

# SCHEV ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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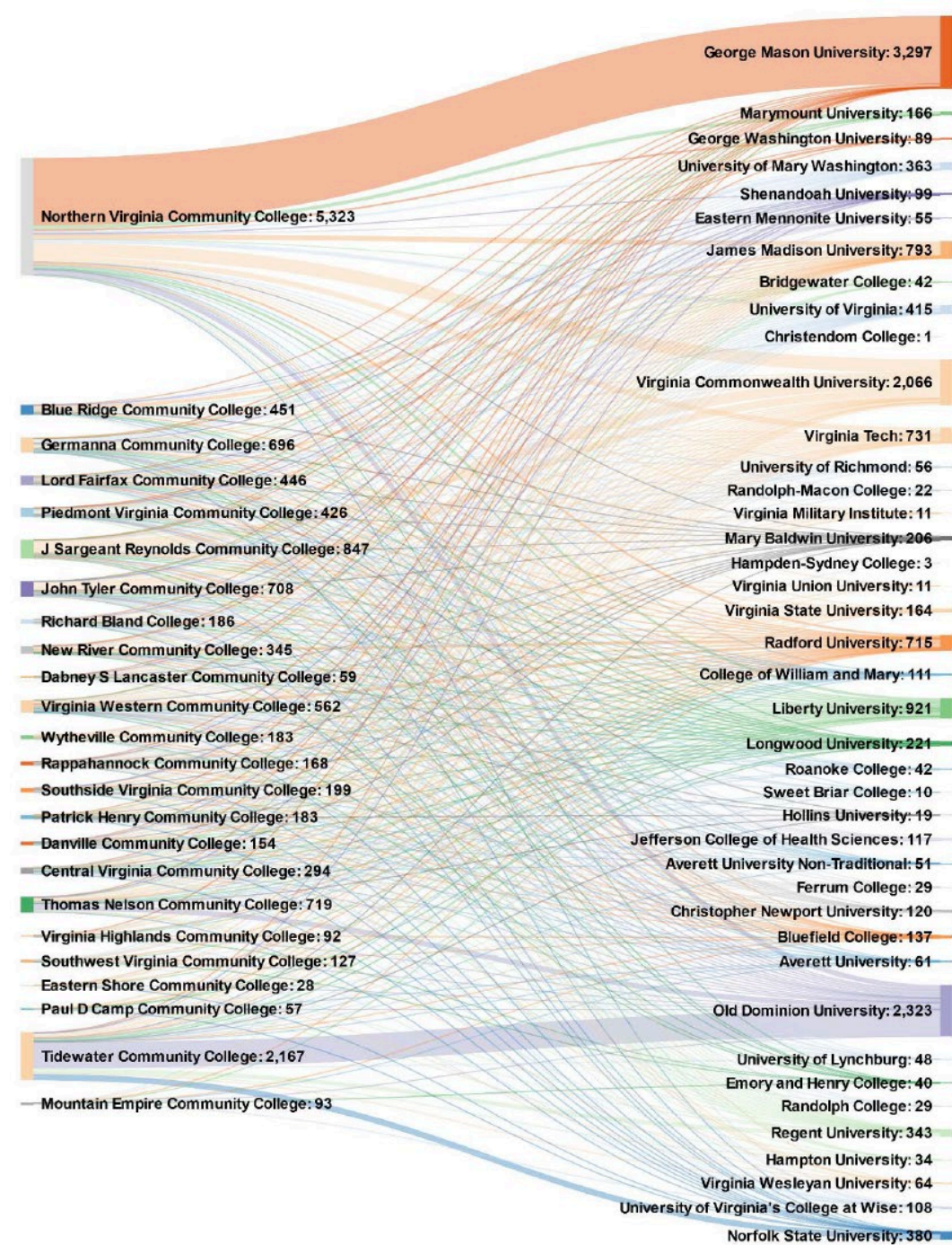


*Your credits. Your degree. Your move.*

1. Our transfer students
2. Transfer Virginia
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Annually,  
 approximately  
 11,000 Virginia  
 students from 24  
 two-year colleges  
 transfer to the 60+  
 senior institutions in  
 Virginia.



