It is with great pleasure that we present the 2011 NCACHE Annual Report. When you have a moment, please visit this link to view the entire document.

www.ncache.appstate.edu/news/ncache-annual-report

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 post-secondary education. Because at least some college or post-secondary training is now necessary to obtain jobs that pay a livable wage, it is critical that we close the college-going 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. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to help increase the college-going rate in your community.

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 and 55 percent, according to Commission data.

Please contact your politicians, so they know your priorities! 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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