

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Affordable, Accessible and Relevant



Budget Request 2024-25

Presentation to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee

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Senator Jackson

Senator Corbin

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Senator McElveen

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: HIGHLIGHTS



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SOUTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

Each year the System educates and trains over 144,000 South Carolinians through our credit programs (107,016) and continuing education programs (37,331).



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GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE ACROSS THE STATE

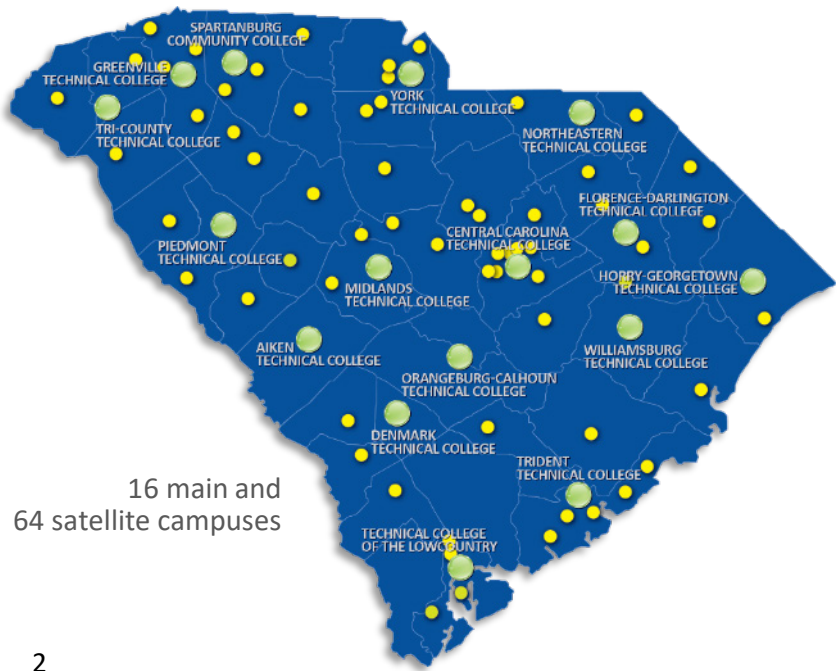
Our colleges are strategically located across the state with nearly every South Carolinian within a 30-minute drive of one of our 16 main campuses or 64 satellite campuses.



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FLEXIBILITY THROUGH BREADTH AND DEPTH OF PROGRAMS

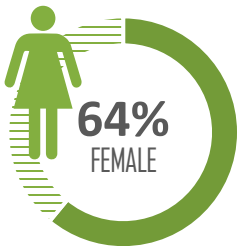
Our colleges offer a variety of programs in South Carolina's high-demand, high-paying fields, including 78 degrees, 28 diplomas and nearly 1,000 certificate programs.



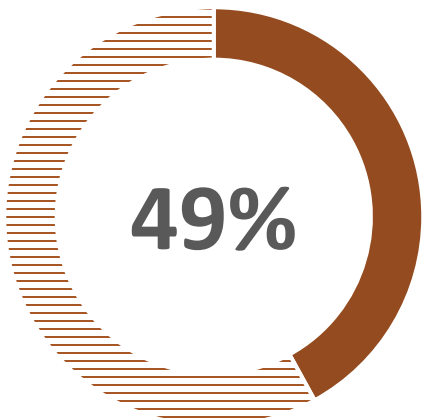
16 main and
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REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Our colleges provide one of the most accurate pictures of a community in terms of its population, its demographic makeup and its business and industry focus.

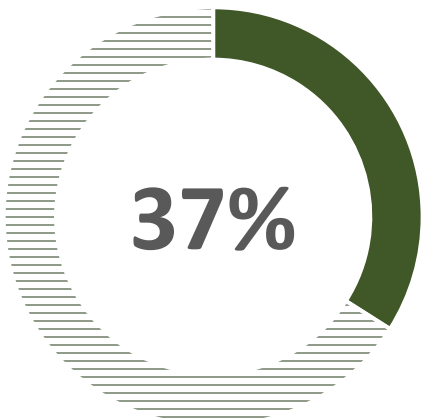


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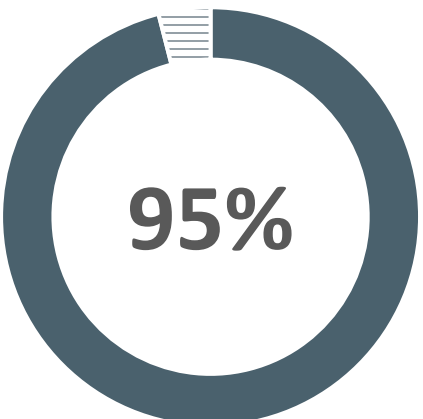
ACCESSIBLE

49% of all South Carolinians enrolled as undergraduates in South Carolina's public higher education attends one of our 16 colleges.



