

U.S. Department of Education
Minority Serving Community Colleges: Uniting for Student Success

The Georgia Piedmont Advantage
Tapping into assets of "The Village" for Student Success

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Addressing a Community Need for Education & Professional Training

EDUCATIONAL SNAPSHOT (25+)





A changing workforce for a changing economy

"By 2020, 65 percent of all jobs will require some form of postsecondary education and training."—
Georgetown University





Philosophy

We believe no one should be left behind. It is our collective responsibility to help transform lives and communities.

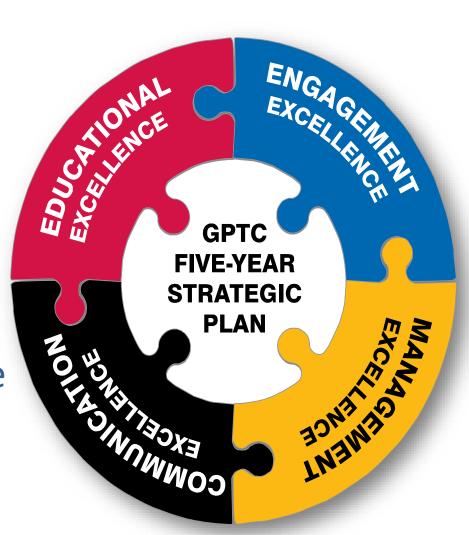


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Strategic Goals

- Educational Excellence
- Engagement Excellence
- Communication
 Excellence
- Management Excellence



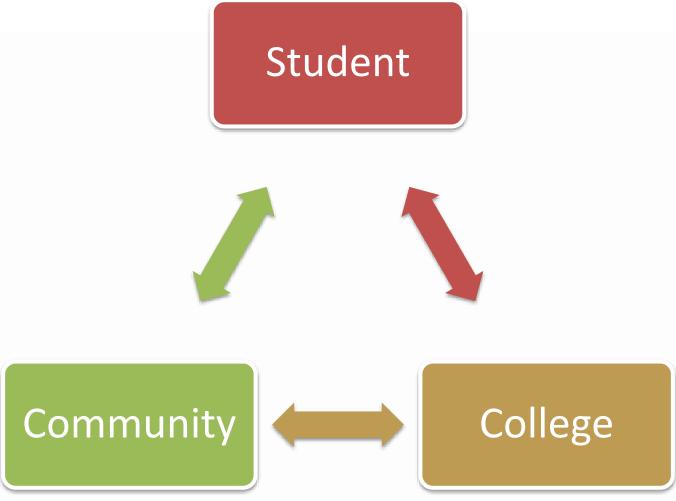


The Community as an Untapped Asset

- Reexamine our understanding of the community
- Reassess its role in higher education
- Develop a higher education infrastructure
- Effectively utilize existing community assets to supplement college recruitment, retention, and completion efforts



Framework for Community Education





Community Engagement to Address the Whole Student

 Partnerships are essential to establish community entry points and offer students access to service providers.





Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grants (SIWDG):

A crucial tool in addressing workforce shortages



















- 2014, the *Governor's High*Demand Career Initiative Report is completed
- 2015, the Governor and the Legislature approved additional grant funding to encourage enrollment in high-demand programs.



Georgia Piedmont Advantage—How it Works

