



Statement on New College Futures Report: Making Room for Success

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The College Futures Foundation released its report, [*Making Room for Success: Addressing Capacity Shortfalls at California's Universities*](#). The report draws from analyses conducted by McKinsey & Company that examined capacity in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the California State University, and the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU). The report finds that roughly 144,000 college-ready students will be turned away annually from California's four-year higher education institutions, making the ICCU sector a critical partner in the solution to address the capacity shortfall.

AICCU recognizes that the state's skilled workforce and multifaceted economy depends on all sectors of higher education coming together to address these shortfalls, while continuing to provide quality and accessible higher education to California's diverse student population. AICCU institutions, located throughout all areas of the state to meet local needs, provide tremendous regional access and affordable opportunities for California students. AICCU institutions enroll 189,000 undergraduate students, including 27,000 Cal Grant students and 33,000 adult-learners. AICCU member institutions are committed to strengthening partnerships with our public higher education institutions to align educational offerings and provide even greater access for students.

The report also highlighted the projected shortfall of approximately 21,000 seats for graduate students. As the leading producer of graduate degree holders in the state, the ICCU sector remains dedicated to growing capacity and ensuring access to advanced degree programs that are required for high-demand fields, such as healthcare and mental healthcare, education, and STEM.

AICCU and our member institutions stand ready to be bold and innovative to address the capacity shortfalls the state faces and to ensure that all California students, no matter their background, can achieve their academic and career goals.

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About AICCU

The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of 85 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. The ICCU sector plays a pivotal role in the development of the state's model higher education offerings

and in making California a symbol of innovation across the globe. Within California, ICCU institutions award 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making ICCU institutions the largest preparers of California's advanced workforce.