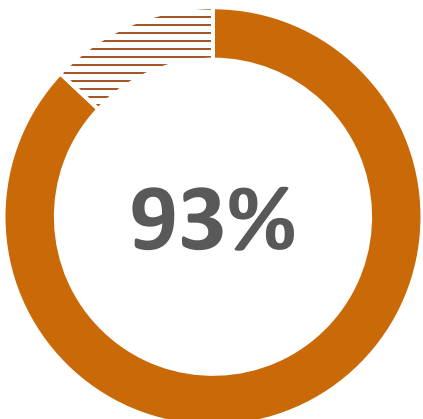
AFFORDABLE

Average annual tuition at one of our colleges is 37% of the average annual tuition at a four-year institution. Our colleges remain South Carolina's most affordable path to a quality higher education.



TARGETED

95% of our students are South Carolina residents. Nearly all our students are citizens of the state and choose to live and work in South Carolina after completing their education.



RELEVANT

93% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study or are continuing their education.

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readySC™ provides customized recruiting and training to qualifying companies locating or expanding in South Carolina.

In order to qualify, companies must be producing new, permanent, full-time, direct-hire positions with competitive wages and benefits.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 4,810 trained last fiscal year
- 110 companies served
- Nearly 318,000 trained since 1961
- 49% African-American; 37% Caucasian; 14% Other
- 40% Female; 60% Male
- 35 Average Age
- 12 Average Education



Apprenticeship Carolina™ works to increase the awareness and use of registered apprenticeship as an essential workforce development tool.

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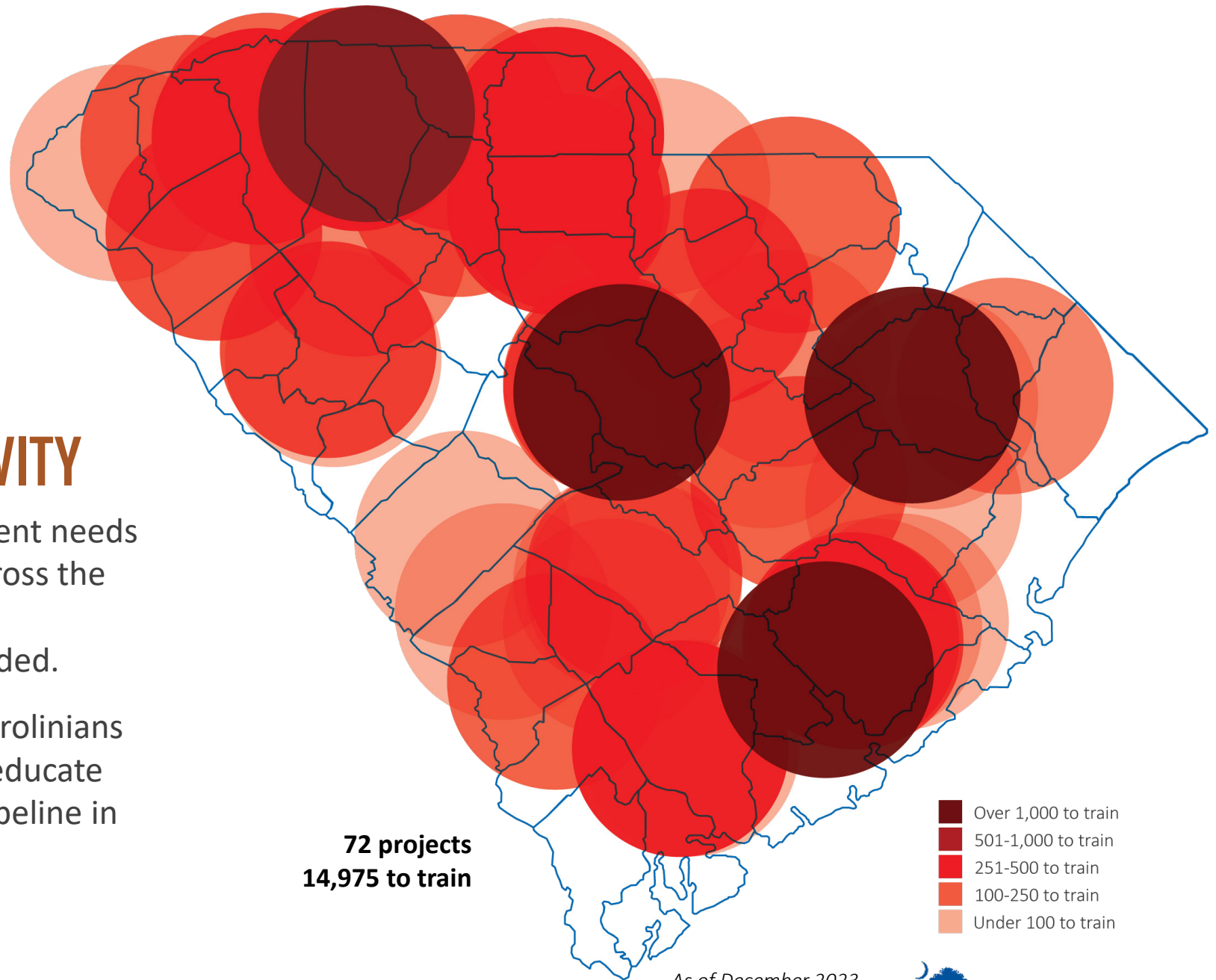
- 868 companies participating across the state with an active registered program
- 5,885 active apprentices statewide
- 1 in 3 companies registers more than one occupation
- Over 2,300 active occupations registered
- Nearly 280 youth apprenticeship programs

