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# **THE DECADE OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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**The Completion Agenda  
or  
The Student Success  
Agenda**



# Red Flags—National

- **Once first in the world, America now ranks 10th in the percentage of young adults with a college degree.**
- **Over the last 30 years, the average industrialized country has increased postsecondary attainment by about 75%—more than double that of the United States.**



# Red Flags National

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- **For the first time in our history, the current generation of college-age Americans will be less educated than their parents' generation.**
- **Today, if you are born poor you are likely to die poor.**



# Red Flags—C Colleges

- **14% of CC students do not complete a single credit in first term**
- **Almost 50% drop out by second yr.**
- **60% need remediation**
- **33% recommended for dvlp. studies never enroll in those courses**
- **Only 10% of entering students who want a B. A. ever attain one**



# Nevada

## Of 100 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- **51 graduate from high school**
- **5 enroll in a community college**
- **3 return for the sophomore year**
- **2 graduate in 3 years**

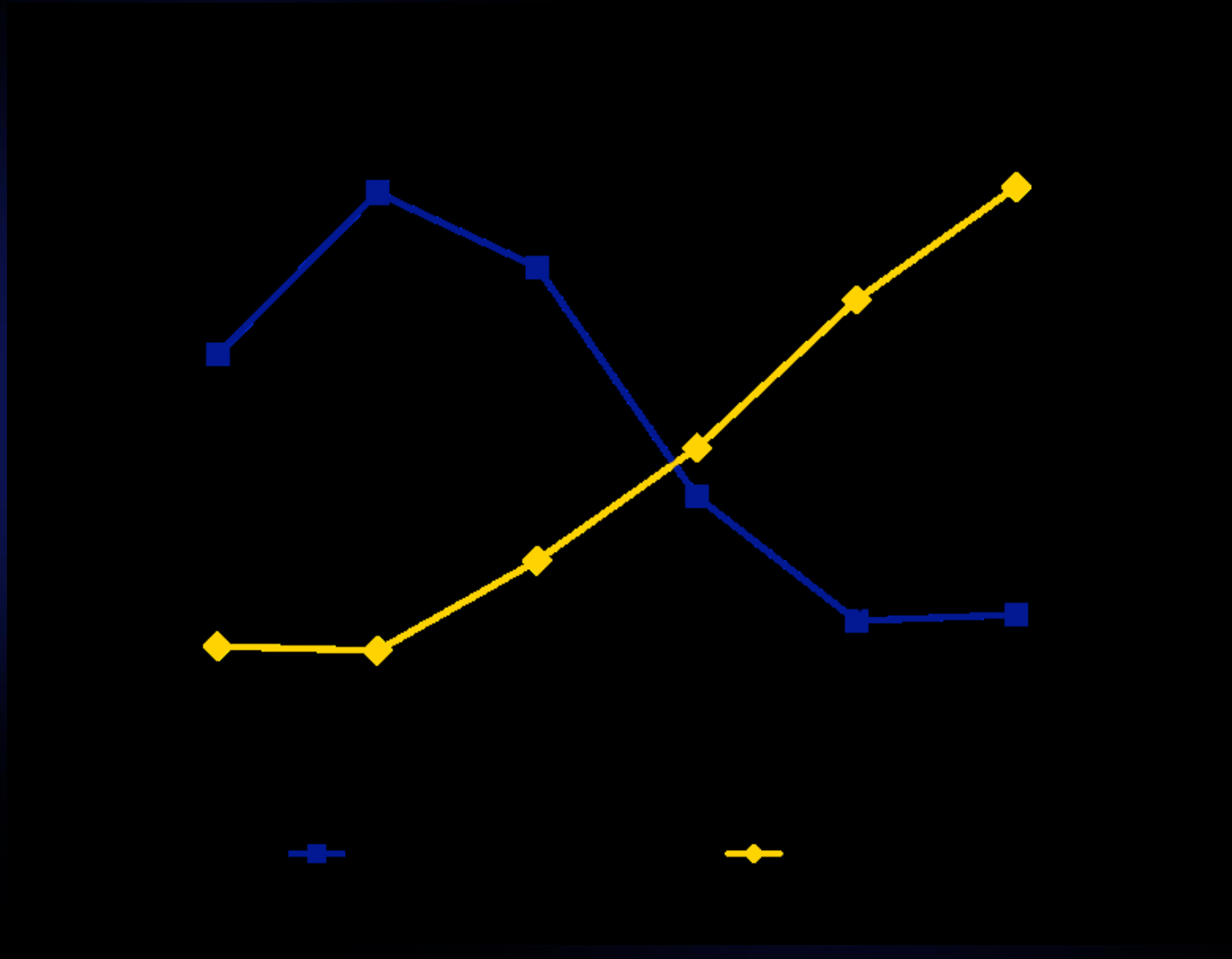


# Nevada

- Ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in % of low-income students attending college
- Needs to increase number of college graduates by 330% to meet state needs
- 22% reduction in state support in recent years while enrollment soars



# Florida Enrollment & Funding





# Completion Agenda

- **President Obama: 5 million more CC grads by 2020**
- **Lumina: 60% increase by 2025**
- **Gates: double number of grads**
- **CC Org: 50% more by 2020**
- **Florida: double by 2020**
- **Anne Arundel: double by 2020**



# The Gates Foundation

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“The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has identified the community college as a key player in education and is supporting its role in the national agenda to double the number of low-income young adults who earn a postsecondary credential.... investing \$475 million over four years in its Postsecondary Success strategy.”



# Completion Agenda

- **Create Model Pathways to Success & Completion**
- **Degrees/credentials with marketplace value**
- **Milestones and Momentum**
- **Practices based on evidence**
- **Low-income, under-prepared, first generation students**



# Pathway Components

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- **Connecting to high school & adult students**
- **Connecting to the college**
- **Preparing to begin classes**
- **Providing classroom instruction**
- **Monitoring first-term progress**
- **Preparing for subsequent terms**
- **Preparing for completion & next steps**



# High School Connections

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- **Formal agreements**
- **Aligned courses**
- **Dual enrollment**
- **College assessment in 11<sup>th</sup> grade**
- **Remediation**
- **Early College High School & Advanced Placement**
- **Visits to community college campus**
- **Priority admissions**



# Preparing To Begin Classes

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- **Print & electronic materials**
- **Mandatory Orientation**
- **Mandatory Assessment**
- **Mandatory Advising**
- **Mandatory Placement**
- **Individual Learning Plan**
- **Financial Aid Counseling**
- **Elimination of Late Registration**
- **Personal connections**



# Developmental Education

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- **Multiple assessments**
- **Supplemental Instruction**
- **Accelerated Learning**
- **Contextual Instruction**
- **Tutoring**
- **Learning Communities**



# First Term Progress

- **Early warning systems**
- **Intervention strategies**
- **Student Success Courses**
- **First-Year College Experience**
- **Learning-Centered Teaching Strategies: project-based learning, learning communities, service learning, collaborative learning, contextual learning, classroom assessment techniques**





# Preparing for Completion

- **Audit credits accumulated**
- **Capstone courses and projects**
- **Transfer articulation agreements**
- **Transfer readiness course**
- **Job application**
- **Celebrating completion**
- **Planning for lifelong learning**



# Why Do This Work?

**“Our programs are aimed at the kids without the money, without the best background, the first ones in their family to show up at college. The simple truth is, those are the kids who need us, and we’re going to help them. That’s what the change is all about.”**

**Glenn DuBois, Chancellor  
Virginia CC System**



# The Completion Agenda

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**Failure  
is not an  
option.**



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*Ancora Imparo*  
“Still I Am Learning.”

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