

# SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

*Affordable, Accessible and Relevant*



## Budget Request 2025-26

Presentation to the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee

*Senator Cromer, Chair*

*Senator Jackson*

*Senator Corbin*

*Senator Turner*

*Senator Young*

# SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: HIGHLIGHTS



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## SOUTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

Each year the System educates and trains over 147,000 South Carolinians through our credit programs (108,313) and continuing education programs (39,653).



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## GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE ACROSS THE STATE

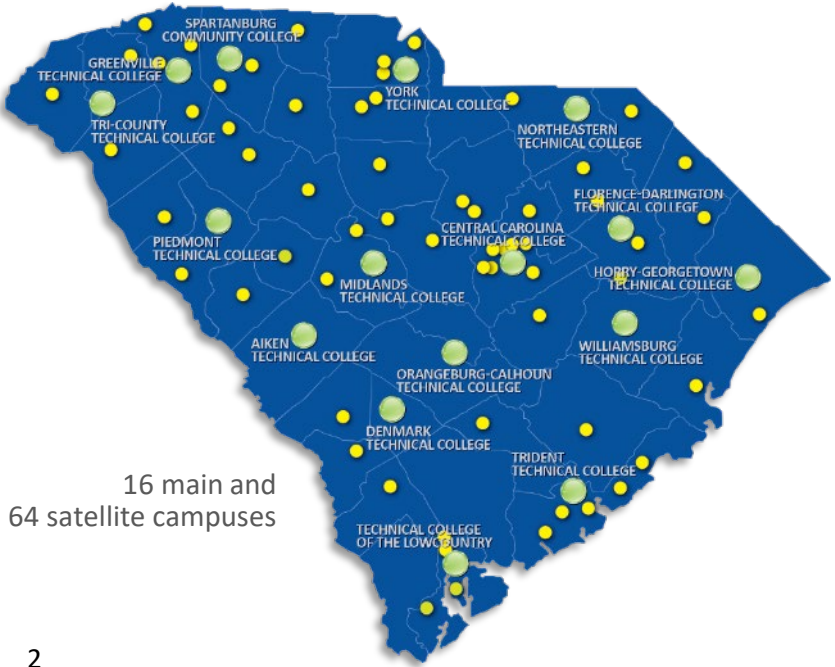
Our colleges are strategically located across the state with nearly every South Carolinian within a 30-minute drive of one of our 16 main campuses or 64 satellite campuses.



900+

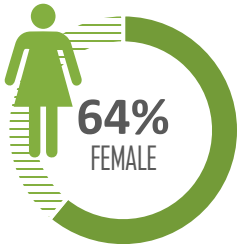
## FLEXIBILITY THROUGH BREADTH AND DEPTH OF PROGRAMS

Our colleges offer a variety of programs in South Carolina's high-demand, high-paying fields, including 74 degrees, 19 diplomas and over 900 certificate programs.

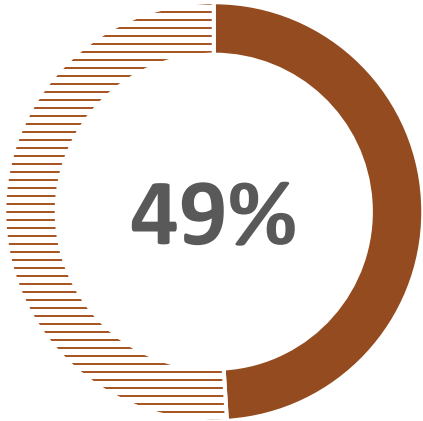


## REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

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.

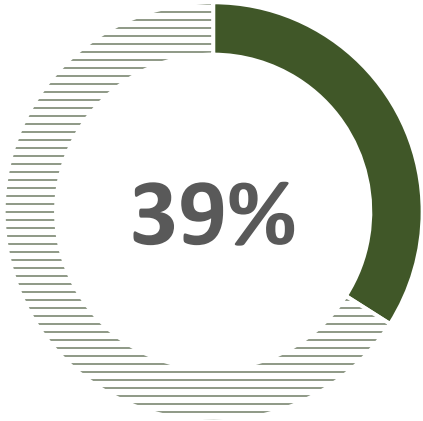


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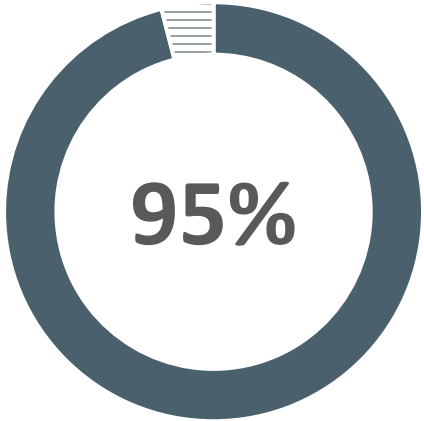
## ACCESSIBLE