TODAY'S PROJECT ACTIVITY

This heat map depicts the recruitment needs for announced readySC projects across the state. In addition, there are several prospects and expansions not included.

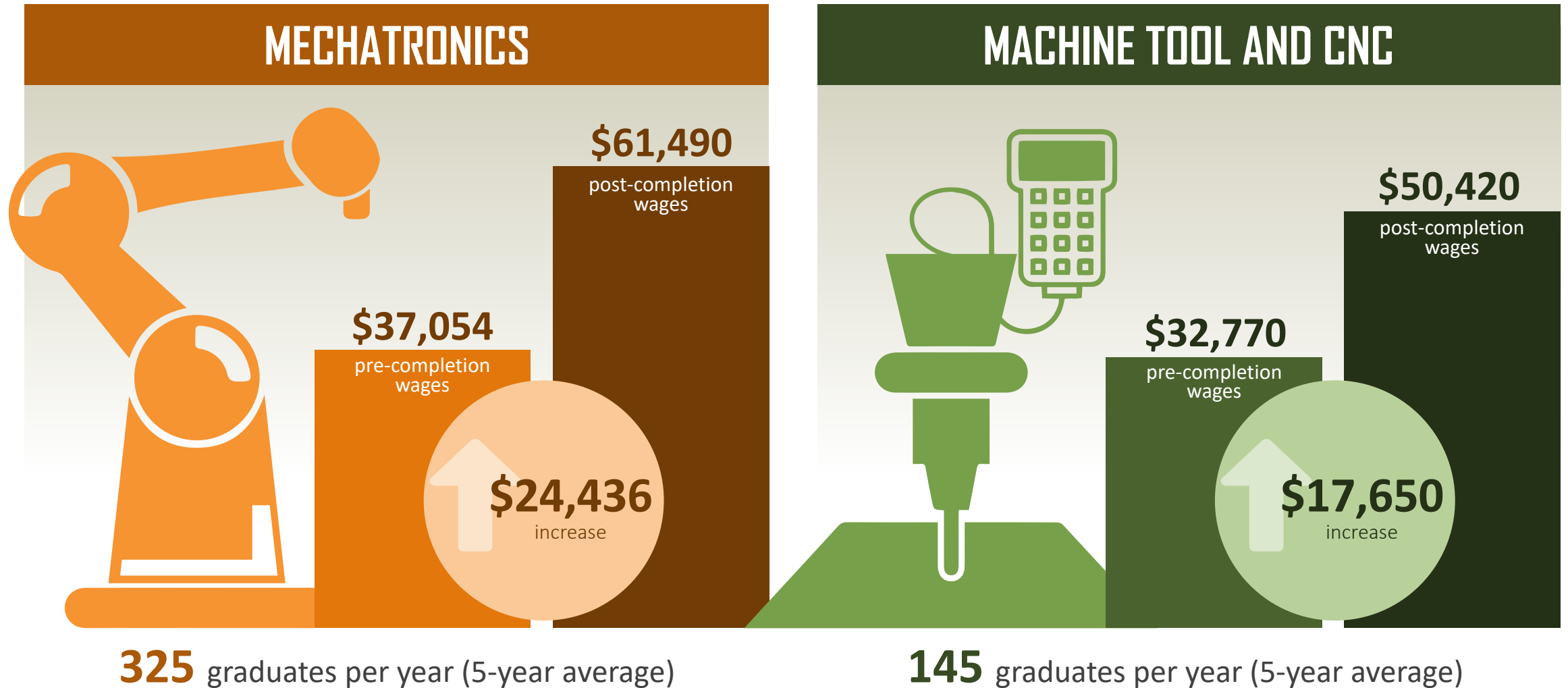
This shows the number of South Carolinians our technical colleges will need to educate and train to keep a skilled, ready pipeline in place.

