Imagine the Possibilities

Building Philadelphia’s Future

Community College of Philadelphia Foundation
Imagine a City where all residents earn a family-sustaining wage.

Imagine an Institution where all students have access to the resources needed to excel.

Imagine an Academic Environment that prepares, empowers and connects students to the workforce.

Imagine... the Philadelphia we can build together.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA—THE CITY’S COLLEGE.
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA, the City’s College, has been transforming the lives of Philadelphians for more than 50 years. The College provides high-quality education for all, empowering students to achieve their goals and thrive in the workplace. The College is an economic engine that moves the city forward. With resources to help residents start or change occupations, or advance in their current positions, Community College of Philadelphia plays a key role in Philadelphia’s prosperity and the city’s future.

Our strategic plan, “Impact 2025,” is built around an uncompromising focus on student success, ensuring that students are prepared to be bachelor’s degree-bound, career ready or both. The College’s Guided Pathways initiative creates individualized routes for all students from the moment they enter through graduation, backed by high-quality academics, supportive programs, world-class facilities, and a connection to the community.

The College has already made progress toward this vision. We’re on our way to becoming a leader among the nation’s community colleges in technology-rich, flexible learning spaces, environments where students can truly excel. We renovated chemistry and biology labs to support undergraduate research and experiential learning. We created an integrated one-stop student services area that allows for seamless registration and enrollment. We have continued to expand partnerships with four-year educational institutions and with employers across the region.

Imagine what we can achieve with your help. Public-private partnership and philanthropic support are needed to realize the College’s potential to empower communities, expand possibilities, and transform our city. Together we cannot only imagine it, we can build the path to possibilities for Philadelphia.

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Imagine
A COLLEGE THAT ENRICHES ITS COMMUNITY

“An integrated, empowering community asset”

With its Main Campus just north of Center City and Regional Centers in Northeast, Northwest and West Philadelphia, Community College of Philadelphia is the City’s College, well positioned to serve as an integrated, empowering community asset. A proposed new performing arts theater will serve as a vibrant destination for faculty and students showcasing the College’s impressive arts programs as well as visiting performers and speakers. The College prepares students to become informed and active citizens, and opens doors through partnerships with community groups, business associations, and other stakeholders.

Success Measured

Recipient of the Kathryn J. Engebretson Scholarship, Aminata Sy (Class of ’15), originally from Senegal, transferred to the University of Pennsylvania. She has been named to the 2019 class of Charles B. Rangel Graduate Fellows, which supports winners through two years of graduate school, as well as entry into the Foreign Service Corps.
The City’s College – Connected to the Community

The Institute for Community Engagement & Civic Leadership is the College’s home for volunteerism, service-learning, scholarship and research, and community partnerships. The Institute establishes community alliances and serves as a convener in unifying the city around local and regional problems.

Coordinated service learning experiences for 140 of the College’s students, culminating in 11,586 Student Volunteer Hours

Partnered with 40+ organizations and impacted 3,000+ community members through citywide service projects

98% of the College’s graduates stay in the Philadelphia metro area, contributing to the city’s vibrant economic and cultural landscape

Engaged 50 College employees in becoming Campus Support Champions to strengthen resources for foster youth

Registered 400 new voters during the #CCPVotes initiative

Did You Know?

Tuition and fees for a student to attend the College full time is around $5,000 per year, compared to $16,000 at Temple and more than $51,000 at the University of Pennsylvania.
Imagine
AN EDUCATION ROOTED IN THE REAL WORLD

“Seeing the connections between what is taught in the classroom and the broader world”

Learning does not happen only in classrooms and laboratories. Learning occurs from seeing the connections between what is taught in the classroom and the broader world outside. Students learn by doing: experimenting, building and collaborating, facilitated by cutting-edge technology. We know students thrive in flexible learning spaces with adaptable technology and tools, and as such, state-of-the-art science laboratories are necessary to support innovative student and faculty research. The College’s new Technology Center will host advanced technologies and provide space to expand the information technology and computer science programs.

Success Measured

Sometimes you gain more than an education when you go to college. Joseph J. Williams, M.D. (Class of ’68), a urologist, and Gwendolyn V. Williams, Ed.D. (Class of ’67), an educational consultant and adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, gained a partner in life. Dr. Gwen Williams was a member of the first-ever class at the College in 1965 and Dr. Joseph Williams started at the College the following year. Their story is not just one of educational and career success that began at a community college, their story is also one of building a life and family together.
Did You Know?

Licensure pass rates by students in the College’s health care programs are consistently higher than the national average.

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* There is no national benchmark or average  ** Three-year average of all test takers

The College has a long history of success with its health care programs, which include Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Imaging and Dental Hygiene, among others. These programs have catapulted thousands of students into the middle class, enabling them to start in-demand careers with wages that can support a family. A new Integrated Health Sciences Center will allow the College to better promote programs and services students already provide for the community, such as the dental hygiene clinic and community nursing initiatives.
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ACCESS TO WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

A redesigned Main Campus Library and Learning Commons will allow the College to lead the way among community colleges in revolutionizing how learning happens. Enhancements include new learning commons with readily available tutoring and other supportive services, multimedia and other technology rooms, several multi-use spaces for individual and small group study, a study lounge with a café, as well as a collaborative makerspace where students and faculty can gather to develop creative projects using a variety of tools and materials. Exhibit space will provide opportunities for gathering and viewing faculty and student work.
The College's West Philadelphia Regional Center will be transformed into a Career and Advanced Technology Center—a destination campus providing high-quality career and job training for the region's workforce. The Center, which will house state-of-the-art automotive, advanced manufacturing and high-tech health care programs, is in direct response to industry trends and needs. An investment in this space will improve the lives of some of Philadelphia's most vulnerable citizens, while simultaneously responding to the needs of Philadelphia's growing economy.
SUPPORT AND EDUCATION COME FULL CIRCLE

Quamiir Trice’s journey to becoming a teacher started in 2011 when he enrolled in a summer enrichment program at Community College of Philadelphia (CCP). While at CCP, Trice connected with the Center for Male Engagement, a program to increase retention and graduation rates among African American men.

