



State Council of Higher Education

Executive Director's Report

Southside Virginia Higher Education Institutes and Centers

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New College Institute

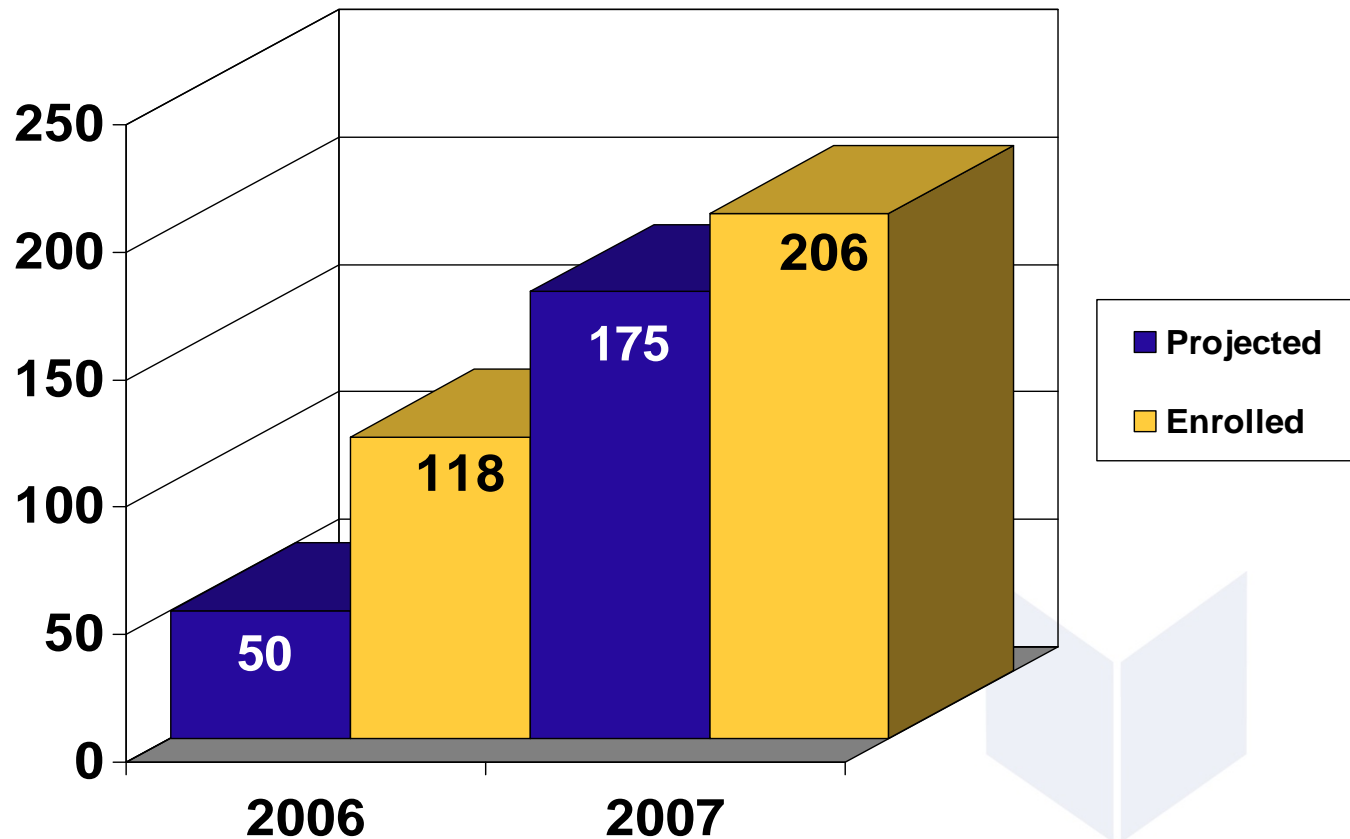
Martinsville



Created in 2006 as a specialized institution offering baccalaureate courses toward degree completion and full, on-site graduate (master's) programs.



NCI Highlights



The NCI's initial enrollment of 118 students in its Fall '06 pilot program exceeded its projection (50) by 136%. Its enrollment of 206 students in Fall '07 represented a one-year growth of 75% and exceeded its projection (175) by 18%.

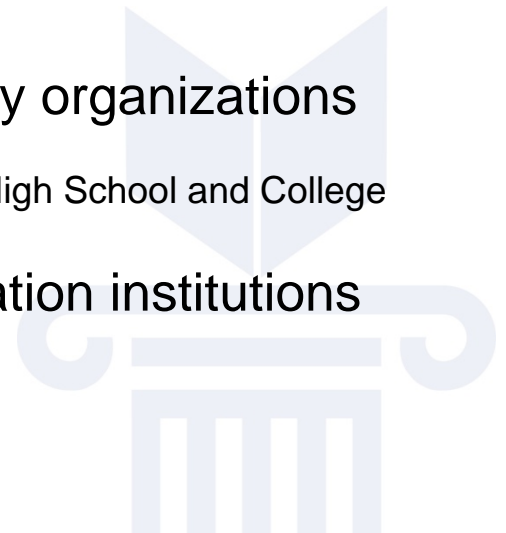


NCI Highlights

This semester, eight baccalaureate programs and four graduate programs will be offered by eight institutions (two private, six public). Programs include education, nursing, and business.

