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It is with great pleasure that we present the first ever NCACHE Annual Report.

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The vision for providing college access programming to our local communities in the NC Appalachian region began long before 2010. The NC Appalachian Collaborative for Higher Education, formerly the Western Network for Access and Success has been serving the region through a collaborative effort with UNC-Asheville, Western Carolina, and Appalachian State. Our

The U.S. Department of Education estimates the college-going rate of high school graduates nationwide at 63.3 percent; for Appalachia the rate is between 35 percent and 55 percent, according to Commission data.

college or postsecondary training is now necessary to obtain jobs that pay a livable wage, it is critical that we close the college-going

new name only reflects a desire to be recognizable throughout the national Appalachian region. The same level of high quality programming is still in place, in fact, we are increasing our programming!

Appalachia is catching up with the nation as a whole on many socioeconomic indicators – even surpassing the national averages in some areas – but the Region still lags in postsecondary education. Because at least some

gap between Appalachia and the nation. In NC, public and private entities, in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission, have joined together to maximize local resources and reduce the barriers to educational attainment – a key component to economic development.

Get involved -- please inform politicians about your community's funding priorities for the state budget. Visit <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us> to communicate with your county's Senate and House Representatives.

In Appalachia, 17.7 percent of the population age 25 and older has a college degree, compared with 24.4 percent of the population in the nation as a whole.

NCACHE is committed to building strategic partnerships to strengthen our local communities through college access and success.

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