

# Community Colleges for Iowa

House Education Budget Subcommittee

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*One voice for accessible excellence in education*



# About Us

- Community Colleges for Iowa advocates with one voice for accessible excellence in education. We are a nonprofit, volunteer membership association and the primary advocate for Iowa's 15 Community Colleges. We provide leadership on issues affecting the colleges and represent the collective needs, vision, and values of the colleges to state and federal policymakers.



# 15 Colleges, 124 Locally-Elected Trustees



# 2024 Legislative Priorities

## **Invest in Community College student success**

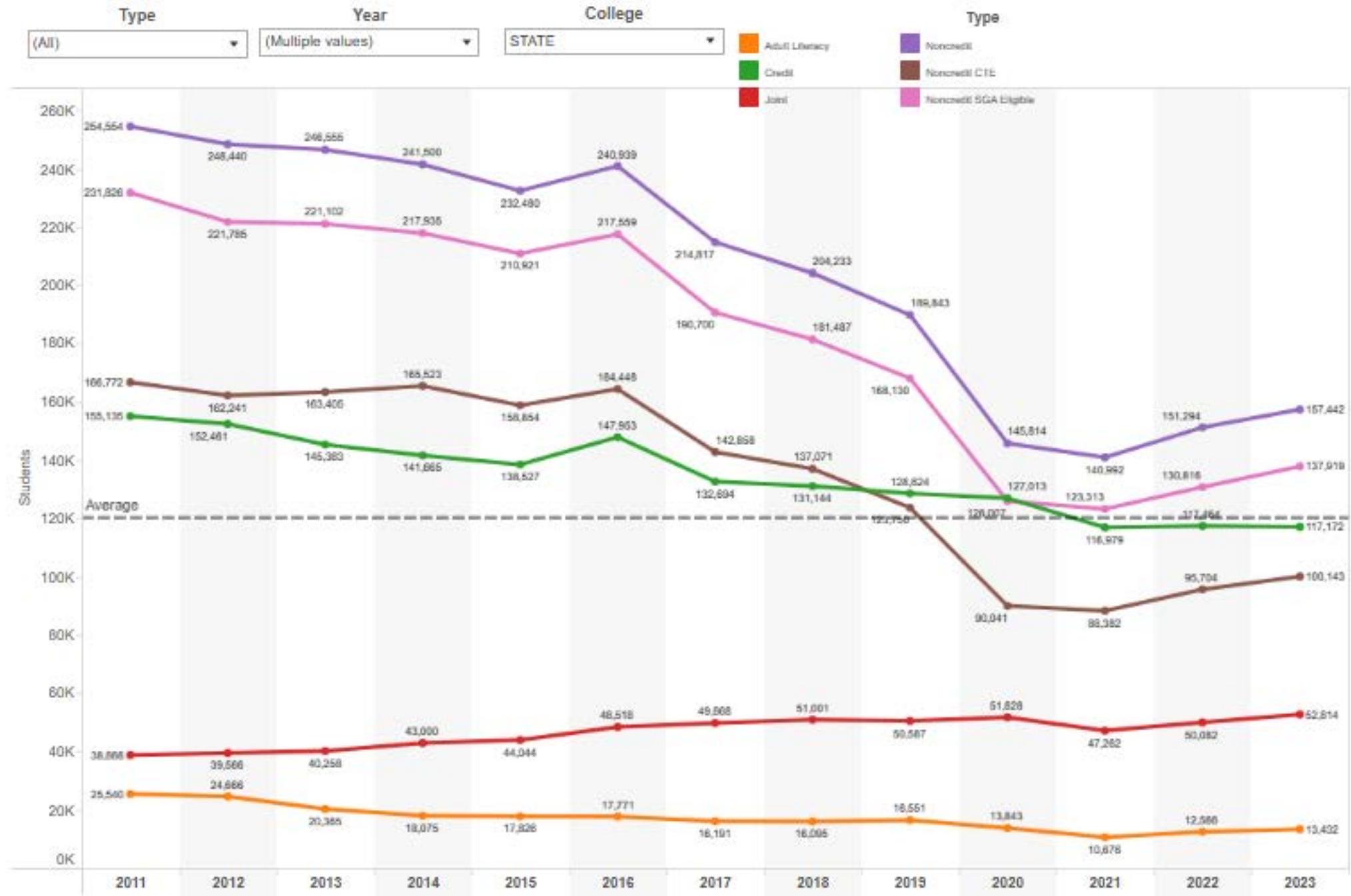
- Increase State General Aid by \$10 million to help keep up with rising costs while maintaining affordable and high-quality programs.
- Update code to allow for more flexibility in the funding formula to ensure equity and keep up with changes in enrollment going forward.



