

# ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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ALAMO  
COLLEGES  
DISTRICT



Malcolm Baldrige  
National Quality Award  
2018 Award Recipient

NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW COLLEGE

NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE

PALO ALTO COLLEGE

ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

# ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT



## PELL GRANT EXPANSION

- Extend Pell Grant eligibility to short-term training programs.
- Increase the maximum Pell Grant annually to maintain its purchasing power.
- Extend Pell Grant support to incarcerated students — “Second Chance” support.

### ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT FACTS



Alamo Colleges partners with the Bexar County Sheriff’s Office and Three Rivers Correctional Institute on vocational training for inmates in HVAC, carpentry, welding and job readiness serving approximately 3,000 inmates in the last five years.

## SUPPORT STATE INVESTMENTS IN LOWERING THE COST OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Establish a federal/state partnership to enhance college affordability or create tuition-free community college.
- Incentivize states to sustain and enhance their support of higher education.

### ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT FACTS



Alamo Colleges revenue sources: 23% state funding, 44% property taxes, 29% tuition and 4% other.



AlamoPROMISE was launched in October 2019 to offer tuition-free college to graduating Bexar County seniors from participating high schools.



## TRANSPARENCY AND DATA

- Create a national student unit record data system that accurately tracks completion, transfer and graduates’ earnings.
- Create a formal completion rate of 300% of “normal time” for community college programs to accurately reflect the student populations.

### ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT FACTS



#### 70% OF STUDENTS

rely on some type of financial aid and scholarships.



We offer the lowest tuition in the region, just over \$1,000 per semester.



#### 80% OF STUDENTS

are part-time because of family and job responsibilities.

# 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## INVEST IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

- Increase funding for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work-Study, TRIO, GEAR UP, and Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) programs.
- Increase funding for institutional aid programs that serve underrepresented populations.
- Enhance funding for Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, Adult Basic and Literacy Education State Grants, state grants under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program.
- Continue to support dedicated community college funding to expand job training programs for in-demand industries by increasing funding for the new Strengthening Community College Training Grants administered by the Department of Labor.

### ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT FACTS



The Alamo Colleges District provides job skills training to 20,000 non-degree-seeking students annually in high-demand areas of advanced manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, business and entrepreneurship and public service.



We partner with over fifty businesses and industries to provide customized job skills training to incumbent workers.



## SUPPORT VETERANS

- Support funding for new and existing programs to help institutions better serve the needs of veteran students.
- Ensure the ability of active-duty personnel and their dependents to access community college educational programs.



### ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT FACTS



Alamo Colleges District - St. Philip's College houses the Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach & Transition Center to serve all active-duty and retired service members and their families in the region.



Alamo Colleges District - San Antonio College is home to the Victory Center, a one-stop shop for student veterans.



## SUPPORT DREAMERS

- Enact the Dream Act to provide a path to citizenship for certain undocumented students who entered the U.S. as minors.

### ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT FACTS



Approximately 1,000 DREAMers are enrolled at the Alamo Colleges District colleges.



Our DREAMers are dedicated, as evidenced by their college retention rate of 88 percent and a course completion rate of 93 percent.



A loss of those students and their families, specifically in the San Antonio region would impact the fabric of our community both economically and socially.



Example: Laura Franco attended Alamo Colleges District - San Antonio College. She followed a career pathway to Texas A&M University. Laura graduated at 25 with a master's degree and is in the process of finishing a doctoral degree. She now works at the Mexican Consulate, where she is able to help other DREAMers improve their lives through education.

