



SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

# 2015-16 Legislative Priorities

## 1

### Base Funding Increase for the System

\$5.0 M (Recurring)

- South Carolina has experienced tremendous growth in STEM<sup>2</sup> (science, technology, engineering, math & manufacturing) and allied health industries. Jobs in these fields are in high demand and are high-paying.
- Attracting and retaining qualified faculty for these programs is very challenging especially with added competition from the private sector.
- Increased recurring funds will help build the necessary workforce while sustaining affordable tuition.

## 2

### Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTA)

\$51.1 M (\$2 M increase)

- Nearly 30% of our students rely on LTA.
- Promotes access to a quality higher education.
- Nearly 400,000 LTA awards have been made since the Lottery's inception.
- Increased funding would allow for a maximum award per semester per student of \$1,200 — up from \$1,140.

## 3

### Equipment for STEM<sup>2</sup> (science, technology, engineering, math & manufacturing) and allied health industries

\$5.0 M (Non-recurring)

- Keeping pace with technological innovation and cutting-edge equipment is a constant challenge.
- Requested funding represents a portion of the total \$31.5M need in high-tech equipment and simulators.
- Funding will assist in meeting the demands of business and industry in the STEM<sup>2</sup> (science, technology, engineering, math & manufacturing) and allied health programs.

## 4

### South Carolina Manufacturing Certification (SCMC)

\$1.75 M (Non-recurring)

- Scholarships for 600 certified production technicians.
- Represents continued partnership with manufacturers across the state.
- Increases the total pipeline of certified production technicians to 1,800 from the current 1,200.
- Works to bridge the skills gap for South Carolina's advanced manufacturing companies.

## 5

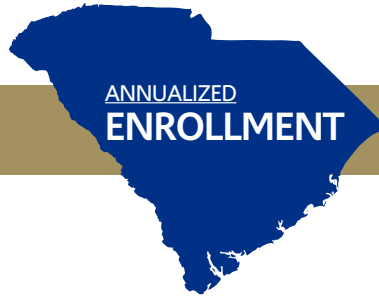
### readySC™

\$5.015 M (Non-recurring)

- Trained 4,622 employees last year for 81 companies - 26 of which represented new companies to the state.
- Non-recurring funds will ensure that readySC can assist eligible new and expanding companies in meeting their workforce needs in the upcoming year.

CREDIT PROGRAMS

135,847

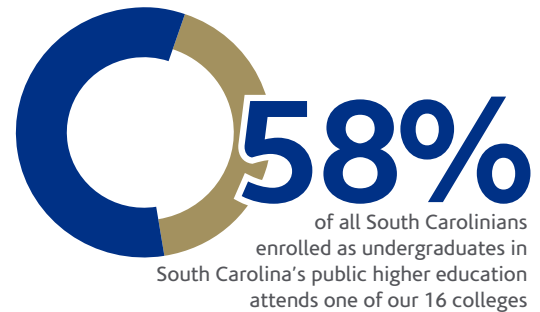


NON-CREDIT PROGRAMS

125,021

### MAKING A QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE

The SC Technical College System serves more than a quarter million South Carolinians each year and educates more undergraduates than all the other public higher education institutions combined.

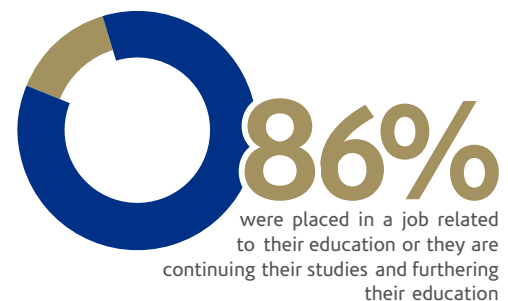


### EDUCATING AND TRAINING SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO LIVE AND WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The vast majority of our students are citizens of the state and choose to live and work in South Carolina after completing their education and training.

### PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-WAGE JOBS

Nearly 90% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study or are continuing their studies and furthering their education.



### REFLECTING THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

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