# WHO ARE OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS?

## **Nationally:**

- Up to 80% of community college students aspire to earn a bachelor's degree
  - 31% of these students will transfer to four-year institutions, most without a credential
  - 14% will graduate with a bachelor's degree within six years of starting college
- The six-year bachelor's completion rate is higher for higher-income than for lower-income students (20% vs. 9%).
- The six-year bachelor's completion rate differs by race and ethnicity (22% for White students, 14% for Latinx students, 10% for Black students)

<https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/beyond-articulation-agreements/>

WHO ARE  
VIRGINIA'S  
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Students Transferring from 2-Year to 4-Year in 2018-2019	
New Transfer	11,054
<b>Demographics</b>	
New Transfers, Age 17 to 19 yrs	924
New Transfers, Age 25 yrs and Older	2,836
New Transfers, Age 20 to 24 yrs	7,293
<b>Financial Aid</b>	
New Transfer with Pell	4,443
<b>Student/Family Income at Entry</b>	
New Transfer, Family Income \$0 - \$49,999	4,210
New Transfer, Family Income \$50,000 - \$99,999	1,864
New Transfer, Family Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	1,060
New Transfer, Family Income \$150,000 and Greater	759
New Transfer, Family Income Not Reported	3,161

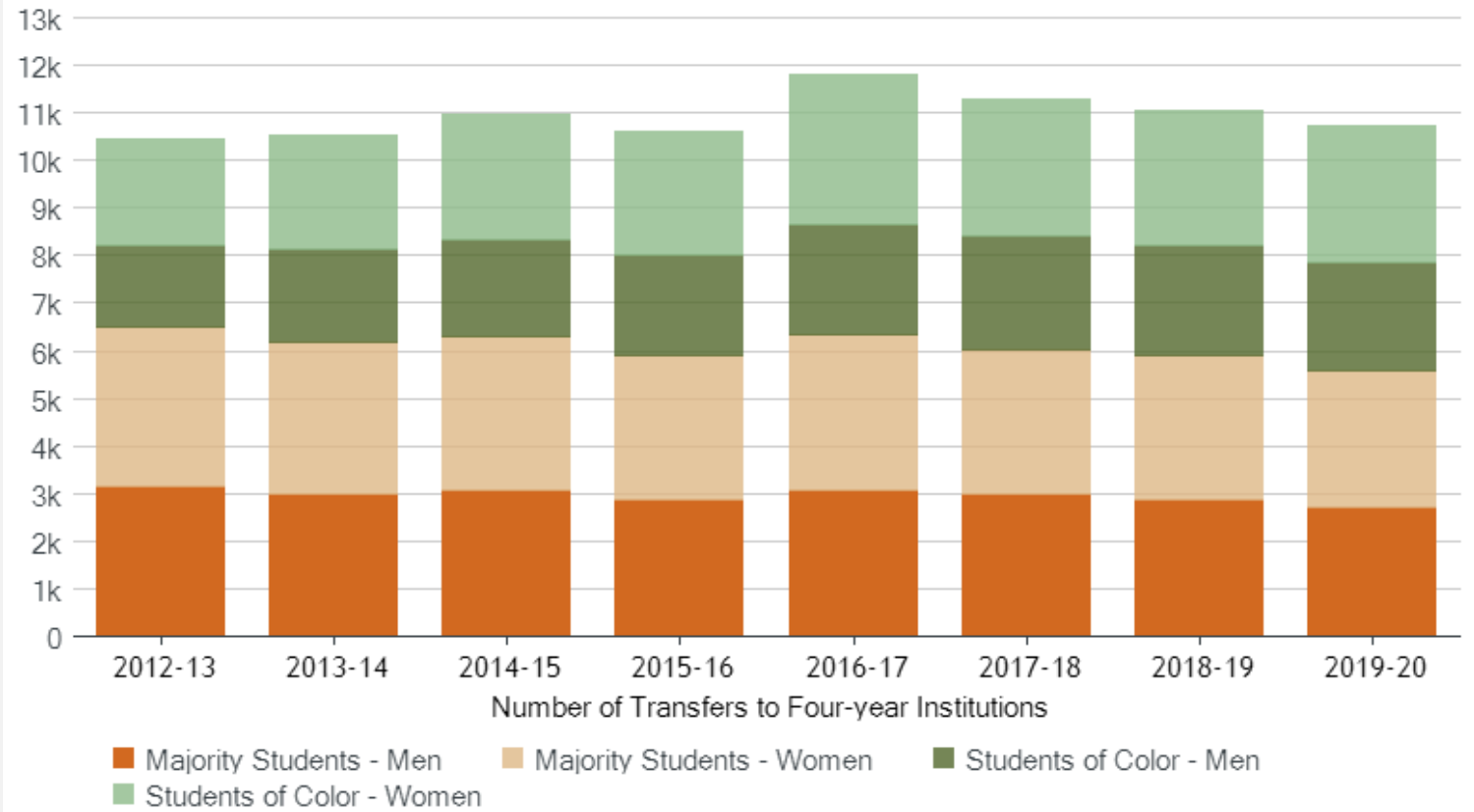
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Transfer-Specific Characteristics

