

FACT SHEET

**Core Commitments of
Participating Colleges**

Achieving the Dream colleges should be commended for having the courage to be open and straightforward about their current performance and taking bold action to improve it.

Participating colleges have agreed to adopt the following approaches to improve student achievement:

- Use data to drive strategies, monitor progress and evaluate outcomes.
- Develop strategies to close performance gaps among students.
- Involve their faculty, students, staff and communities in developing and implementing strategies to improve outcomes.
- Report data and outcomes broadly, both on and off campus.

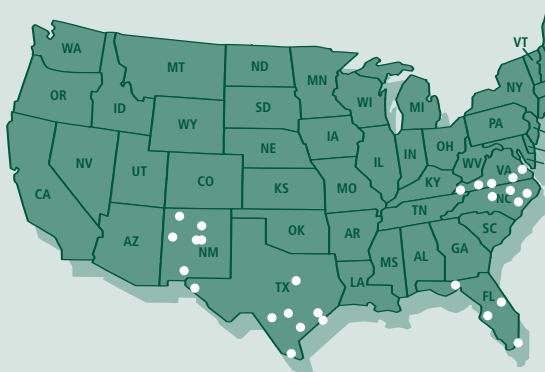
- Form partnerships with their communities, local businesses and others.
- Advocate for state and national policy changes as needed.

Colleges also have made specific commitments to improve student achievement. They have pledged to maintain open access while working to increase the percentage of students who:

- complete remedial courses and move on to credit-bearing courses;
- enroll in and complete gatekeeper courses, such as introductory math and English;
- complete the courses they take, earning a grade of C or higher;
- re-enroll from one semester to the next; and
- earn certificates and degrees.

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2004 ACHIEVING THE DREAM COLLEGES



FLORIDA

- Broward Community College**
Fort Lauderdale
- Hillsborough Community College**
Tampa

Tallahassee Community College

Tallahassee

Valencia Community College

Orlando

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute
Albuquerque

New Mexico State University-Dona Ana
Las Cruces

NORTH CAROLINA

Durham Technical Community College
Durham

San Juan College
Farmington

Santa Fe Community College
Santa Fe

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Albuquerque

University of New Mexico-Gallup
Gallup

Guilford Technical Community College
Jamestown

Martin Community College
Williamston

Wayne Community College
Goldsboro

TEXAS

Alamo Community College District
San Antonio
(Northwest Vista College, Palo Alto College, San Antonio College, St. Philip's College)

Brookhaven College
Dallas

Coastal Bend College
Beeville

El Paso Community College District
El Paso

Galveston College
Galveston

Houston Community College System
Houston

South Texas College
McAllen

Southwest Texas Junior College
Uvalde

VIRGINIA

Danville Community College
Danville

Mountain Empire Community College
Big Stone Gap

Patrick Henry Community College
Martinsville

Paul D. Camp Community College
Franklin

Tidewater Community College
Norfolk

2005 colleges will be announced in July 2005.