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



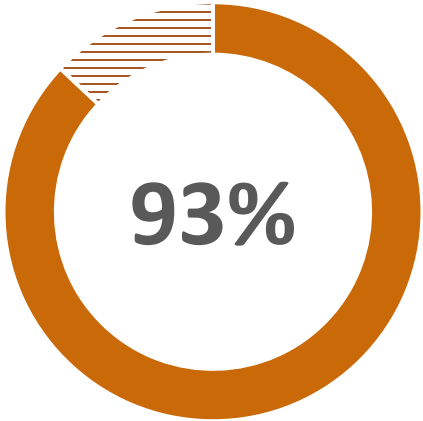
## AFFORDABLE

Average annual tuition at one of our colleges is 39% 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

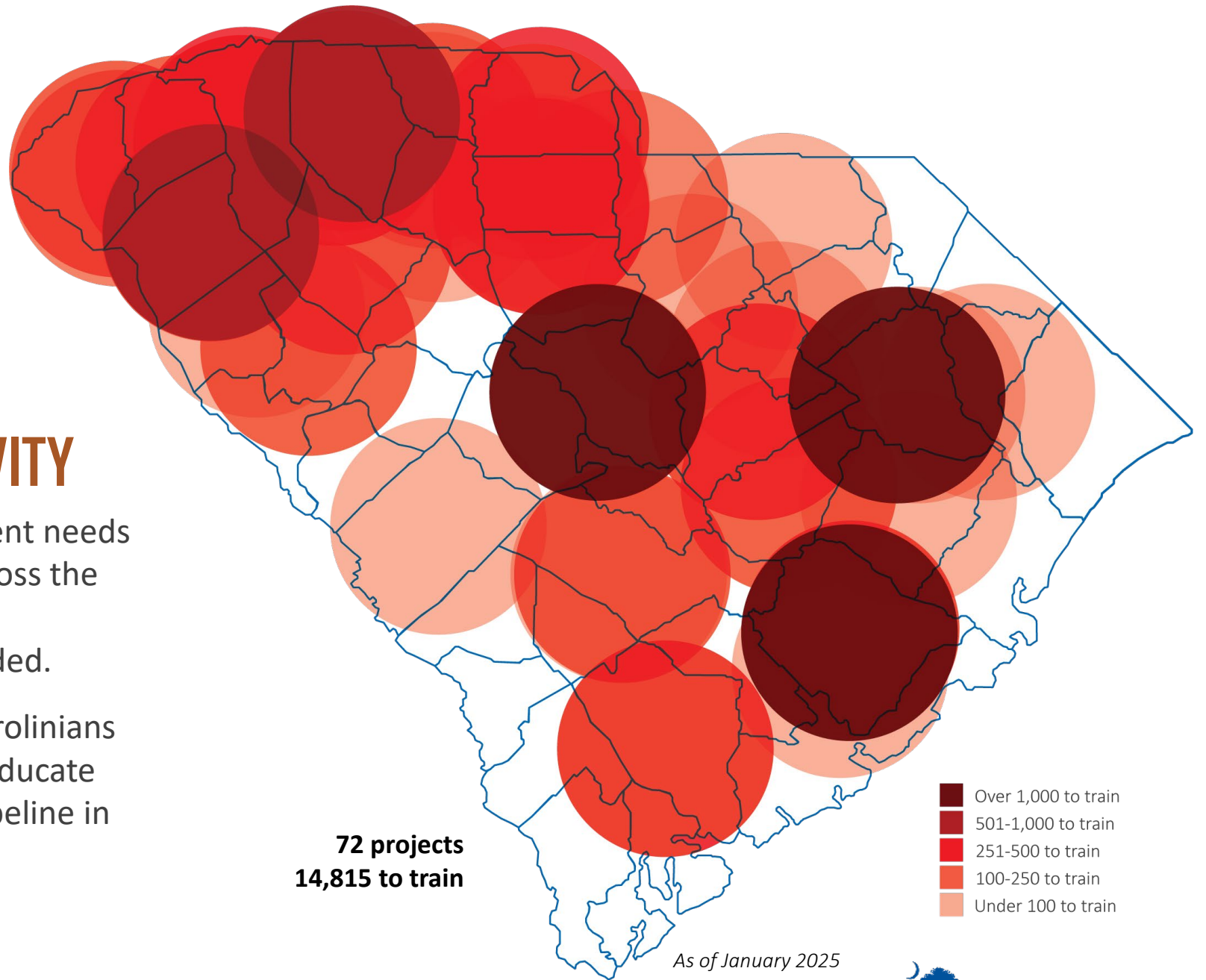
93% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study or are continuing their education.