72 projects
14,975 to train



As of December 2023

A LOOK AT RETURN ON INVESTMENT



FY 2024-2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

— BUILDING SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE —

Increased Recurring Funding (\$20.0M)

The System's recurring funding request is designed to enhance the System and its 16 colleges' ability to meet workforce demand effectively.

Operating costs: FY2022 operating costs for our colleges were \$687M. Funds used to offset these costs come from various sources, including state appropriations, student tuition and fees, grants, local appropriations, capital-related revenue, and auxiliary enterprises. HEPI – Higher Education Price Indicator – is anticipated to be 3.1% representing a \$21.3M increase in expenses.

The development of new and expanding high-demand workforce programs: Across our System, there are several high-demand workforce programs that need to be expanded or created to meet business and industry demand, including:

- Automotive Technology
- Biomedical Device Technology
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Construction Trades
- Cybersecurity
- Dental Hygiene Technology
- Diesel and Heavy Diesel
- Electrical Engineering/Robotics
- Electric Vehicle Technology
- Emergency Medical Tech
- HVAC
- Industrial Electrical Tech
- Information Technology
- Mechatronics
- Nursing & Allied Health
- Outboard Marine Tech
- Physical Therapy
- Plastic Mold Injection
- Surgical Technology
- Utility Line Technology
- Welding

The cost to expand and/or create the necessary programs in demand at each of our 16 colleges would be \$34.7M.

How we calculated our request: State appropriations represent approximately 30% of our colleges' revenue. Our recurring funding request reflects this trend by asking that 30% of our anticipated overall costs for the above (\$16.8M), along with the \$3.2M carry forward from last year's request, be funded through state appropriations.

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (\$51.1M)

Maintain funding to promote access to a quality higher education. Nearly a third of technical college students rely on Lottery Tuition Assistance, and over 400,000 technical college students have benefited from the program since its inception.

Continue SC Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS) funding (\$95.0M)

Maintain funding for these statewide technical college scholarship programs designed to address workforce shortages and build a skilled talent pipeline for high-demand fields across the state.

Equipment for high-demand job skills training (\$30.0M)

High-skill, high-demand jobs often require high-cost equipment to ensure what students encounter in the training lab accurately reflects what they will encounter in the workplace. Additional equipment funding effectively positions our colleges to meet this demand.

readySC™ project funding (\$5.0M)

Continue funding for readySC™ projects to deliver on commitments made by the state.

FY 2024-25 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

RECURRING REQUEST

Base funding for the local colleges \$20.0M

NON-RECURRING REQUEST

Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP) \$51.1M

Continue SC·WINS scholarship \$95.0M

Equipment for high-demand jobs skills training \$30.0M

Continue funding for readySC™ to deliver on commitments made by the state \$5.0M

CAPITAL

Individual college initiatives \$424.6M

START COLLEGE HERE: STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

"IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN'T DO IT, GO TO A TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND. IT'S REALLY INSPIRING."

Patrick Craven
Piedmont Technical College

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"I DECIDED TO GO TO GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO FIND OUT WHO I WAS WITHOUT HORSES."

Allie Wright
Greenville Technical College

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"WE ALL HAVE THINGS WE HAVE TO OVERCOME IN LIFE. YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THEM, BUT YOU CAN POWER THROUGH THEM."

Allan Turner
Central Carolina Technical College

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"MIDLANDS TECH BECAME A PLACE WHERE I FELT SAFE. PEOPLE MADE ME FEEL LIKE IF I COULD GET THROUGH COLLEGE, I COULD DO ANYTHING."

Bianca Williams
Midlands Technical College

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