# Community Colleges by the Numbers

- 117,000+ credit students
  - 1,500,000+ credit hours
- 150,000+ noncredit students
  - 5,000,000+ contact hours
- 50,000 HS students
- 52% overall success rate

# Annual Enrollment in Iowa Community Colleges (2011-2023)



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**49% of all Bachelor's Degrees are  
from Community College Transfers**

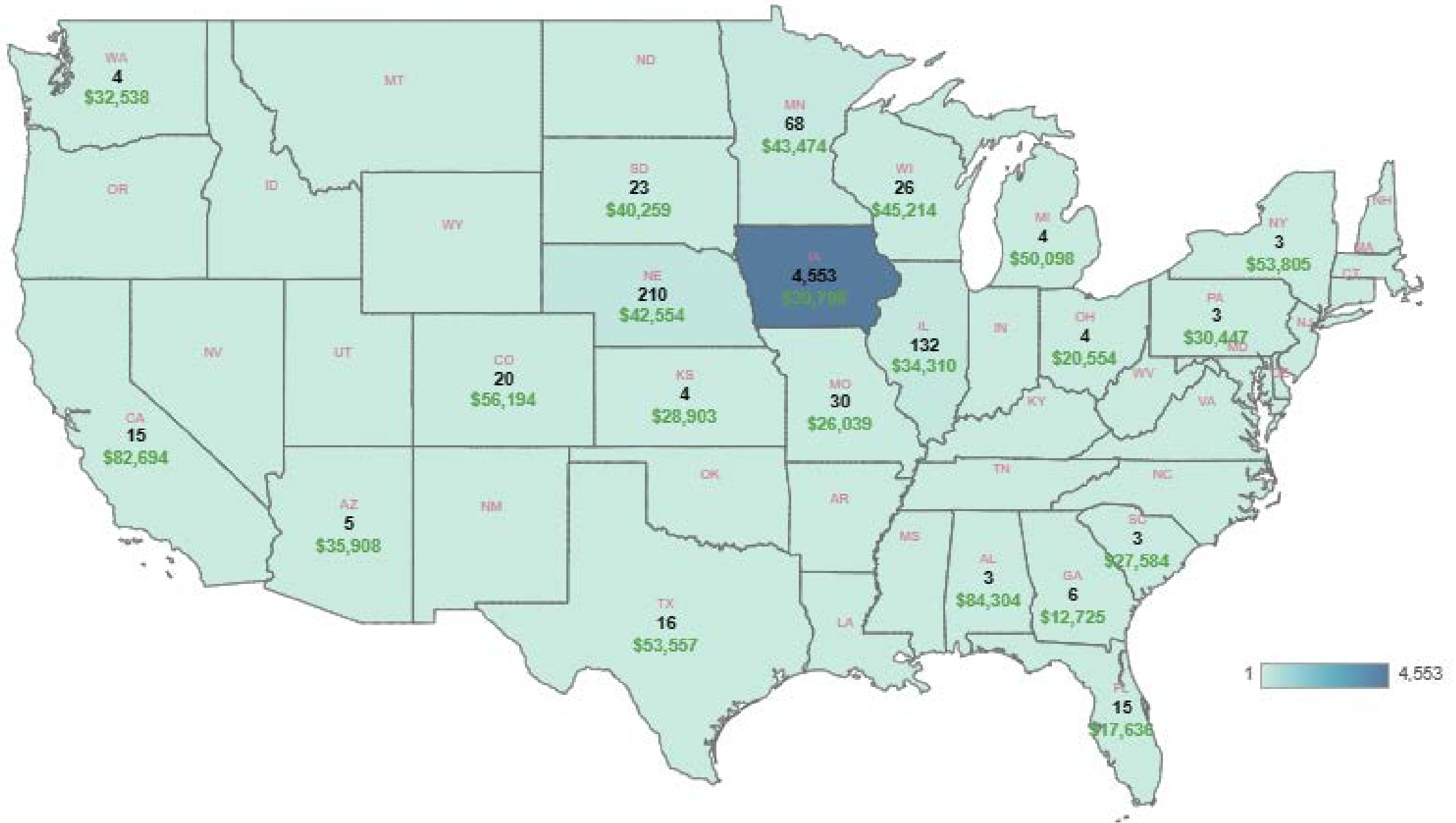
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## **Address the state's workforce needs and support businesses**

