



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT [2023]

CLC IS A LEADER

CLC achieved a milestone with its designation as a Leader College. This national recognition awarded by the Achieving the Dream Network is the result of improved student outcomes through the College's relentless commitment to transformational change and the implementation of innovative practices within the student success model over the past few years.



CLC aspires to be a place where every student succeeds, every employee thrives, so that every business achieves and every community grows.

CLC IS STRATEGIC

CLC's 2024 Strategic Plan aims to continuously improve equitable student success outcomes through excellence in teaching, learning and community partnerships.

THREE CAMPUSES. TWO CENTERS. ONE COLLEGE.

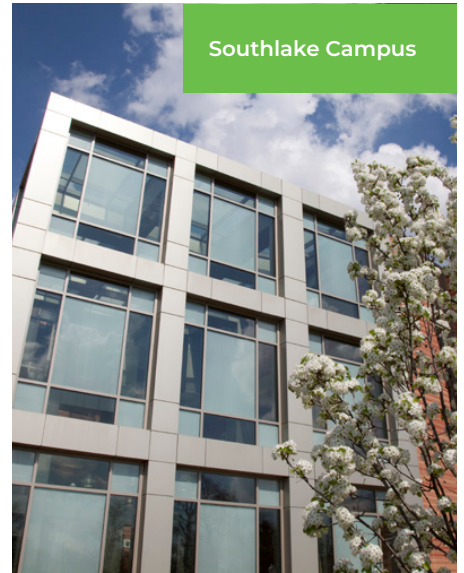
Grayslake Campus



Lakeshore Campus



Southlake Campus



Advanced
Technology Center



Brae Loch Culinary
Center & Restaurant





AT A GLANCE

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

Data finalized by CLC's Data Warehouse on July 24, 2023

**MORE THAN
20,500**

students enrolled in college,
adult education, English
as a second language and
workforce training classes

35,000+
community
members served



NINE FIELDS OF INTEREST



Arts, Digital Media
and Communications



Business, Hospitality and
Information Technology



Humanities, Culture
and Global Studies



Education and
Social Sciences



Legal Studies
and Public Safety



Science and Math



Sustainability and
Horticulture



Manufacturing, Engineering
and Advanced Technologies




Wellness and
Health Sciences



49 liberal arts and
career-focused
associate degrees

128
short-term
certificates



15:1
student to faculty ratio

1 in 5 2022 local high school graduates attended CLC the year after graduation

27%	73%
full-time students	part-time students

33 

Guaranteed Transfer Agreements with four-year colleges and universities

 **100+**
transfer guides and articulation agreements




MORE THAN 3,400
graduates earned **4,800+** awarded credentials last year

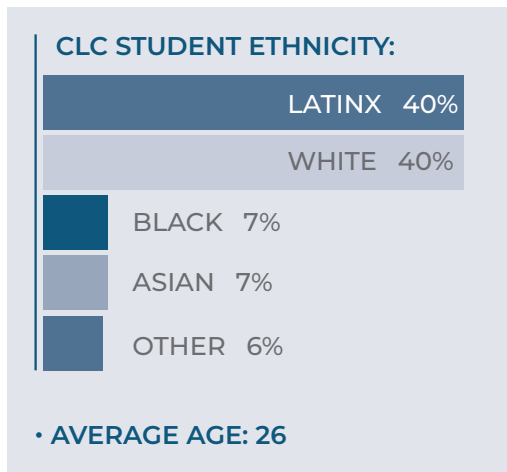


CLC has reached the highest graduation rate in **20 YEARS!**



SERVING OUR DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

CLC's student body is increasingly diverse, reflecting the Lake County community the college serves.



DID YOU KNOW?

CLC is federally designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution according to the Higher Education Act by the U.S. Department of Education. According to Excelencia in Education, College of Lake County is one of the top 5 institutions awarding associate degrees to Latinx students in Illinois.

DESIGNATED
**HISPANIC-SERVING
INSTITUTION**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT ADOPTED

Created in collaboration by a group of dedicated students, faculty and staff, the Anti-Racism Statement is one of the few to be adopted by any community college in the country. This demonstrates CLC's commitment to the diverse Black, Indigenous, People of Color communities we serve.

"We know that being in a position of power and remaining silent on the issue of racist practices is a disservice to our college community and our mission. We stand in unity with all oppressed, marginalized, minoritized and targeted racial/ethnic groups against racism, bias and hate. We support racial equality, racial equity and social justice."



Read the full
statement online



GLOBAL SOCIETY

No matter what country you call home, you are welcome at CLC.



88 international students,
representing **35+** countries

- International students studying at College of Lake County contributed \$1.5 million to the local economy
- CLC offers extraordinary, affordable short-term and semester-long study abroad programs to more than 10 countries





HERE TO SERVE

Since the Student Center at Lakeshore Campus opened in January 2023, CLC hosted more than 3,500 community members at 50+ events in the Eleanor Murkey Community Center. With a balcony overlooking Lake Michigan, this space is a unique asset to downtown Waukegan and community organizations.



COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

Collaboration between CLC and local high school teachers and administrators creates dual credit opportunities that provide a growing number of students a path to degree completion in the least amount of time and cost and increase the college-going rate for Lake County students.

CLC has dual credit partnerships with 24 high schools, serving more than 3,000 students in 42 academic departments. Students and families benefit from cost savings of approximately \$2.2 million in college tuition.

“Being in dual credit classes has given me the opportunity to get college credits without the cost.”
– Brooke Roben, Lake Zurich high school student



30%

of dual credit students
became CLC students
after graduating
high school

Record Setting Year!

Dual credit enrollment

INCREASED BY

38%

in 2023, above the

43%

increase in 2022!



BRINGING HOME GOLD

CLC students competed at the 2023 SkillsUSA state competition and won four gold medals. They earned the opportunity to advance to the national competition and traveled to Atlanta for the “Largest Gathering of America’s Future Skilled Workforce,” where the CLC business/entrepreneurship team beat out the competition for first place.

“It was exciting to travel and network with new people. SkillsUSA showed me how important it is to take opportunities to put myself out there.” – Jose Gallo, student



STUDENT-FOCUSED COLLABORATIVE CULTURE



CLC employs more than

1,700

people dedicated
to student success



100+ employees

have more than
20 years of service
at CLC





FEATURED FACULTY

CLC psychology instructor Martha Lally is not only the full-time faculty award recipient selected by CLC students, she's also the co-winner of Illinois Community College Trustees Association Faculty Award. Lally is a licensed clinical psychologist who strives to meet students where they are in the classroom. The award demonstrates her commitment to student success.

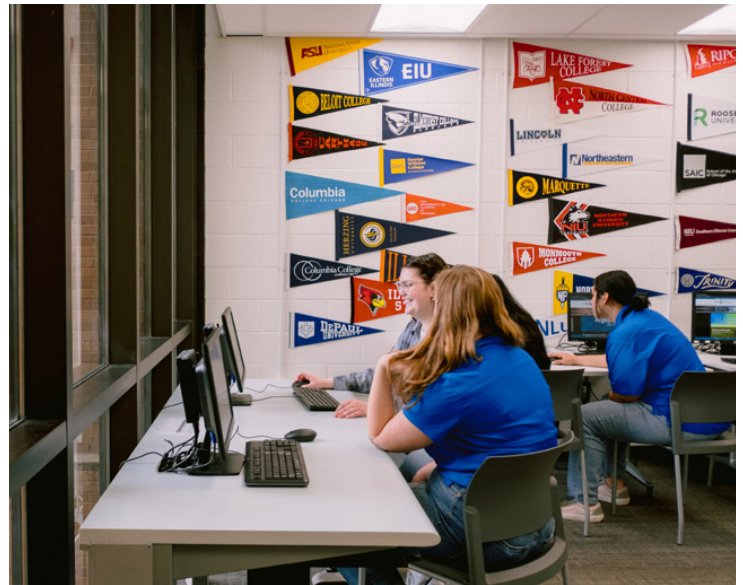
"Connecting with my students is very important to me." – Martha Lally



RESOURCING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

CLC strategically redesigned the student onboarding and first-year experience programs to launch students toward successful completion of their first semester in college. Students now benefit from:

- **17 College and Career Navigators** offer guidance and onboarding support to all new students. Navigators work with adult learners and in local high schools to build relationships and partnerships to support students and their plan for college.
- **25 Academic Success Advisors** serve nearly 10,000 students, helping them chart their educational journey through more than 22,000 advising appointments.
- Expanded orientation includes more than a dozen new student convocations near the beginning of each semester, offering flexible opportunities for students to find a warm welcome at CLC. Students who participate in convocation, orientation and take a student success course increase their likelihood of continuing from their first term to second term by at least 4 percentage points compared to those who don't participate.





CHEERS FOR CHANGE

CLC was one of five institutions to receive a national award for its holistic approach to advising students from the Advising Success Network of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The award recognizes the significant work to establish a redesigned, full-scale, systemic student onboarding, first-year experience and advising model.



MEETING STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE

CLC students have access to convenient, free and affordable resources to meet their basic needs and achieve academic success.



- College initiatives enable students to save \$2 million in textbook costs
- CLC loans 3,700+ pieces of technology, including laptops, internet hotspots and TI84 calculators at no cost to students
- More than 100 tutors work with 2,100+ students in 14,000+ tutoring sessions
- 8,000+ students receive free food from the SHARE Market at Grayslake and Lakeshore Campuses, including 150 turkey totes at Thanksgiving

PERSONALIZED, CULTURALLY RELEVANT SUPPORT

CLC provides students free financial, academic and supportive resources.