NCI Plays Multiple Roles

- Provides access to bachelor's and master's degrees
- Promotes community outreach
- Makes space available to community organizations
- Offers Special Summer Programs [High School and College Students]
- Collaborates with other higher education institutions
- Assists in Economic Development



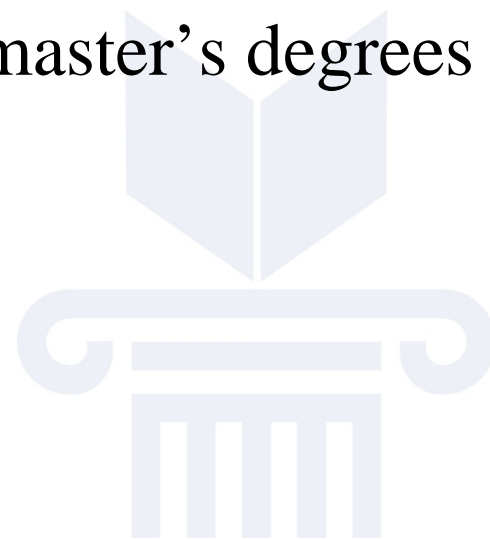


New College Institute



Framework Defined

Specialized institution
offering
bachelor's degree
completion work
and master's degrees





Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR)

Danville



Created in 2002 as a multi-purpose institute consisting of instructional, research/lab, and conference space.

IALR



***“There is only one message:
You have to constantly upgrade your skills.
There will be plenty of good jobs out there
in the flat world for people with the
knowledge and ideas to seize them.”***

The World Is Flat

- Thomas Friedman

Conclusion:

The new currency of the global economy
is made up of ideas and talent.



IALR Highlights

IALR Serves Multiple Functions

- Fosters development of new economic base
 - Attracts & develops “innovation economy” workforce
 - Promotes Southside as a destination location
 - Prepares the region to leverage leading edge information technology
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- Between FY05 and FY08, state funding grew by 92% (from \$3.27M to \$6.26M); each year, external funds have been either equal to (FY06) or twice as much as (FY05 and FY07) the state investment.
 - The IALR currently employs 65 faculty and staff; in 2006-07, it served 9,144 participants.
 - This semester, eight postsecondary institutions (three community colleges, four four-year publics, one four-year private) and eight secondary-school districts will be partners with the IALR.



Research Expenditures

FY 2004	\$358,075
FY 2005	\$2,814,755
FY 2006	\$3,961,075
FY 2007	\$5,579,049

Represented Areas

- Sustainable and Renewable Resources (*Horticulture and Forestry*)
- Polymer Processing and Material Science
- Mechanical Engineering for Vehicle Performance and Unmanned Systems Studies





Southern Virginia Higher Education Center

South Boston



Created in 2005 to provide degree and continuing-education opportunities, as well as to serve as an educational resource and referral center.



