Orange County’s Community Colleges include four Districts—Coast Community College District, North Orange County Community College District, Rancho Santiago Community College District, and South Orange County Community College District—serving over 300,000 students in Orange County.

**ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT**

- $20,000: Average amount those with an Associate’s degree earn more per year than those without a high school diploma.
- $11,000: Average amount community college graduates earn more per year than high school graduates.

**JOB CREATION**

For every dollar invested in Orange County community colleges by students and taxpayers, the community receives...

- **$387,000**: Average amount community college graduates earn more in a lifetime than high school graduates.
- **$11,000**: Average amount community college graduates earn more per year than high school graduates.

**CALIFORNIA AND ORANGE COUNTY TAXPAYERS**

- **$20,000**: Average amount those with an Associate’s degree earn more per year than those without a high school diploma.
- **$11,000**: Average amount community college graduates earn more per year than high school graduates.

**WE ALL BENEFIT!**

Community Colleges benefit California taxpayers and students, through:

- Increased wages
- Improved health
- Lower crime cost
- Reduced welfare and unemployment
- Job creation
- Better prepared workforce
- Significant economic benefits
- Economic Stability

- **17.4%**: Annual Return on Investment and Recovery of costs in less than 7 years.
- **14.7%**: Annual Return on Investment and Recovery of costs in less than 8 years.

- **$70 MILLION**: Amount the public saves per year on quality life and social benefits.
- **$1.6 BILLION**: In increased economic activity due to Community College District operations.
- **$9 BILLION**: In combined increased economic activity, higher earnings, increased consumer spending, and public benefits to the Orange County economy.

- **301,689**: Students attended OC Community Colleges in 2011-2012.
- **73%**: Stay in the region after college.