



Bergen Community College strongly supports The American Graduation Initiative Resolution proposed by President Obama.

The Division of Student Services at BCC has been actively analyzing and addressing concerns regarding our attrition and graduation rates. Our student success goals mirror those proposed in the initiative and ultimately we hope increasing our rate of attrition will boost our graduation rates.

Bergen Community College has seen a steady increase in enrollment over the past five years and we anticipate this growth to continue. We recognize that the students of today and the world that we live in are changing rapidly. BCC is undergoing changes and updating systems to meet the ever varying needs of these students.

The American Graduation Initiative offers recognition and support to what Community Colleges are doing. We serve our Community by filling the void for those not ready or able to attend four year colleges by awarding two year

degrees or certificates. We offer affordable education for those requiring basic academic skills or those learning English for the first time. Community Colleges meet the needs of the unemployed as they begin to prepare to reenter the workforce.

We are looking towards the future by creating and developing new degrees and reevaluating current degree offerings. Bergen has unveiled two new programs: Medical Informatics (the electronic management of medical data) and Network Security (developing safeguards for organizational technology). These programs are timely and reflect the change in society.

BCC is also expanding our Evening and Weekend Programs to become more accessible to students that need classes at alternative times. We have expanded the number of courses that we offer online and are working toward offering complete degrees online.

Last year we expanded our College further by opening a new site. With this additional location we hope to make obtaining degrees easier and more convenient for even more students.

For the students that we currently have enrolled we continue to evaluate their needs and address the issues that affect them most. Our goal is for them to be successful – whether it is earning a degree, a certificate or

just taking a few courses, Bergen Community College is committed to helping them achieve their objective.

We commend the American Graduation Initiative for bringing national recognition to our efforts and the efforts of other community colleges. It is imperative for the nation to recognize the vital services provided by community colleges.