In 2017, Delaware County Community College will celebrate its 50th anniversary. It opened in 1967 with 307 students. Today, the College serves 28,000 students annually in credit and non-credit courses at nine locations throughout our service communities of Delaware and Chester Counties. We are the fifth largest two-year college in Greater Philadelphia.

The College has helped to build communities with graduates in health care, technical fields, the sciences, business and education, offering more than 80 educational programs.

To help support the mission of Delaware County Community College, please consider contributing to the 50th Anniversary Campaign. A gift through the Educational Foundation directly supports students, faculty, programs and facilities. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, so your gift is tax-deductible. Visit the Foundation website at dccc.edu/makeagift or call 610-359-5131.

American community colleges are the nation’s overlooked asset. As the United States confronts the challenges of globalization, two-year institutions are indispensable to the American future. They are the Ellis Island of American higher education, the crossroads at which K-12 education meets colleges and universities, and the institutions that give many students the tools to navigate the modern world.

Winning the Skills Race and Strengthening America’s Middle Class: An Action Agenda for Community Colleges.

The College Board, January 2008

Delaware County Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation or age in its programs and activities.
Delaware County Community College is one of 16 higher education institutions nationwide recertified recently as an Achieving the Dream Leader College. It is the second time the College has received Leader status in this national reform movement for student success. The College’s recognition focuses on degree and certificate attainment for first-time, full-time students and for increasing persistence rates for all students. This program is but one measure of support that is ensuring student success.

Community colleges occupy a unique niche in the postsecondary world of education, serving almost half of the undergraduate population in the United States. They prepare students for advanced study at four-year institutions and are the direct link with area employers, facilitating new curriculum development, advisement and ultimately job placement for graduates.

Globalization continues to drive changes in the economy, and the need for a competitive workforce has never been greater. Technological advances also fuel the training needs of businesses, industries and individuals. With affordable tuition and open access to anyone with a high school diploma, community colleges serve as a gateway to opportunity, particularly for first generation students.

Additional measures include creating pathways for students – from high school to college, to four-year degrees and to employment with internships, apprenticeships, clinical practice, and ultimately job placement. For students pursuing baccalaureate and advanced degrees, academic majors are geared for seamless transfer to four-year colleges or universities.

Unique partnerships with high schools, colleges and universities, businesses and industries enable our students to progress smoothly along their academic or career path.

To provide access to higher education, the College opened two new locations in Delaware County and six new locations in Chester County within a ten-year time span. The main campus in Marple Township has undergone a transformation to adapt to pedagogical and technological advancements. The new construction improves the delivery of student support services and enhances facilities in high-demand fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Architectural features and design are student-centered, engaging and supporting students throughout campus.

Looking to the future, community colleges’ affordable tuition and quality programs that focus on local workforce needs are more relevant than ever. Delaware County Community College’s recent investments in academic support systems for students, expanded locations and cutting edge facilities bode well for the future. Our growth and expansion is a fulfillment of the community college mission in Delaware and Chester Counties and a promise of a rewarding future to generations of students.