A compassionate team of academic, career and personal advising professionals offer support from the day students apply to CLC through graduation and beyond.



- More than 400 students benefit from 3,000+ individual and group therapy and mental health appointments at Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health & Wellness Services supports 2,800+ office visits from students and employees
- The Access & Disability Resource Center supports 890 students needing accommodations and multidimensional supports across a spectrum of disabilities or other abilities
- To create a sense of belonging, CLC supports initiatives for students of all identities, including Black, Latinx, LGBTQ+, students identifying as women, military-affiliated students and members of diverse, multicultural communities





SMART INVESTMENT

- On average, students who enroll for two years at CLC before transferring to complete their bachelor's degree at a university in Illinois can save more than \$30,000 in tuition and fees
- 26% of students were awarded more than \$21 million in all other forms of financial aid including scholarships
- 17% of students receive federal Pell grants for low-income community members, making their education cost-free with support for learning resources and living expenses
- More than 300 students in need of emergency funds were granted \$123,000+ in Lancer Emergency Assistance Funds



DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The CLC Foundation is dedicated to opening doors to educational opportunities for all in Lake County. Thanks to the generosity of donors, students in need receive scholarships and emergency funds, and visionary development ventures receive funding support.

- CLC Foundation distributed \$560,000+ in student scholarships
- More than 530 students received support from Foundation donors



PATH TO BETTER HEALTHCARE

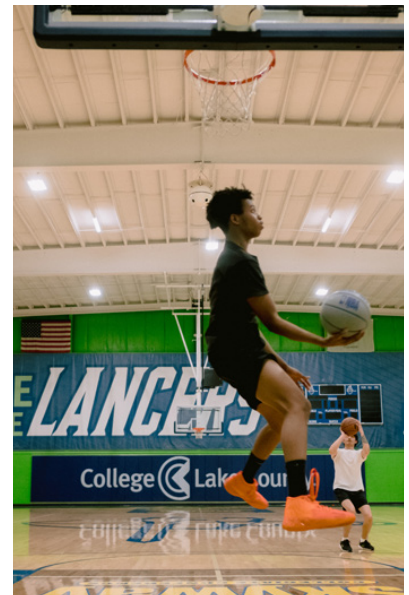
Funded through a generous \$1.5 million grant from the state of Illinois, the Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare (PATH) Workforce Program provides students with financial support to help pay for educational and living expenses. With a growing demand for healthcare workers, the state turned to community colleges to quickly get trained workers into the field.



LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE

Student co-curricular activities are a vital component of a successful college experience. Getting involved has a direct and positive impact on students' learning, development and success. CLC offers an array of student life activities, competitive athletic teams and opportunities to practice fine and applied arts.

- Students perform in dance, theatrical and music ensembles and create award-winning literary publications, artwork and ceramic designs sold to the community
- More than 25 student clubs and organizations, including Student Government Association, Black Student Union, Fandom Anime, Pride Alliance and Latino Student Alliance
- Several student club leaders attend national multicultural conferences on race and ethnicity in New Orleans and immersive tours of Washington, D.C.
- More than 200 student athletes compete in 13 intercollegiate athletic programs, including an adaptive sports team for wheelchair football
- Lancer athletes excel in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference and National Junior College Athletic Association in Region 4 at the Division I and II levels







COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

CLC's efforts are supported by community partners, including non-profit organizations, educational institutions, businesses, government agencies and community networks. Collaboration with these partners results in meaningful connections that achieve mutually beneficial outcomes across Lake County.



- More than 85% of graduates are employed after graduating
- 73 apprenticeships placed with 23 employers
- Nearly 300 student workers employed by CLC
- 1,500+ touchpoints with employers
- 132 employers engaged in partnerships through the Career & Job Placement Center
- More than 350 businesses and institutions represented across 37 academic advisory committees
- 556 community members served as CLC advisory committee members
- College operations contributed \$150.2 million in economic output to Lake County



LEARNING FOR ALL AGES

CLC provides community programming for students of all ages and abilities, including non-credit classes, professional development and workforce training to upskill employees.

- Nearly 80 students served by the Personal Success Program, providing career skills training for young adults with cognitive disabilities
- More than 100 community members attended sign language classes, allowing them to communicate and serve local organizations and their families
- 400+ students in grades 1-12 attended summer camps offering hands-on career exploration in STEM-based careers, including culinary, medical, dental, automotive repair and robotics. 75 students from North Chicago attended thanks to a scholarship from the Steans Family Foundation
- Record breaking 800+ community members learned something new at 45 hands-on booths at Maker Faire Lake County, engaging in robotic competitions, pneumatic rocket launches and musical tesla coil demonstrations
- The National Safety Council recognized CLC's Judicial Services Department as a Training Center of the Year for its dedication to student-focused education and unwavering commitment to excellence with Defensive Driving courses





CULTURALLY FOCUSED

CLC's fine and performing arts outreach and engagement opportunities deliver high quality, culturally relevant experiences in Lake County.

