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NACCE
THE IMPACT OF **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Dear Member,

Over the past year, we have made significant progress in workforce development and have continued to establish essential pathways for community colleges to enhance economic opportunities within their communities. In June, we hosted the **Pathways to Prosperity** summit, convening 120 leaders from higher education, industry, chambers of commerce, and philanthropy to discuss workforce development and economic opportunity.

We also achieved the following:

- Formed a strategic alliance with the **Infosys Foundation** and the **Digital Workforce Innovation Challenge** to fund colleges for industry-partnered upskilling.
- Launched a partnership with fintech leader **Baker Hill** and its “CEED to Success” program to empower underserved entrepreneurs with the skills, knowledge, and financial readiness they need to succeed.
- Awarded \$301,000 “**Pitch for the Skilled Trades**” awards to members in 2024 and 2025 in partnership with the **Philip E. and Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation**. The **Pitch for the Skilled Trades** competition brought tremendous energy as institutions pitched ideas to support trades pathways, with all five finalists receiving cash awards. When the awards were announced, the 400+ attendees celebrated with flashlights gifted by Ratcliffe Foundation CEO Carlene Cassidy.
- Expanded the **Everyday Entrepreneur Program** to more than \$1 million in revenue, with over 100 colleges participating, enabling more than 500 students to transform their business ideas into thriving enterprises.
- Increased student access to peer mentoring through our partnership with **Epixego**, a National Science Foundation-supported pilot that brings mentorship to the classroom, pairing students with near-peer mentors.
- Led a global workshop in Geneva, Switzerland for 400+ participants at the “AI for Good Global Summit” and successfully implemented AI chatbots on the **SkillPointe** website.

As we complete more than two decades of work in community college entrepreneurship, we continue to shine a light on opportunities and methodologies that help students and community colleges flourish through entrepreneurship education.

We cannot do this work alone. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of the over three million students we serve through NACCE.



Thank you.



Rebecca Corbin, Ed.D.
President and CEO, NACCE



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Summer STEM Enrichment Helps Students Dream Bigger

Since 2012, the Verizon Innovative Learning summer program has opened doors for thousands of middle-school students, providing hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology and the confidence to explore new ideas, solve real-world problems, and pursue STEM careers. But the real impact of the program isn't just in the lessons learned — it's in the lives changed.

Hosted on over 44 college campuses in 26 states across the country, the Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Achievers program paired students with mentors working in STEM fields.

With their mentors, students gained insight on emerging technologies like augmented reality, 3D printing, drones, and robotics. NACCE proudly acknowledges its partnerships with Verizon, educational institutions, faculty, students, and community families nationwide.

Verizon Small Business Program

NACCE has partnered with Verizon's small business team since 2021, introducing a free resource platform with digital tools to help small businesses grow. The Small Business program has launched new features and opportunities for 4,000+ users within NACCE's network. Through this partnership, two programs have fully transformed the NACCE community:

- The **Implementor Program** helps NACCE members adopt the free platform of resources and integrate it into existing college credit and non-credit college programs. Implementors from participating colleges receive award dollars for amplifying the program through communities and ecosystems.
- Launched in 2025 at the annual conference, the **NACCE Institute** will provide over 60 free online courses, a network for entrepreneurs, and access to grants and loans.



Lovell Agwaramgbo, of Dillard University, and Lakhia Clark, of Tuskegee University, both directors of the Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Achievers Program, participated in NACCE's annual conference.



NACCE launched and celebrated the Verizon Small Business Digital Ready and the NACCE Institute Program, positioning new partnerships to expand small business and educator support at scale.



Wayfinder Award

Recognizing leaders with vision, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, NACCE named Carlene Cassidy, CEO of the Ratcliffe Foundation, the winner of its inaugural Wayfinder Award.



AI Conference For Good

Attendees at the AI Conference For Good included (left to right): Karen Moore, board chair, Tallahassee State College; Angela Long, chief engagement officer for TSC; Rebecca Corbin, NACCE; a global workshop attendee; and Huy Nguyen, co-founder of Solve CC.



International Recognition

NACCE President and CEO Rebecca Corbin was awarded the Entrepreneurial Leadership Award from GlobalMindED, an international organization that promotes mission-driven leaders and students. More than 1,200 educators and students from around the world attended the award ceremonies.



Breaking New Ground 2025

Executive Leadership

The enhanced NACCE Executive Institute offered courses and grants to faculty, supporting new business creation and reaching over 2,000 professionals through webinars and master classes.



Workforce Pathways

NACCE's SkillPointe technology platform reached 3.5 million career explorers by December 2025, with over 250,000 quiz takers. Through the new Upskill Virginia pilot in partnership with the Strada Educational Foundation and InsideTrack, students and adult learners will receive coaching toward enrollment with the SkillPointe quiz.





The Grand Opening of NACCE's new headquarters in Cary, NC included a workshop series and marked the start of a bold, new, future-ready chapter for the organization.



"I love how NACCE provides support and networking opportunities through events like today and online.

