Thirty states accepted to participate in the Complete College America project to help more Americans achieve their dream of a college education.

Complete College America (CCA) is complemented by the work of the National Governors Association and its Complete to Compete (CtC) initiative.

Five national foundations are providing multi-year support to CCA: the Carnegie Corporation; the Gates Foundation; the Ford Foundation; the Kellogg Foundation; and Lumina Foundation for Education.
Complete College America

Commitment a college completion agenda that:

- Incorporates the Complete College America and National Governors Association Complete to Compete metrics
- Commits to a performance-based program of funding and rewards
- Makes college completion a top priority with commitments to state and campus goals, action plans, and measures of progress
Complete College America

- College a prerequisite to a middle class life
- College is crucial to a strong/equitable democracy
- College is important to global competitiveness
- The U.S. economy is at risk
USG New Funding Formula

- Historical funding tied to enrollment growth
- Legislature now linking funding directing to:
  - ✓ Retention
  - ✓ Progression
  - ✓ Graduation
- Tennessee a prototypical model of RPG-based funding → highest high school graduation rate in south
USG Peer 6-Year Graduation Rates

- Georgia College – 57.26%
- North Georgia – 53.22%
- Kennesaw – 41.52%
- Valdosta – 40.68%
- West Georgia – 36.89%
- Columbus State University – 33.4%
- Armstrong – 31.02%
Georgia's high school graduation rate of 67 percent ranks it behind all of its neighboring states and puts it among the lowest in the nation under new federal measurements released by the U.S. Department of Education.

Only two states -- Nevada and New Mexico -- and the District of Columbia fared worse than Georgia in the new rankings released Monday.

Senate Bill 289 mandates that all Georgia high school students complete at least one online course starting in 2014.

The State Board of Education shall establish rules and regulations to maximize the number of students, beginning with students entering ninth grade in the 2014-2015 school year, who complete prior to graduation at least one course containing online learning.
GA High School Distance Learning Growth

- In Gwinnett County, online enrollment jumped 25 percent from 1,986 in 2008 to 2,490 in summer 2012.
- Georgia Virtual School is a program of the Georgia Department of Education's Office of Technology Services. Georgia Virtual School provides a teacher led, virtual classroom environment. Georgia Virtual School also equips students with an online media center and guidance center to support students throughout their online course experience.
- Georgia Virtual School has over 100 course offerings in the core content areas, world languages, electives, and a vast AP course selection. Your student’s options and opportunities are not limited by the school district in which you live or the school they attend.
GA High School Distance Learning Growth

- Fall 2012, 7,000 Georgia high school students enrolled in full-time online programs
- GA Virtual School
- GA Virtual Academy
- Provost Academy GA
- iAchieve Virtual Academy
- New Charter School Endorsement
RANKED TOP 50 REGIONAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTH
- U.S. News & World Report

COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY
- Top 50 Public institution in Regional Universities - South category

- Top 100 institution in Regional Universities - South category

Recognition is overdue and likely reasons are:

a) Reporting data on all metrics in the ranking methodology
b) Improvement in peer assessment rank due to recognition of university and its programs
c) Improvement in faculty resources rank due to more small size classes and lower student/faculty ratio 19:1 → 18:1
Increase in #classes with < 20 students, 38% → 40%
d) Improvement in financial resources and alumni giving ranks
Complete College GA Agenda: Drivers

- Partnerships with K-12 for College Readiness
- Partnership between USG & TCSG in program articulation, credit transfer for SACSCOC institutions
- Commitment to Collegiate Access, Affordability, & Value
- Development of New and Flexible Pathways for Degree Completion
- Complete College America → Complete College GA → NGLC Grant
- Ensure Student Support for At-risk Student Populations
- Maintain and Improve the Quality of Teaching and Learning
Complete College GA Agenda: Drivers

- Excellence in Graduate/Professional Education and Research
- Commitment to International Education and Active Engagement in the Global Economy
- Ensure a Commitment to Performance and Accountability
- Pursue and Document Operational Efficiencies
- Thorough Review of Policies for Currency and Relevance