Lakeland Community College

STRATEGIC PLAN_{2022/2024}



Lakeland COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

As a core component of the Higher Learning Commission's criteria for accreditation, Lakeland Community College engages in systemic and integrated planning and improvement. Our strategic plan guides our vision for the future and aligns budgeting with our strategic priorities.

At the same time, our strategic plan is a dynamic plan which allows us to be responsive to adapt to unanticipated future events and create emergent strategies. There may be no better example of an institution's need to remain nimble than the global pandemic of 2020.

This strategic plan is a fluid, living document. We will continue to put students' and community needs first, be creatively proactive, and not limit ourselves to what fits our current resources. We will monitor our external and internal environments and make quick decisions when opportunities and challenges suddenly arise.

Creation of this new strategic plan was a collaborative effort led by the college's Planning Advisory Council with input from the campus community. The Strategic Planning Committee will monitor the implementation of the plan and report progress.



STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Fall 2019

Gather data from stakeholders

- Reviewed environmental scan trends, internal and external surveys and reports
- Examined our strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results (SOAR model)

Spring 2020

Identify major themes and strategies

Reviewed mission, vision and core values

Spring 2020

Draft the plan

- Reviewed draft of the plan and assessment measures
- Paused due to COVID-19 Pandemic



Fall 2020 - Fall 2021

Pandemic response

- Reviewed short and long-term changes due to pandemic disruption
- Reflected on how the extraordinary events of 2020-2021 changed us, our competitors and our community
- Identified new realities, challenges and opportunities

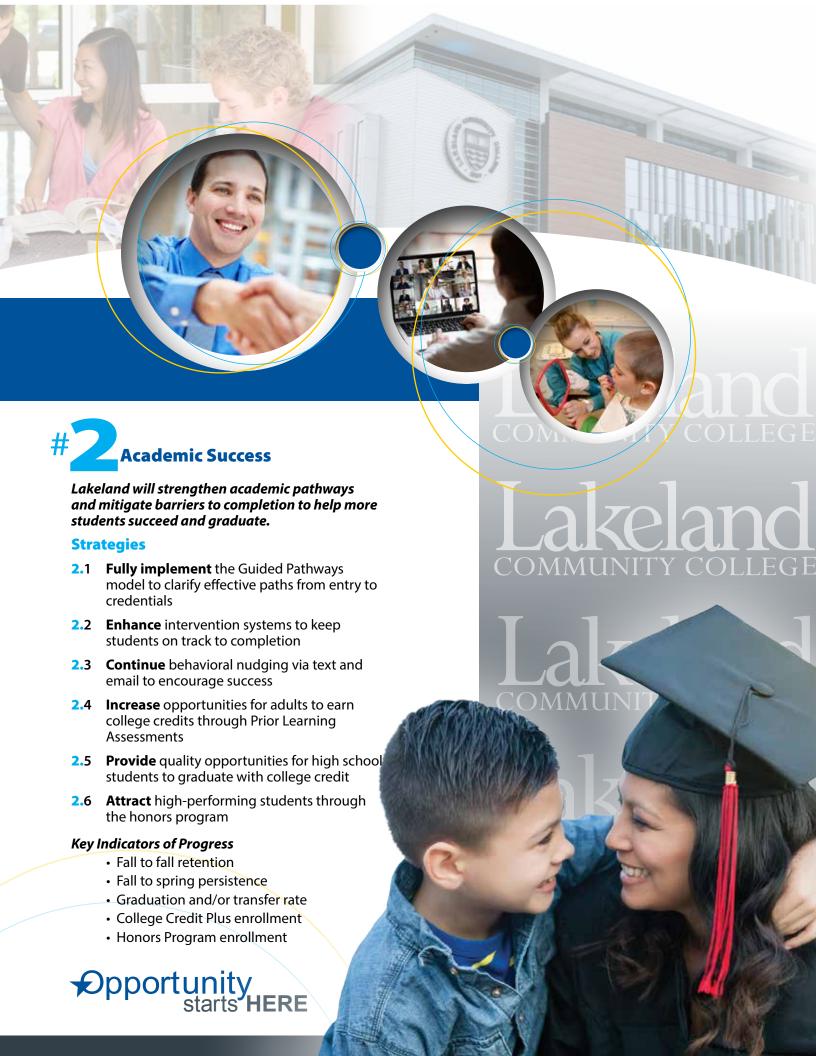
Spring 2022

Finalize the plan

- Confirm final language
- Recommend approval
- Review with college board of trustees and seek approval







Workforce Development

Lakeland will ensure that academic programs align with employer needs to prepare more skilled graduates to keep our local workforce and economy strong.

Strategies

- **3.1 Expand** outreach to working age adults to pursue workforce-ready education and training
- **3.2 Engage** employers to identify industry trends and ensure job training meets workforce needs
- **3.3 Develop** new degrees, certificates, short-term credentials, and training programs to meet evolving employer need for qualified workers
- 3.4 **Keep** classrooms, labs and technologies updated to train students for the jobs of today and tomorrow
- **3.5 Increase** internship and co-op experiences for students
- **3.6 Expand** Holden University Center partnership programs in high-demand careers
- 3.7 Ensure students have the general education and soft skills to succeed in the workplace

Key Indicators of Progress

- Adult enrollment
- New enrollment in workforce training programs
- Number of workforce-ready degrees, certificates and credentials awarded
- Number of Holden University Center graduates

Community Stewardship

Lakeland will strengthen its brand reputation, strategic partnerships, and financial resources to meet student needs and improve the quality of life in our community.

Strategies

- **4.1 Demonstrate** good stewardship of taxpayer resources
- **4.2 Enhance** public awareness and value perception of the college
- **4.3 Continue** environmental sustainability principles and practices
- **4.4** Increase fundraising to support student success and college priorities
- 4.5 Improve processes for measuring effectiveness and analyzing results for continuous improvement
- **4.6 Explore** partnership opportunities to serve the unmet needs of our aging population
- 4.7 Facilitate conversations with community partners to address common challenges and opportunities

Key Indicators of Progress

- Unqualified (clean) financial audits
- Ohio Efficiency Reports
- Funds available to support student scholarships
- Community survey results
- Number of strategic community partnerships





STRATEGIC PLANSUMMARY 2022/2024

MISSION: To provide quality learning opportunities to meet the social and economic needs of the community

VISION: To be the best in creating quality learning opportunities

CORE PURPOSE: To impact lives through learning

CORE VALUES: Excellence, Accessibility, Diversity, Integrity, Innovation, Joy



Student Experience

- Establish a culture of exceptional customer service through humancentered design thinkin
- Ease student navigation of college processes, information and resources
- Maintain access to an affordable high-quality education
- Increase student access to support services, including enhancing delivery of mental health supports
- Expand distance learning and flexible delivery methods
- Practice empathy in meeting the basic human needs of students
- Promote equity, inclusivity and belonging
- Provide co-curricular activities to improve the student learning experience



Academic Success

- Fully implement the Guided Pathways model to clarify effective paths from entry to credentials
- **Enhance** intervention systems to keep students on track to completion
- Continue behavioral nudging via text and email to encourage success
- Increase opportunities for adults to earn college credits through Prior Learning Assessments
- Provide quality opportunities for high school students to graduate with college credit
- Attract high-performing students through the honors program



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