## 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**  
**14,815 to train**



- Over 1,000 to train
- 501-1,000 to train
- 251-500 to train
- 100-250 to train
- Under 100 to train

# A LOOK AT RETURN ON INVESTMENT



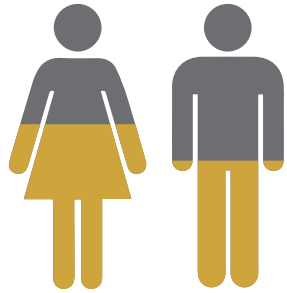
# DUAL ENROLLMENT: HIGHLIGHTS

Dual enrollment offers eligible high school students the opportunity to enroll in college coursework to earn both high school and college credit. State scholarships and local partnerships make dual enrollment through the SC Technical College System affordable.



19,135

high schoolers  
dually enrolled  
in 2023-2024



60%

Female

40%

Male



58%

White

10%

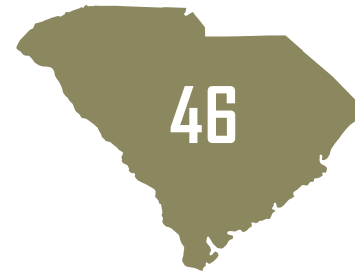
Hispanic

22%

Black/African  
American

10%

Other



All 46 counties have  
dual enrollment  
students

## TOP MAJORS:

- Associate in Arts
- General Technology
- Associate in Science
- University Studies Certificate
- Criminal Justice Technology (AAS)



857

different course  
offerings in 2023-24

## TOP OVERALL COURSES:

English, Math, Psychology, History, Biology

## TOP TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES:

Allied Health Sciences, Welding, Computer  
Technology, Industrial Technology, Criminal Justice



Dual enrollment courses are taught by  
credentialed college instructors.

42%

full-time

44%

part-time

14%

credentialed  
K12 instructor



# START COLLEGE HERE: STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

**"I WANT TO BE KNOWN AS SOMEBODY WHO DOES GOOD WORK, TAKES PRIDE IN WHAT HE DOES, AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES - YOU KNOW, BE A STANDOUT INDIVIDUAL."**

Nick McGee  
Piedmont Technical College

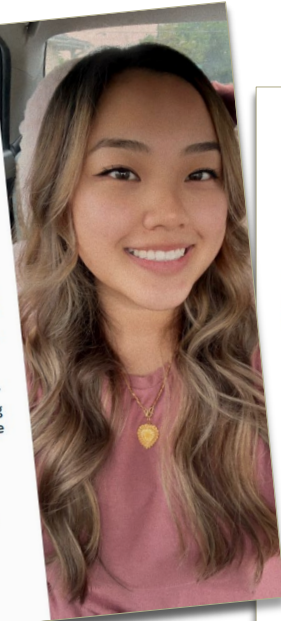
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**"BEING SELECTED AS A [SCHOLARSHIP] RECIPIENT GAVE ME A BOOST OF MOTIVATION TO KNOW THAT I AM ON THE CORRECT PATH. I FELT LIKE GOD GAVE ME THIS AS A SIGN TO LET ME KNOW THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY WITH MY FUTURE..."**

