

## The Legislative Program of The Iowa Association of Community College Trustees

- PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF IOWA AUTHORITY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL OPERATING FUNDS IN THEIR LOCAL DISTRICTS
- APPROPRIATE \$147,577,403 FOR GENERAL STATE AID
- FUND THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT AT THE \$3 MILLION LEVEL
- MAINTAIN LOCALLY ELECTED BOARDS OF TRUSTEES
- SUPPORT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING

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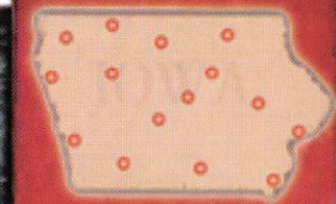
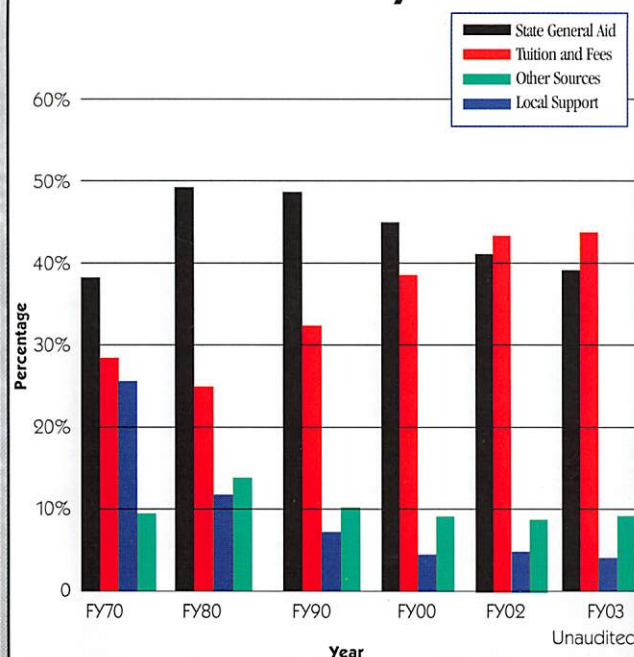
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# Community Colleges' Revenue Sources

**Community Colleges of Iowa  
Percentage of  
Total Revenue by Source**



## THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF IOWA

*Chapter 1*

"The investment in the Iowa Community Colleges is sound from multiple perspectives. It enriches the lives of students and reduces the demand for taxpayer-supported social services. Finally, it contributes to the vitality of both local and state economies."

**CCBENEFITS INC. STUDY, MARCH 2003**

"For instance, most of the institutions serve as the regional hub for economic development planning. They provide business-partnering programs for their communities. They are the local center for entrepreneurial and leadership promotion, sponsoring conferences and offering continuing education opportunities."

**HARVEY SIEGELMAN,**  
**IOWA'S FORMER STATE ECONOMIST**

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## The Socioeconomic Benefits Generated By 15 Community College Districts In Iowa

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- The 15 community college districts in Iowa pay \$280.1 million in direct faculty and staff wages and salaries, and explain an additional \$2,760 million in wages and salaries off campus.
- Taxpayers see a real money "book" return of 9.5% on their annual investments in the community colleges and recover all investments in 12.8 years.
- Students enjoy an attractive 23% annual return on their investment of time and money—for every \$1 the student invests in a college education, he or she will receive a cumulative \$6.47 in higher discounted future earnings over the next 36 years.
- The State of Iowa benefits from improved health and reduced welfare, unemployment, and crime, saving the public some \$49.8 million per year.



# Legislative Recommendations for the Community Colleges of Iowa

**WE RECOMMEND THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCHES OF IOWA GOVERNMENT PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF IOWA AUTHORITY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL OPERATING FUNDS IN THEIR LOCAL DISTRICTS.**

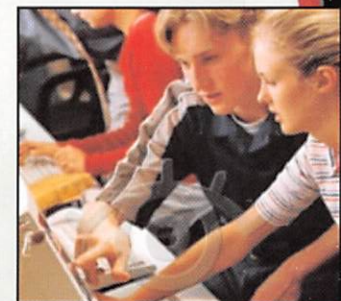
**THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASKING FOR STATE AID IS TO RETURN THE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2001 FISCAL YEAR LEVEL.** General State Aid, the financial foundation for our community colleges' operations is now approximately \$11.8 million lower than it was for the 2001 fiscal year. A General State Aid appropriation increase in the amount of \$11.8 million would return state aid to the level of the 2001 fiscal year appropriations.

**RE-INSTATE THE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM WITH AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3 MILLION FOR THE 2005 FISCAL YEAR.** In past years, community colleges received an appropriation of \$3 million per year to be used for the purchase of technology instructional equipment.



**LOCALLY ELECTED BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MUST CONTINUE TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT IF OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE TO CONTINUE TO EXCEL AND MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

The Community Colleges of Iowa have demonstrated extraordinary success in providing a broad range of educational services to Iowans. Perhaps the most important contributing factor to this record of success has been the role played by the colleges' locally elected boards.



**AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE GROW IOWA VALUES FUND LEGISLATION RELATED TO SUPPORT FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION, WORKFORCE TRAINING, ACE, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.** Legislative debate and public discussion surrounding the development of the Grow Iowa Values Fund served to point out the need to change the direction of the Iowa economy. The above represents a big step in the right direction. The need for additional funding in these important areas remains. THANKS to MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE and ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCHES of state government for addressing an important part of our citizens' Future!



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