### **TECH COLLEGE EFFECT:** Innovate. Transform. Inspire.

#### WTCS, Wisconsin's leading developer of skilled workers, supports 2017-19 Executive Budget investments in career pathways for students:

- Maintain outcomes-based funding at 30% of general state aid.
- **Provide \$5 million** each year of the biennium in additional aid for technical colleges.
- Increase Wisconsin Grants for WTCS students by \$1.9 million over the biennium.
- Expand credit transfer among WTCS and University of Wisconsin System institutions.

### Other proposals will disrupt collaboration and efforts to provide the skilled workforce Wisconsin's economy needs...

- Outcomes-based funding formula: The current formula created with strong stakeholder support — has successfully achieved legislative priorities. Proposed changes to the formula will introduce uncertainty and volatility, de-emphasize the core WTCS workforce training mission and limit college flexibility in meeting unique local employer and community needs.
- **Tuition:** The WTCS Board has consistently prioritized student access and affordability when setting tuition. Student Government has consistently supported financial aid and opposed tuition freezes as a threat to student opportunities. Allowing differential tuition between colleges will reduce collaboration among colleges, create confusion for students, and encourage unnecessary program duplication. Neither of these tuition proposals has a state fiscal impact.
- Shared Services: Moving WTCS data systems to a DOA facility will increase costs, slow response time, limit reporting and accountability efforts, and increase security concerns related to the storage and transmission of sensitive student data.
- Accountability Report: New extensive accountability mandates are either redundant or require costly data collection unrelated to improving outcomes. Outcomes-based funding, existing statutorily-required reports, graduate and employer surveys, and federal reporting requirements demonstrate that WTCS is already one of the most accountable and transparent entities in the state.

## SUCCESS FOR GRADUATES

#### **IMPRESSIVE SALARY GROWTH:**

54% Actual Salary Increase

8.7% Inflation Adjusted Incre

(CPI)

On average, median salaries have increased 54% over five years. Median Salary Increase - 2010 Graduates

\$50,00

\$45,000 \$40,000

#### **GREAT STUDENT INVESTMENT:**

97% of graduates say they are satisfied More than 9 out of every 10 or very satisfied with their education.

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#### **STRONG JOB PLACEMENT:**

graduates are employed within 6 months of graduation.

MEDIAN ANNUAL CREDENTIAL TYPE FOR 2015 GRADUATES

\$31,198/year



MEDIAN SALARY FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE



MEDIAN SALARY FOR TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA



MEDIAN SALARY FOR **ONE-YEAR DIPLOMA** 



MEDIAN SALARY FOR SHORT-TERM SATISFACTION: 96% of employers are satisfied or very satisfied with the education and training their employees to the overall success of their business. received.

\$48,000

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\$33.912 per year

> **BOTTOM LINE VALUE:** 96% of employers say their local technical college is important



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# OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRADUATES OVERWHELMINGLY



117,217 credits in 2015

TATE'S LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIES

#### HEAD START IN HIGH SCHOOL:

More than 30,000 students earned technical college credit while in high school.



#### **DEGREES IN DEMAND:**

56% of Wisconsin's jobs today require a technical education.

73% over the past four years.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARNED

The number of credits earned increased

#### More Information Available at: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL **COLLEGE SYSTEM** www.wtcsystem.edu