- Fund Governor Reynolds' signature Last Dollar Scholarship program to meet the needs of students in high-demand programs.
- Sustain funding and continue to improve dedicated workforce education and training programs to keep up with business demand and meet students' needs.
- Support continued expansion of the College and Career Transition Counselor initiative statewide, including underserved rural areas, by excluding it from the cap on shared operational functions.







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# IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

Noncredit Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs



COHORT YEAR

2021

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Statewide

STAYED IN IOWA AFTER COHORT YEAR\*

82.5%

**NUMBER OF NON-CREDIT CTE STUDENTS:**

**8,069**

**QUARTERLY MEDIAN WAGES PRIOR TO COHORT YEAR:**

**\$9,400**

**QUARTERLY MEDIAN WAGES DURING COHORT YEAR:**

**\$9,839**

**QUARTERLY MEDIAN WAGES AFTER COHORT YEAR:**

**\$10,964**

**PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYED AFTER COHORT YEAR:**

**91.8%**

**PERCENTAGES OF CREDIT ENROLLMENT AFTER COHORT YEAR:**

**18.2%**



# Future Ready Iowa reaches workforce education goal two years ahead of schedule

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Future Ready Iowa has reached its goal of providing education or training to 70% of Iowans two years early. (Logo courtesy of Future Ready Iowa)

<https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2024/01/26/future-ready-iowa-reaches-workforce-education-goal-two-years-ahead-of-schedule/>

# Last Dollar Scholarship Results

- 7,684 participants (in 2021)
- Most popular programs:
  - RNs (1,846)
  - LPNs (556)
- 3,326 completed program of study
- Median wage of participants year after completion is \$46,461 (\$43,790-\$50,593)
- 86% of LDS recipients are employed in Iowa
- LDS participants earn \$12,512 more on average than non-LDS participants

