VIRGINIA’S PRIVATE COLLEGES
Generating Value for the Commonwealth
Virginia’s return on investment is high at private nonprofit colleges and universities. The cost to the commonwealth per in-state bachelor’s degree at a private nonprofit college is approximately $10,000 compared to $37,000 at a four-year public college in Virginia.

Virginia’s independent colleges and universities strongly invest their own resources in their students—awarding almost $700 million in scholarships and grants each year.

The TAG budget accounts for approximately 4% of the higher education general fund appropriation. Of the $300 million in new higher education funding approved by the 2016 General Assembly, less than 1% ($2 million) was for TAG.
OUR SUCCESS IS THE COMMONWEALTH’S SUCCESS

GROWING ACCESS

72% of undergraduate students are from underrepresented populations.

49% of undergraduate students receive Pell Grants which are for low-income students.

135,000 students enrolled at Virginia’s private colleges, a 170% increase over the past fifteen years.

GROWING DEGREES

29,000 degrees earned in the past year alone from Virginia’s private colleges.

50% of all graduate degrees in Virginia are awarded by Virginia private colleges.

1 in 5 degrees awarded are STEM-H, a 96% increase over the past decade.

GROWING IMPACT

23,500 employees working for Virginia private colleges.

$1.2 billion in salaries and benefits paid out to employees working for the commonwealth’s independent colleges and universities.

200,000+ private college alumni living throughout Virginia.

GROWING DIVERSITY

84% increase in minorities enrolled over the past decade.

65% of all undergraduate students over the age of 25 are educated by Virginia private colleges.

9,881 student veterans using the GI Bill enrolled, 13% more than four-year public colleges.

Virginia Private Colleges
RICH HISTORY—DISTINCT CHARACTER

Founded in 1971, the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) is a nonprofit organization representing 28 accredited, nonprofit, independent colleges and universities throughout Virginia. CICV engages these institutions to work collaboratively in areas of public policy, cost containment and professional development.

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1. Appalachian College of Pharmacy
2. Appalachian School of Law
3. Averett University
4. Bluefield College
5. Bridgewater College
6. Eastern Mennonite University
7. Emory & Henry College
8. Ferrum College
9. Hampden-Sydney College
10. Hampton University
11. Hollins University
12. Jefferson College of Health Sciences
13. Liberty University
14. Lynchburg College
15. Mary Baldwin University
16. Marymount University
17. Randolph College
18. Randolph-Macon College
19. Roanoke College
20. Shenandoah University
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22. Sweet Briar College
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