

# Community Colleges of Iowa

## 2014

### Legislative Priorities

**State General Aid:** Supports funding state general aid at \$210.75 million, to sustain the demands of Community College students and Iowa business.

**Workforce Training:** Supports maintaining and building capacity for skilled worker training through the State's continued commitment to the Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund, Work-based Learning Intermediaries, Adult Literacy, PACE Career Pathways, and Gap Tuition Assistance Programs in the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund.

**Infrastructure:** Supports continuing the state commitment for worker training program related infrastructure and other major and equipment maintenance needs of the Community Colleges.

**Career Technical Training:** Supports expanding K12 career technical training.

**Local Governance:** Supports the flexibility of Iowa Community College Boards to access local tax support for community and worker training needs and to utilize reverse referendums to minimize costs of renewing long time levies.



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### ...an Investment in Iowa's Future

*I jumpstarted my college experience at the Career Academy in high school and finished the welding program in one semester instead of three and then completed an AgBusiness degree. I love my job, managing a large liquid fertilizer and chemical plant. I'm thankful to Iowa Lakes for partnering with the local high schools and offering high quality ag and welding programs. Nick, Welding Program and Fall 2011 AgBusiness Graduate*

*I own a small maintenance business. My success has been based on a strong work ethic and my personalized customer service. Since the inception of my business, I realized my life would be much more enriched by furthering my education and skill set. I received a Kirkwood scholarship in machining. Thank you for your generosity. Russ, CNC Short-Term Training Program Student*

*I came to America in 1988 and moved my family to Iowa in 2004. The path to my GED was not always easy and I did not think I was smart enough to pass the test—but I did! Iowa Valley helped me change the way I think and now I am going back for my accounting degree. It's going to be hard, but I think I can do it. Montealegre, GED/High School Equivalency Diploma Graduate*



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