Suzanne Ross
Johnston Community College



"Very much enjoyed learning about the full scope of NACCE activities and ways to get more involved. It was an extremely enlightening and informative day"

Tim Noonan, Heritage Histories & Midvale Press



"I am just blown away! As a Confident Coach and entrepreneur, I was amazed that Rebecca's definition of an entrepreneur is basically identical to having confidence. I can't wait to dig into all of my newly learned resources."

Janet Yilmaz, Founder of Onward & Upward Coaching



"I enjoyed the resources that are available to entrepreneurs that I was not aware of, many of which are free."

Claudelle Julien, Ledger-Theory



"I enjoyed learning about NACCE today and the ways you empower the people in our community to reach their dreams."

Brittany Hochstaetter
Wake Tech Community College



Madisonville Community College (MCC) in Madisonville, KY, was honored with a 2025 Bellwether Award at the Community College Futures Assembly held in San Antonio, TX.



The **Community College of Beaver County (CCBC)**, in Monaca, PA, was awarded \$285,000 through the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE). The funding supports CCBC's efforts to address critical workforce gaps in the aviation industry across 20 Appalachian counties.

Infosys Foundation USA announced the winners of the Digital Workforce Innovation Program in collaboration with NACCE and Maker USA. The winners included: **Coppin State University (MD); Foothill College (CA); GateWay Community College (AZ); Houston City College (TX); Ivy Tech Community College, (IN); and North Iowa Area Community College (IA)**. Infosys Foundation USA awarded the grant of \$250,000 to NACCE to support innovative institutions that help students and adult learners through the expanding Digital Workforce Innovation Program.



Duke Energy Foundation awarded \$500,000 to support 19 North Carolina community college programs that are creating a pipeline

of skilled workers to help meet the energy industry's growing workforce needs. Among the grantees are: **Durham Technical Community College; Fayetteville Technical Community College; Wayne Community College; and Forsyth Technical Community College.**

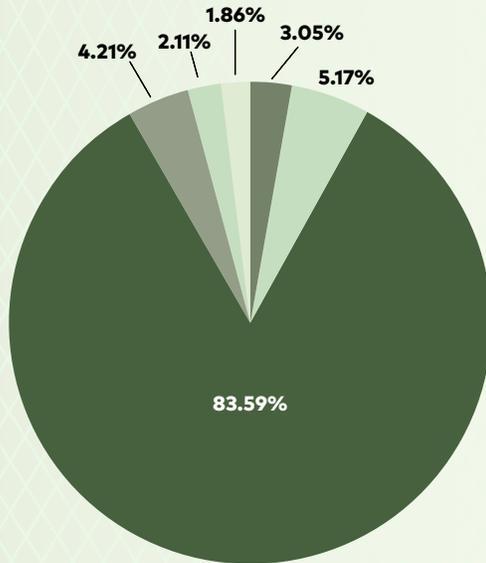


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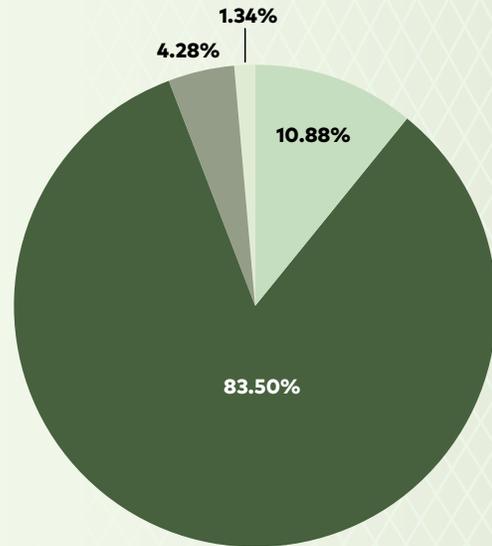
NACCE's mission is to engage members through entrepreneurial thinking and innovative action.

This takes place in classrooms and makerspaces, in learning labs and training centers, and in communities throughout the country. Our vision is to nurture entrepreneurial leaders of tomorrow who will uplift themselves and their communities.

Financials



REVENUE SOURCES



OPERATING EXPENSES

REVENUE

Membership	
Conferences	
Technical Assistance	
Fiscal Sponsorship	
Interest & Investments, Net Gain (Loss)	
Other	
TOTAL REVENUE	

\$ AMOUNT

\$370,689
\$627,979
\$10,144,489
\$511,127
\$256,213
\$225,133
\$12,135,630

% TOTAL

3.05%
5.17%
83.59%
4.21%
2.11%
1.86%
100.00%

EXPENSES

Personnel
Programming
Fiscal Sponsorship
General Administration
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,313,277
\$10,074,716
\$516,278
\$161,414
\$12,065,685

10.88%
83.50%
4.28%
1.34%
100.00%

NET

\$69,945.00

About NACCE

NACCE is an organization of educators, administrators, presidents, and entrepreneurs focused on igniting entrepreneurship in their communities and colleges. Our goal is to provide leadership and sustainable, scalable resources to foster entrepreneurial thinking and action in one of the largest entrepreneurial ecosystems in North America. NACCE represents a dynamic community of technical and community colleges, serving more than 3.3 million students.

