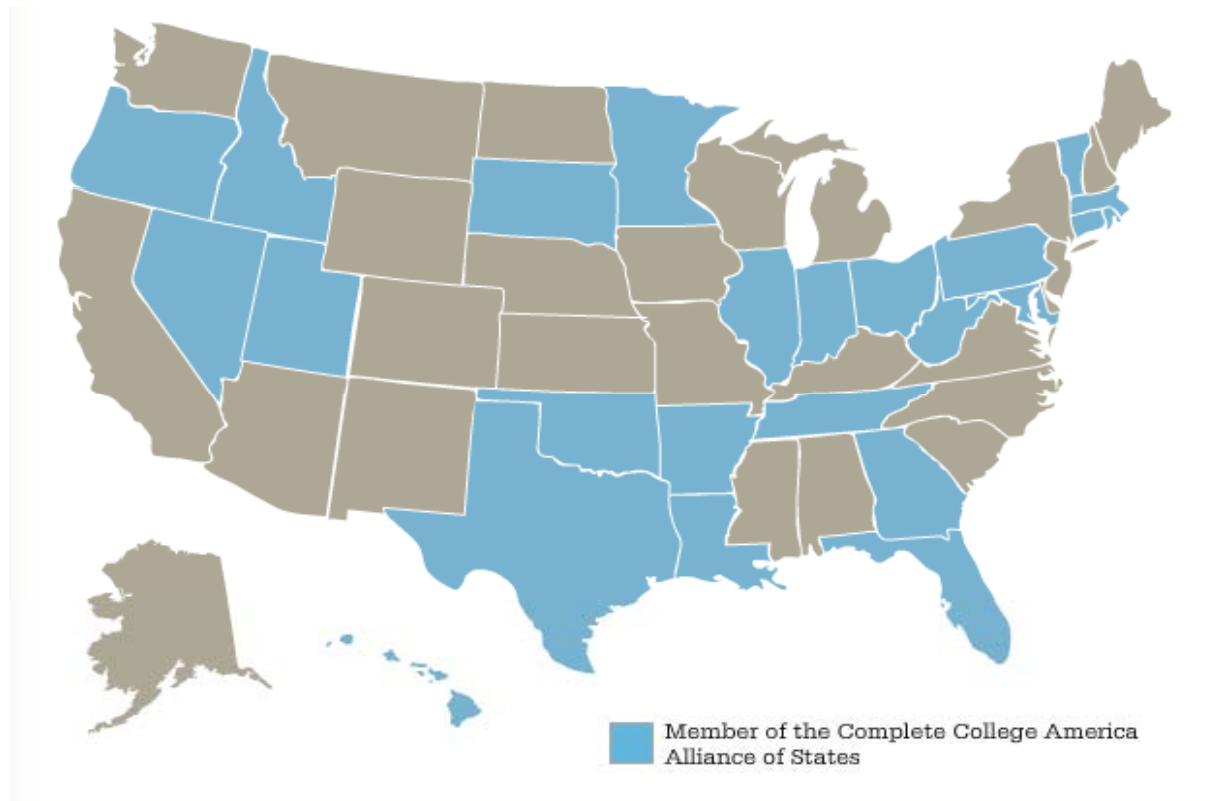
- Significantly increase the number of students successfully earning degrees and credentials of value in the labor market, and
- Close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations, including minority and low-income young adults.



24 Member States

Arkansas
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Hawai'i
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts
Minnesota

Nevada
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
West Virginia



ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS

COMMITMENT TO A NATIONAL GOAL

- *Significantly increasing the number of students successfully completing college degrees and certificates of value*
- *Closing the college attainment gap for underrepresented populations*

COMMITMENT TO STATE AND CAMPUS GOALS

- *Commit to set state and campus numerical goals to increase completion and close attainment gaps by 2020*

COMMITMENT TO MEASURING PROGRESS & SUCCESS

- *State and campus leaders will pledge to measure and publicly report annual progress on key progression and completion metrics*

COMMITMENT TO BOLD ACTION

- *Ensure all students are ready to start and succeed in freshman credit courses*
- *Redesign remediation strategies to substantially improve success*
- *Reduce time to degree and increase the number of students completing on time*
- *Provide financial incentives to students and colleges for progress*
- *Develop new, shorter and faster pathways to degrees and certificates of value*

STATE GOALS

Attainment goals:

Six out of 10 young adults will have a degree by 2020.

Degree production goals:

Award 10,000 additional degrees and high-quality certificates annually by 2020.

CORE THEMES IN STRATEGIES TO INCREASE COLLEGE COMPLETION:

- **Time**
- **Choice**
- **Structure**



Remediation

Money and time are wasted.
Most students give up.
We need a better way.

[Watch video »](#)

MORE STORIES:



BY THE NUMBERS



38% of young adults (aged 25-34) in the U.S. currently have an associate's degree or higher—making the U.S. 10th among OECD countries for attainment in that group.

NCHEMS/U.S. Census Bureau 2008 American Community Survey, and OECD, Education at a Glance, 2009.

HOW IS YOUR STATE DOING?

In just ten years, more than 60% of all new jobs will require a college education. Will your state be ready? Good family incomes and the health of state economies depend on more of our young people succeeding in college. See where your state stands currently, and then commit to making college completion a priority.

Current percentage of young adults (ages 25-34) with a college degree:

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| ALABAMA 32% | ALASKA 30% | ARIZONA 31% | ARKANSAS 26% | CA » |
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★ STATES MUST LEAD, MEASURE, ACT, INNOVATE

Now is the time to take bold action on college completion. *Essential Steps for States »*

BEHIND THE DEGREE DEFICIT

PERCENT