Sunflower Her  
Spartanburg  
Community College

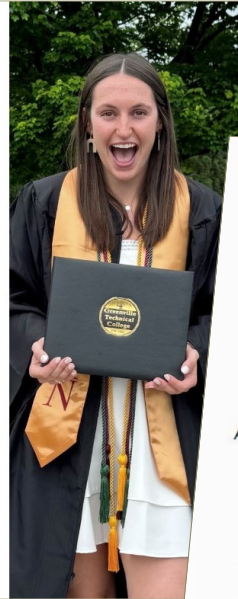
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**"WHAT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU WILL NOT CHANGE YOU. I KNEW I WANTED TO CHANGE. AND I KNEW THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE CHALLENGING. BUT I ALSO KNEW THAT IT WAS DOABLE."**

Logan Holcombe  
Greenville Technical College

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**"I KNEW I WANTED TO GRADUATE EARLY. I ALSO KNEW THAT AS A FULL-TIME WORKER, MOM, WIFE, AND STUDENT, THAT WOULDN'T BE EASY!"**

Bianca Brooks  
Aiken Technical College

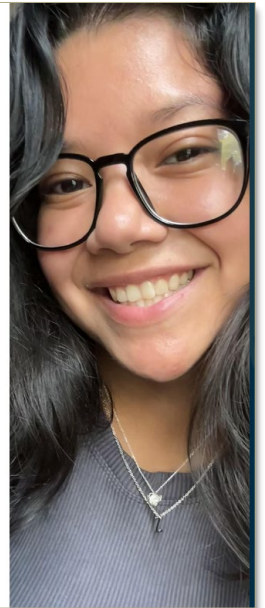
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**"MY OLDER SISTER GOT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND THEN WENT TO MIDLANDS TECH, SO I KIND OF FOLLOWED IN HER FOOTSTEPS. WE'VE BOTH MADE IT FARTHER THAN OUR PARENTS DID, AND I'M REALLY PROUD OF THAT!"**

Perla Rocha  
Midlands Technical College

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## FY2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

— PREPARING SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE —

### Increased Recurring Funding (\$12.0M)

The System's recurring funding request is designed to enhance the ability of the System and its 16 colleges to meet workforce demand effectively. By increasing recurring funding, we can ensure that our institutions have the resources necessary to provide high-quality education and training that aligns with the needs of today's job market. This investment is crucial for preparing our students for successful careers and supporting our state's economic growth.

### Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (\$56.1M)

The System's request for an increase of \$5 million in funding for the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP) will promote access to quality higher education and provide more per-credit-hour assistance. Nearly a third of technical college students rely on LTAP, and over 400,000 technical college students have benefited from the program since its inception.

### Dual Enrollment Initiative (\$5.0M)

The System's dual enrollment initiative request aims to make dual enrollment opportunities more accessible across the state. By allowing high school students to take college courses at little to no cost while still in high school, we are reducing financial burdens. We are also preparing them for the rigors of college work and equipping them with essential skills for the workplace.

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

Maintain funding for these statewide technical college scholarship programs, which are 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 (\$25.0M)

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 2025-26 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## RECURRING REQUEST

Base funding for the local colleges	\$12.0M
Dual Enrollment Initiative	\$5.0M

## NON-RECURRING REQUEST

Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)	\$56.1M
Continue SC WINS scholarship	\$95.0M
Equipment for high-demand jobs skills training	\$25.0M
Continue funding for readySC™ to deliver on commitments made by the state	\$5.0M

## CAPITAL

Individual college initiatives	\$470.1M
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# PROVISO REQUESTS

- 25.1. (TEC: Training of New & Expanding Industry) - KEEP
- 25.2. (TEC: Training of New & Expanding Industry Carry Forward) - KEEP
- 25.3. (TEC: Training of New & Expanding Industry - Payments of Prior Year Expenditures) – KEEP
- 25.4. (TEC: Critical Statewide Workforce Needs) – KEEP
- 25.5. (TEC: Florence-Darlington Marion Campus) – KEEP
- 25.6. DELETED in FY24-25 Budget
- 25.7. (TEC: Shared Services) – KEEP
- 25.8. (TEC: York Fund Repurpose) – DELETE
- 25.9. (TEC: IDD Workforce Pilot) – Conform to Funding
- 25.10. (TEC: Denmark Technical Funds) - DELETE