CC Transfer Students with 15 CC credits or fewer	1,698
CC Transfer Students with between 16 and 30 CC credits	1,826
CC Transfer Students with 31 CC credits or greater (No AA)	421
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer	6,400
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer, 2 or fewer years prior to transfer	5,954
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer, 2.01 to 5 years prior to transfer	346
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer, 5 or more years prior to transfer	100
AAS awarded prior to transfer (occ/technical)	671

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## Bachelor's Completion for Students Transferring from 2-Year to 4-Year; 2013-2014 Transfer Cohort

Receive bachelor's degree within 3 yrs	Within 4 yrs	Within 5 yrs	Within 6 yrs
52.3%	69.2%	75.5%	78.1%



## WHAT ARE OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS THINKING ABOUT?

- “As I am an adult learner, I set a goal for myself to get my degree while staying debt free. I knew that I would be able to make that goal a reality by choosing a community college.”
- “I am a first-generation student, which is why my friends ended up being my main guidance when it came to understanding what opportunities are out there...I have switched my major three times, so it was not an easy straightforward path...”
- “Basically, when I started this journey, I didn’t really know all of the steps I would need to take. All I knew then was the dream I had driving it, that dream is to work in a skilled field that allows me to live the life I have always wanted. At first, I thought I might be done after two years, but now that I’m in it, I’m actually really excited to have two more years after community college. I’ve come to really enjoy school, learning, and pushing myself to do more than what I was previously comfortable with. I’m growing, and I think that becoming a transfer student has helped me to really see evidence of that in myself.”

# TRANSFER VIRGINIA: BACKGROUND

- 2018 Transfer Legislation
  - Four new transfer policies
  - Statewide Transfer Portal
  - Common course learning outcomes
- Collaboration among SCHEV, the VCCCS, Richard Bland College, fourteen public four-year institutions, many private four-year institutions, and the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program

## TRANSFER VIRGINIA GOALS

- **Gateway barriers:** Increase the number of students successfully completing math and English in the first year of community college enrollment.
- **Mobility and timeliness:** Improve time to transfer without reducing the number of students who complete an associate degree before transfer.
- **Degree attainment:** Increase the two- and three-year baccalaureate completion rate for transfer students.
- **Credit efficiency:** Reduce the average number of degree credits earned by transfer students to be comparable to those earned by native students in the same program.

# TRANSFER VIRGINIA BUILDING BLOCKS

Portal

Online Virginia  
Network

Dual Enrollment

Transfer Guides

Guaranteed  
Agreements

Advising

Course  
Development

Uniform Certificate  
of General Studies  
/ Passport

Common Curricula

# PRESIDENTS' VISION

(Facilitated by the Aspen Institute)

1. Pursue **common course numbering** to build on the Transfer Virginia pathways development work.
2. Fund **robust need-based financial aid** inclusive of tuition and non-tuition costs for transfer students from low-income backgrounds and seek innovative ways to make transfer pathways affordable to chronically underserved populations.
3. At the state and institutional levels, **systematically identify, measure, report, and eliminate barriers to transfer success and equity for chronically underserved populations**, including Black, Brown, Indigenous, rural, adult, and lower-income learners.
4. Advance more **transfer pathways from applied associate degrees** to make the most of Virginia's talent.
5. Champion and fund **cross-sector collaborations on advising and programmatic supports** tailored to transfer students.

## AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2023

- Continued improvements to portal to boost features and improve navigability
- Expansion and enhancement of common curricula and transfer courses
- Development of transfer guides and Guaranteed Program Admission Agreements for 4-year colleges
- Collaboration with Online Virginia Network to provide more Transfer Virginia pathways online
- Improved outreach, collaboration, and training with community college advisors and high school counselors



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