NORTHEAST STATE
Office of the President

Northeast State Community College

Fact Sheet

College Achievements

- Celebrating 50 Years of service 1966 – 2016 to Northeast Tennessee.
- Leading community college in TN and nationally.
    - AACC award—American Association of Community Colleges Award for College/Corporate Partnerships, 1 of 5 community colleges (1200 nationwide)
    - Northeast State was distinguished in the Chronicle of Higher Education, March 2012
        - highest graduation and retention rate in TN Community Colleges
        - highest productivity rate (number of graduates vs. enrollment)
        - highest efficiency rate (least cost per graduate)
    - Grown from 35 students in 1966 to 8500 students in 2012; current enrollment is expected to double by 2017
    - One of fastest growing colleges in TN over the last ten years, with 25% growth during 2009-11 two year period
    - Grown from 6 vocational/technical programs in 1966 to over 150 programs of study
- Great place to learn: 94% Alumni Satisfaction
- Great place to work: 95% overall employee satisfaction (2012 employee survey)
- Record 1247 degrees/certificates awarded in 2013, 25% over 2012 (1010 degrees/certificates awarded); on track to double awards from 2008 to 2018 in meeting the Governor's Drive to 55 initiative
- Job Placement--over 90% (some programs 100% placement)
- Return on Investment: For every dollar invested in Northeast State, $5.50 return into the community; $90M returned annually to community.
- **Outstanding students**
    - PTK All USA Academic Team 2012—Britany Thomas (1 of 20 internationally)
    - Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Recipient 2011 Merissa Williams (attending ETSU)
    - Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Recipient 2013 Elizabeth Ross (1 of 73 nationally) and accepted at Columbia University.

Challenges

- Crisis in the making for skilled workers: 76 million baby boomers retiring
- At current capacity, only 1 of 3 of openings will be filled

Solutions

- Replace limited access, overcrowded, and out of date classrooms/labs with state-of-the-art facilities to attract and accommodate high technology seeking students to fill the massive skills gap (See listing of high technology programs)
- Continue legacy of excellence by supporting the 50 for 50 campaign

- $50 Million in private funds/grants/state funds for construction expansion, equipment, furnishings, and endowments
- 6 new programs of study are proposed based on needs in the region with additional construction space and equipment needs
    - Building Construction
    - Culinary Arts
    - Energy Specialist (Electrical Lineman, Solar, Geothermal installation)
    - Entertainment Technology (Production: Sound, Lighting, Staging focus)
    - Health Informatics
    - Horticulture
- Non-state funded goals as part of the Emerging Technologies Complex
    - Lecture Hall/Conference Center (15-20K square feet)
    - Economic Development Suite in Tower
    - President's Conference Room in Tower
    - Two 200-seat Tiered Classrooms
- Student Center-$10M construction costs not supported by the state funding, includes space for
    - Veterans Center
    - Adult Education (GED) Center
    - Diversity Center
    - Wellness/Fitness Center
    - One-Stop-Shop Student Services Consolidation
    - Food Court
    - Common Space to Encourage
        - Networking
        - Collaboration
        - Community
        - Social Interaction/Casual Meeting Space
        - Future Student Entrepreneurial Endeavors
- College staff working on grants from national, state, private and other entities
    - $10M awarded to NeState through a partnership with TN Economic and Community Development, Eastman, and Northeast State to expand the programs and services of the RCAM (Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing)
    - Several proposals in progress to seek funding for Emerging Technologies programs, equipment, and support services
- Governor announced support/funding of $35M with local match of $3.5M for the Emerging Technologies Complex
- Minimum state support will allow for 130K square feet; need 180K square feet to be funded outside of state dollars.
    - Our vision for the Emerging Technologies Complex positions it to extend beyond Northeast Tennessee to encompass the 21st Century Global Marketplace—a new standard and catalyst for economic development and business and industry education worldwide