City Colleges of Chicago Factsheet

Institutional profile
- **Size:** The largest community college system in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation, with 5,700 faculty and staff serving almost 100,000 students annually.
- **Scope:** The system includes seven colleges, six satellite sites, and about 70 adult education instruction off-sites citywide. It also oversees the Washburne Culinary Institute, the French Pastry School, two restaurants, a cafe, five Child Development Centers, the Workforce Academy, the PBS station WYCC-TV, and the radio station WKKC-FM.

Strategic initiatives
- **Reinvention:** Launched in 2010 by Chancellor Cheryl Hyman, the Reinvention of City Colleges is a collaborative effort to review and revise programs and practices to ensure students leave CCC college- and career-ready.
- **College to Careers:** The internationally-recognized College to Careers initiative partners City Colleges with industry-leading companies to prepare Chicagoans for careers in six growing fields: healthcare, TDL, business, advanced manufacturing, information technology, education, and culinary arts and hospitality. Launched in 2011, more than 200 companies and universities are now helping align curricula and facilities with employer demand to close the skills gap. More than 3,000 students have found work since the C2C program launched.
- **Capital plan:** A capital plan of nearly $700 million includes the completion of a new $251 million Malcolm X College campus, a $45 million TDL Center at Olive-Harvey College, and $70 million in system-wide academic and student-facing technology enhancements (i.e., smart classrooms, libraries, labs, student support centers.)

Recent achievements
- **Completion and enrollment growth:**
  - The number of degrees awarded crossed 5,000 in FY2016, compared to an average of 2,000 annually before the Reinvention initiative.
  - The graduation rate has doubled since the launch of Reinvention, reaching 17 percent in FY2016, the highest in City Colleges’ history.
- **4-year partnerships:** Robust, system-wide articulation agreements have been signed with four-year institutions since 2010, including at IIT, UIC, UI Urbana-Champaign, DePaul University and Lewis University.
- **Adult education overhaul:** City Colleges has realigned its adult education (ESL, GED, adult basic education) off-site locations to better serve community need per 2010 census trends. In FY2016, transitions to credit courses had more than doubled since the launch of Reinvention.
- **Strong financial profile:**
  - Under Chancellor Hyman’s leadership, City Colleges’ budget has been balanced with no increase in property taxes and CCC has saved $66 million in operation costs that are being redirected to the classroom.

External recognition
- In 2015, Kennedy-King College won the first-ever Aspen Institute Rising Star Award for its rapid improvement in completion, tripling its graduation rate since the launch of Reinvention.
- Kennedy-King College and Wright College were among 150 community colleges in the nation to be invited to apply for the 2015 Aspen Institute Prize for Community College Excellence.
Daley College and Olive-Harvey College were recognized in 2014 as among the country’s top ten fastest-growing community colleges (for the 2011-2012 year) by the national publication Community College Week.

Kennedy-King College was recognized in 2013 as one of the country’s top 50 community colleges by Washington Monthly magazine.

CCC was recognized as Owner of the Year in 2014 by Engineering New Record (ENR) Midwest for breaking ground on two major capital projects (the $251 million Malcolm X College campus and $45 million TDL Center at Olive-Harvey College) that “are designed and programmed to stimulate career development and job growth.”