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College Resource Guide Released

A directory of services for at-risk students and others enrolled in local non-profit colleges and universities has been compiled and made available through participating institutions. Eight of the nine institutions of higher education involved in the Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative's Postsecondary Education Consortium (PSEC) contributed to the directory, which includes services targeted towards first generation college students, veterans, low-income students and students of color, among others.

The publication is part of a larger PSEC initiative supported by the Lumina Foundation, which will critically examine the rates of success achieved by different cohorts of student from admission to degree completion. The initiative will inform best practices and information sharing among IHEs.

According to Lt. General John Rosa, President of The Citadel, "The Resource Guide provides detailed information about the services available for the benefit of our students, but also support staff at The Citadel and across the region who can compare outcomes and best practices."

In the Charleston region, 43% of adults 25-64 hold an associate's degree or higher, a number TCCC hopes to increase to 50% by 2025 in order to meet workforce demands. Central to efforts to achieving this goal is providing support to these at-risk students and to the approximately 107,000 adults 25-64 who have completed some college coursework but have not yet completed a degree.

The directory is available on TCCC's website and at each participating IHE, including Clemson University, University of South Carolina, The Citadel, Claflin University College of Charleston, Trident Technical College, Charleston Southern University, and the Medical University of South Carolina. Additional information on programs from South Carolina State University is pending.

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About the Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative

The Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative (TCCC) is a community-wide movement in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina focused on improving the quality of life of its citizens and its workforce through education by collectively aligning resources and working toward common goals. Using data and focused community collaboration across a continuum from "cradle-to-career," TCCC works to build and implement strategies that will facilitate widespread systemic change, with the ultimate goal of increased student success and economic prosperity for all.