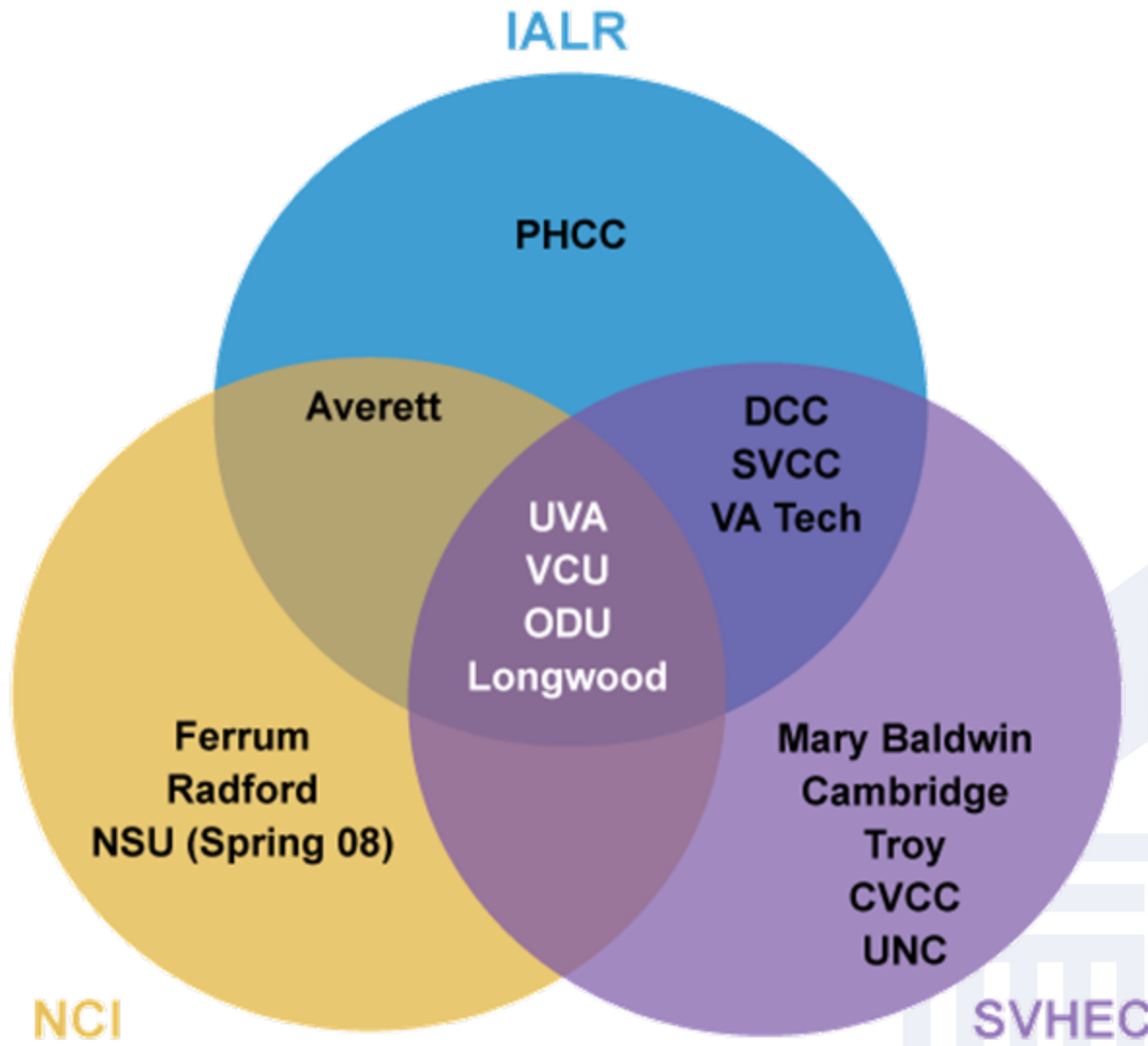
SVHEC Enrollment

ENROLLMENT	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Special Interest Classes-annually <i>Kids Kollege – summer enrichment classes</i> <i>Noncredit – computers, book discussions, using digital cameras</i>	574	554	782
GED and Literacy-annually	202	409	419
Associate Degrees -fall unduplicated	646	638	824
Bachelor / Masters degrees & PhDs -fall unduplicated	162	134	186

Between FY06 and FY08:

- degree-credit enrollments grew by 25% (from 808 to 1,010);
- GED and literacy enrollments grew by 107% (from 202 to 419);
- special-interest-class enrollments grew by 54% (from 574 to 782).

Southside Partners





Southside Higher Education Coalition (SHEC)

\$4.5M Tobacco Commission Grant

- New academic program expansion
- Joint brochures and website development to cross-market programs
- Joint application for \$13M grant from Exxon Mobil to improve AP teachers and AP classes in the region
- Established the Southern Virginia Education Network (SVEN) for high quality distance delivery classes at multiple learning centers



SHEC

New Program Expansion

IALR

Engineering Science – University of Virginia

Chemistry (Polymers) – Longwood University

NCI

Industrial Engineering – Old Dominion University

Motorsports Engineering – Old Dominion University

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness –
Virginia Commonwealth University

SVHEC

Woodlinks and Forestry – Virginia Tech

Hospitality and Tourism Management (exploratory)

Graphic Arts – Virginia Commonwealth University





SHEC

New Outreach Programs

- Summer internships for college students
- Teacher academies which provide “endorsement programs” for current teachers moving into high-need areas (example: ESL)
- Professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers
- Center for Rural Educational Excellence and Economic Development (CREED) established at SVHEC



Summary

SOUTHSIDE INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

While farming (tobacco) and manufacturing (furniture, textiles) are declining in Southside, these new institutions are:

- Addressing cultural attitudes, biases, and misconceptions about higher education.
- Addressing the region's education needs at multiple levels and in multiple ways, and with resourcefulness. Degree programs are being added and expanded, and new outreach programs are being developed.
- Creating partnerships with their local communities and across the region, as well as with one another (i.e., Southside Higher Education Coalition), and with other higher education entities.
- Producing tangible results from the investments made by the Commonwealth and by others.
- Contributing to the region's and the state's economic development interests and goals.