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# COMMUNITY COLLEGES & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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# SUMMARY OF LEARNINGS

"Anyone can learn anything under the right conditions."  
- Kathleen Plinske, Provost and Executive VP, Valencia  
College

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## GEOGRAPHY IS EVERYTHING!

Courses offered at community colleges are focused on the labor and economic needs of the community they are located

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## JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

There is a 100% integration between community colleges and employers - in the form of course lecturers, course design and approval, college

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## BREAD & BUTTER CAREERS

Every hour, 10,000 baby boomers retire from employment, creating huge labor gaps, and through surveys and relatable marketing methods, community colleges are systematically "new skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling" a new generation of workers

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## OPEN ENROLMENT

In addition to there being a community college 30 minutes away from every resident in the US, there is also a big focus on ensuring everyone can enrol through relaxed requirements, cost of programs, access to loans and funding, and a frills-free admission process

# QUICK FACTS

12  
MILLION

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS  
ENROLLED IN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES ANNUALLY

40%

% OF UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS ENROLLED  
IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN  
THE US

OPEN DOORS REPORT  
[www.iie.org/opendoors](http://www.iie.org/opendoors)

COMMUNITY COLLEGES INITIATIVE  
PROGRAM  
[exchanges.state.gov](http://exchanges.state.gov)

SEVIS STATISTICS  
[ice.gov/sevp](http://ice.gov/sevp)

COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
[www.chea.org](http://www.chea.org)

ACCUPLACER  
[accuplacer.collegeboard.org](http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org)

180

NUMBER OF SWAZI STUDENTS  
CURRENTLY IN THE US

8%

STUDENTS PURSUING AN  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

1100 / 40,000

THIS IS THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE POPULATION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE US, WITH LIMITED FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR AFRICANS TO STUDY IN US COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ESWATINI?

# OPPORTUNITIES

- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE PROGRAM**
- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**
- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**
- **EDUCATION USA ACADEMY**

## MEETINGS?

- **SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**
- **MOET**
- **LOCAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**

## PRESENTATIONS?

- **ENDIBANWENI**
- **EMBASSY**

# PICTURES!



# SOCIAL MEDIA

The tour was shared on our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and these are the stats:

## IMPRESSIONS



**30,000**



**30,000**

## LIKES



**1,112**



**184**

## POSTS

**FACEBOOK - 16**

**TWITTER - 34**

**INSTAGRAM - 26**