- 722 pieces of artwork from 254 artists displayed in the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art
- The James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts attracted more than 16,000 attendees at nearly 80 events, including CLC music concerts, theatre and dance performances, local and national touring artists, Salute to Gospel Music, student convocations and community events
- The Grayslake Campus farm grew 5,650 lbs. of produce and raised \$10,000 for the horticulture program from farm stand sales. Student interns help grow 50 different crops in more than 150 varieties
- In partnership with the Lake County Forest Preserves and Lake County Workforce Development, CLC mentored six high school youth at the Green Youth Farm in North Chicago





FEELING AT HOME

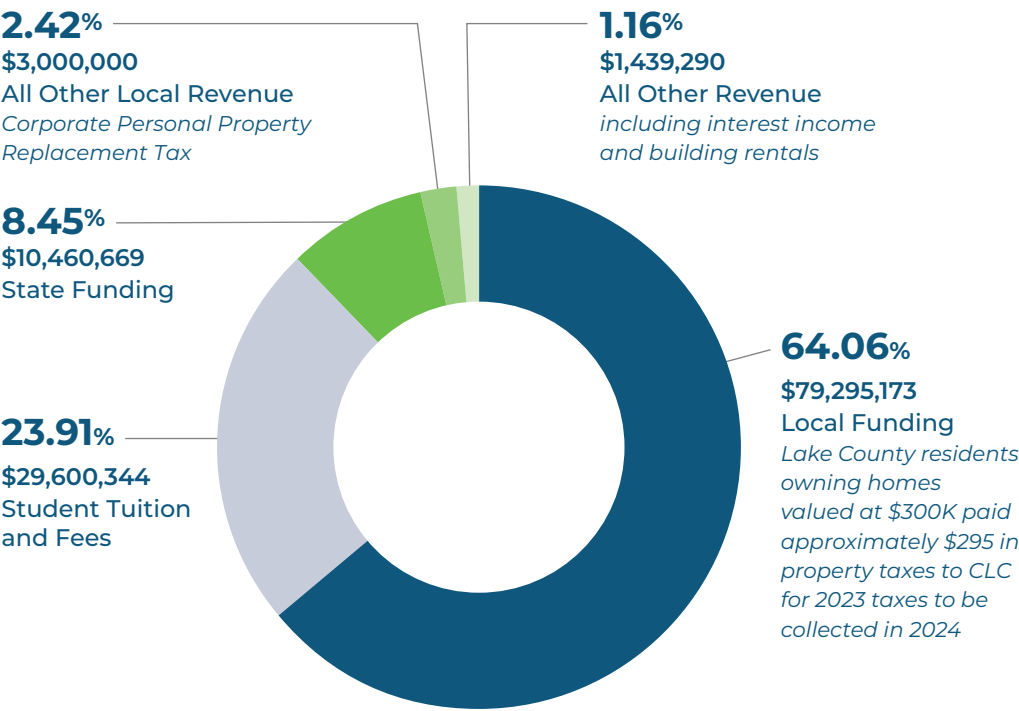
CLC welcomed its first-ever Artist-in-Residence. Cristina Chopalli, of Mundelein, created an oversized acrylic painting masterpiece that served as the center of the Wright Gallery fall exhibition, *Home*.



FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE

Fiscal sustainability is critical to CLC’s ability to fulfill its vision and commitment to the communities and individuals of Lake County. CLC continues to maintain a Aaa bond rating demonstrating its strong financial policy and financing decisions to advance the outcomes of the 2024 Strategic Plan. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget is the result of a rigorous process that ensures strategic and prudent use of existing resources to achieve institutional priorities and a balanced budget.

2024 Annual Budget Operating Funds Revenue: \$123.8 million





LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

CLC is leading a capital campaign to complete phase 2 of the Advanced Technology Center and support the creation of the Urban Farm Center at the Lakeshore Campus. Advancing these efforts with, and for, our communities is an investment in workforce and economic development. Generous funders assist CLC in accelerating strategic projects, expanding programming and creating entrepreneurial opportunities for Lake County residents.

MISSION

College of Lake County is a comprehensive community college committed to equitable high-quality education, cultural enrichment and partnerships to advance the diverse communities it serves.

VISION

College of Lake County is a leader in providing innovative education and workforce solutions.

VALUES

Excellence | Purpose | Integrity | Compassion | Unity | Inclusion

STRATEGIC PILLARS

Access & Success | Equity & Inclusion | Teaching & Learning Excellence
Community & Workforce Partnerships
Collaborative Culture | Strategic Use of Resources



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