After excelling at CCP, Trice transferred to Howard University. While he never dreamed of going to college, majoring in education, or even becoming a teacher, Trice believes that his own personal journey and his teaching style will help inspire his students.

“It’s a blessing to know that as a black male teacher I will be able to inspire students the same way that educators did for me when I was a student at CCP.”
—QUAMIIR TRICE, 4th grade teacher, Bethune Elementary (left; above, with President Barack Obama)

Success Measured

The year Larry Thi (Class of ’11) graduated from the College, he was awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, enabling him to pursue a bachelor’s degree in History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In fall 2016, Thi applied for and was awarded the Cooke Graduate Scholarship, which provides up to $50,000 a year for up to four years. In May 2019, he earned a dual master’s degree in Education Policy and Public Administration at the University of Pennsylvania.
FINDING YOUR PATH, FULFILLING YOUR DESTINY

Anyssa Q. El Manfaa, a Philadelphian with an interest in international studies and a student in Community College of Philadelphia’s highly successful Liberal Arts – Honors program, is among the 61 high-achieving students out of nearly 1,500 applicants to win the elite Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship in 2019. The highly competitive national scholarship will provide recipients with up to $40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete their bachelor’s degree.

El Manfaa said she enrolled at CCP to try to rewrite a narrative about herself; one that said she was not a scholar, and not destined for college. She saw herself going directly from high school to a job. Her time in CCP’s Honors program, which is designed to strengthen academic abilities and prepare students to earn a bachelor’s degree and beyond, changed her thinking. “I am supposed to be here (in College),” she said with a grin, “I belong here.”

With a 4.0 GPA, El Manfaa graduated on May 4, 2019. She has selected Swarthmore College as her transfer institution to continue her education. She plans to pursue international relations in hopes of using her skills to build bridges between cultures and end global conflicts.

Did You Know?

The College’s Dental Hygiene Clinic has provided examinations, cleanings and x-rays free of charge for more than 30 years. Students in the program serve approximately 900 patients free of charge each year.
“The lab experience catapulted me on a path to success while providing a unique learning environment that fostered my passion for life sciences. I love what I do and can’t wait to continue building on the opportunity that Community College of Philadelphia sparked.”

—AMANDA MORAN, BTT graduate, speaking at the Wistar Institute

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE BRINGS A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Amanda Moran seized the opportunity to apply to the College’s Biomedical Technician Training (BTT) program. Jointly developed with The Wistar Institute, the BTT program provides a gateway to the high-growth, high-demand life sciences workforce.

Combining academic coursework at the College with specialized training in research laboratories at Wistar and other affiliated research facilities, the program prepared Moran for her next step at Bryn Mawr College where she is pursuing her dream of a career in genetics counseling.

Success Measured

While a junior at Central High School, Jonathan Williams (Class of ’18) started his own professional cleaning business, Chestnut Hill Cleaning Co. While at the College, he participated in the Power Up Your Business program to better understand the fundamentals of branding. Today, his profitable business keeps five independent contractors busy cleaning churches, schools and businesses.
“The rigorous academic experience, the opportunity to be involved in student life, and professors who are willing to invest in students have really been the main things to shape my experience at the College.”

—HAZIM HARDEMAN, 2015 graduate and Rhodes Scholar

FROM NORTH PHILLY TO OXFORD

When Hazim Hardeman arrived at Community College of Philadelphia in 2012, he had no idea that he was destined to become a Rhodes Scholar.

The University of Oxford is a long way from North Philadelphia, and the road to get there wasn’t easy. First stop, Community College of Philadelphia, where Hardeman participated in the College’s Honors program, designed especially for students who plan to advance into professional life and attend competitive four-year schools. In 2015, Hardeman graduated with an associate degree with high honors in Communication Studies. In 2017, he graduated magna cum laude from Temple University. Now he has made history as the first student from Temple and the College to become a Rhodes Scholar.

Did You Know?

According to the U.S. Department of Education, every dollar invested by students in their education results in a gain of $6.50 in lifetime earnings. There is a gain of more than 10% in additional state revenues and social savings.
Imagine the Possibilities

At Community College of Philadelphia, we see a future where education is not an end in and of itself but a means to a far greater outcome: prosperous and healthy living, social equality and economic well-being.

A future where education is accessible to all and advances both the individual and the community.

A future where student success stories are as diverse as the communities we serve.

We’ve already started. As the City’s College, we are preparing the future of Philadelphia to thrive here and create a better tomorrow.

Help us continue to build that future. Imagine the possibilities.

Did You Know?

The College is the largest public institution of higher learning in Philadelphia, with more than 32,000 students enrolled. 550+ graduates have continued their education at an Ivy League institution.
Imagine You Can Help

Make a gift or make a pledge today.

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