Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education not only is preparing PA’s future, and providing students with opportunity for upward mobility, it is a solid investment for the state!

State System students are career ready when they graduate, in areas most in demand in the workforce.

The System is reorganizing entirely around students, making student success its #1 priority.

Every day, System universities make enormous contributions to Pennsylvania, local businesses, and communities.

STUDENTS:

Regardless of zip code or family background, the System provides them every opportunity to achieve success and upward mobility.

88% PA residents
35% Pell Grant-eligible
23% First-generation

500,000+ No. of State System alumni who reside in PA
700,000+ No. of degrees & certificates conferred since ’83
Pennsylvania public high school college-bound graduates from 2016-17 enrolled at a State System university in Fall 2017

Since 2008, minority student enrollment has increased by 50%

UNIVERSITIES:
State System universities continue aligning programs with workforce demands, preparing students for successful careers within their field of study. This is especially true for students who graduate with majors in business and in healthcare-related fields.

69% Percentage increase in STEM-H* enrollment over the last decade

67% Percentage of business major graduates employed in business, finance, or accounting-related areas

29% Percentage of all bachelor’s degrees now in STEM-H, representing the #1 area of study

16% Percentage of graduating students with a degree in Business, making it the #2 area of study

* STEM-H means science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health-related fields

ALUMNI:
Within 18-24 months from graduation, 95% of State System graduates are employed or pursuing a post-bachelor’s degree, 88% are working in their field of study, and 72% are working in Pennsylvania.

$45,000 Median wage earned within 18-24 months of graduation

SYSTEM:
The State System is the producer of bachelor’s degrees, conferring 21% of all bachelor’s degrees in the state. With an average net price $5,000 lower than state-related universities, it remains the most affordable option for Pennsylvanians.

$6.7 BILLION Annual economic impact

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