# College and Career Transition

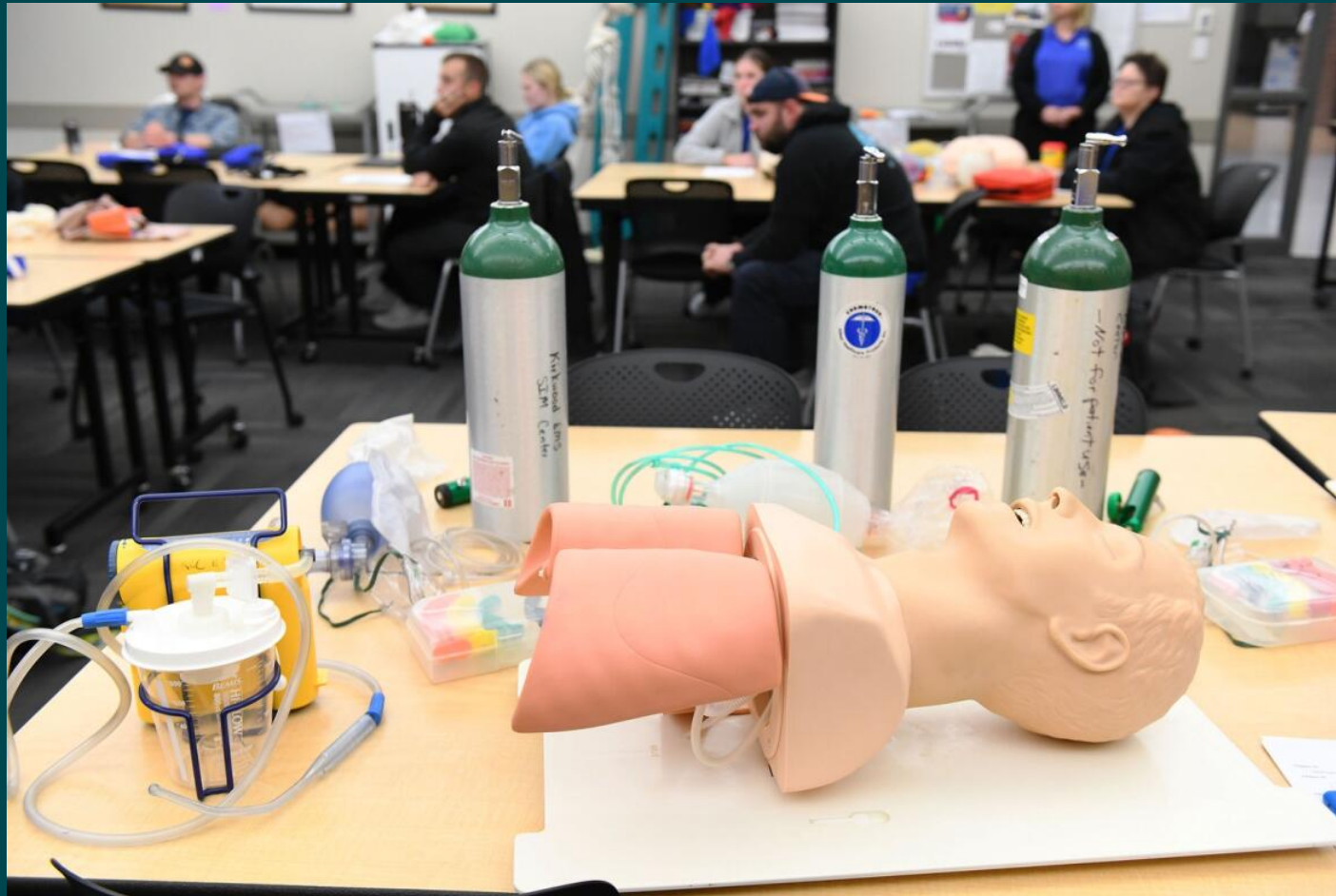
- 50 counselors/coaches serving over 100 high schools statewide.
- The Iowa FAFSA rate for 2022 was 49%.
- The rate for the high schools served by a CCTC in 2022 (\*May 31, 2022 report date) was 59.3%. The same schools had a 41.5% file rate for the class of 2021.
- The largest individual high school gains were at Interstate 35 (up 21%), West Liberty (up 19%), Louisa Muscatine (up 17%), Camanche High (up 18%) & Solon (up 17%) from the class of 2021.

# Gov. Reynolds Awards Community Colleges New Grants to Modernize, Expand CDL Training



<https://governor.iowa.gov/press-release/2023-10-19/gov-reynolds-awards-community-colleges-new-grants-modernize-expand-cdl>

# New Kirkwood class helps tackle EMT shortage



<https://www.thegazette.com/health-care-medicine/new-kirkwood-class-helps-tackle-emt-shortage/?auth0Authentication=true>

# Eastern Iowa Community College Debuts New DeWitt Career Center



<https://www.wqad.com/video/news/local/infrastructure/eastern-iowa-community-college-debuts-new-dewitt-career-center/526-c8597ca3-b295-4a81-92b3-05d558c7acd2>



# Des Moines University and Indian Hills Community College Sign Partnership Agreement to Help Students Interested in Occupational Therapy



<https://www.exploreseiowa.com/new-partnership-announced-between-ihcc-and-dmu/>

# 2024 Legislative Priorities

**Ensure Iowa's Community Colleges can continue to offer Iowans high-quality education efficiently and effectively**

- Maintain strong local decision-making to connect programs to local community needs.
- Change and eliminate policies that create unnecessary regulatory burdens to enhance operational efficiency.



Questions?