



Fall 2026 Welcome Back

– State of the College

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Our Mission: *Central Community College
maximizes student and community success.*



2025-2030 Vision: To be a leader in education through advancement in:

- a) **Student achievement of their educational goals** through quality education led by dedicated, qualified faculty and staff, creating pathways to employment and continued learning, and a positive return on investment for students and the community.
- b) **Preparation of Nebraska's skilled workforce** through expanded work-based learning partnerships and entrepreneurship opportunities, supported by modern facilities, technology and engaged alumni.
- c) **Collaboration with public and private entities** to develop innovative solutions that address the evolving needs of current and potential Nebraskans.



2025-2030 Impactful Initiatives:

Outreach for Adult Learners:

Advance the education of the population served by CCC through convenient access to educational programs and support services. By leveraging existing programs and tailoring their delivery to meet the needs of adult learners, this population will have expanded opportunities to complete educational courses, programs of study and industry-recognized credentials. Programs and support services may be offered in alternative formats, short-term or accelerated sessions, and at times to assist with award completion.



2025-2030 Impactful Initiatives:

Career Aligned Transfer Readiness:

Boost student enrollment and completion of degrees by aligning our awards with career paths and updated general education standards of Nebraska's four-year universities and state colleges. The initiative includes reviewing and revising general education requirements and introducing career-aligned transfer degrees. Innovate and develop new offerings, such as a 30-credit diploma in an academic transfer discipline, and focused transfer degrees aim to improve degree completion and position CCC as a leader in student-centered, transfer-ready education. Advising and student-focused communication is essential as students complete their credentials and transfer efficiently.



2025-2030 Impactful Initiatives:

Telling Our Story:

Refine a shared identity with our internal and external community through nurturing personal connections to CCC through increased story telling. CCC's stories should capture qualities that define CCC's students, employees and communities. Through intentional communication, both internal and external partners will share compelling stories that encourage others to unite with us to further the college's mission of maximizing student and community success.



Early 2026 Successes (some):

- For the third consecutive year, Central Community College placed second in the 2026-27 Military Friendly School rankings for small community colleges.
- CCC was invited to join Year 7 of the Metallica Scholars Initiative (MSI), supported by a \$5,000 grant aimed at enhancing the criminal justice program.
- The Central Community College Entrepreneurship Center was named the SourceLink Nebraska Resource Partner of the Year by the Nebraska Business Development Center.
- Hastings Campus student Whitney Williams was named a 2026 New Century Workforce Scholar and received a \$1,500 scholarship from The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Only one scholar was selected from each state.
- CCC's ELEVATE Apprenticeship consortium was selected as the recipient of 2026 Nebraska Career and Technical Education Outstanding Postsecondary Program award by the Nebraska Dept of Education.

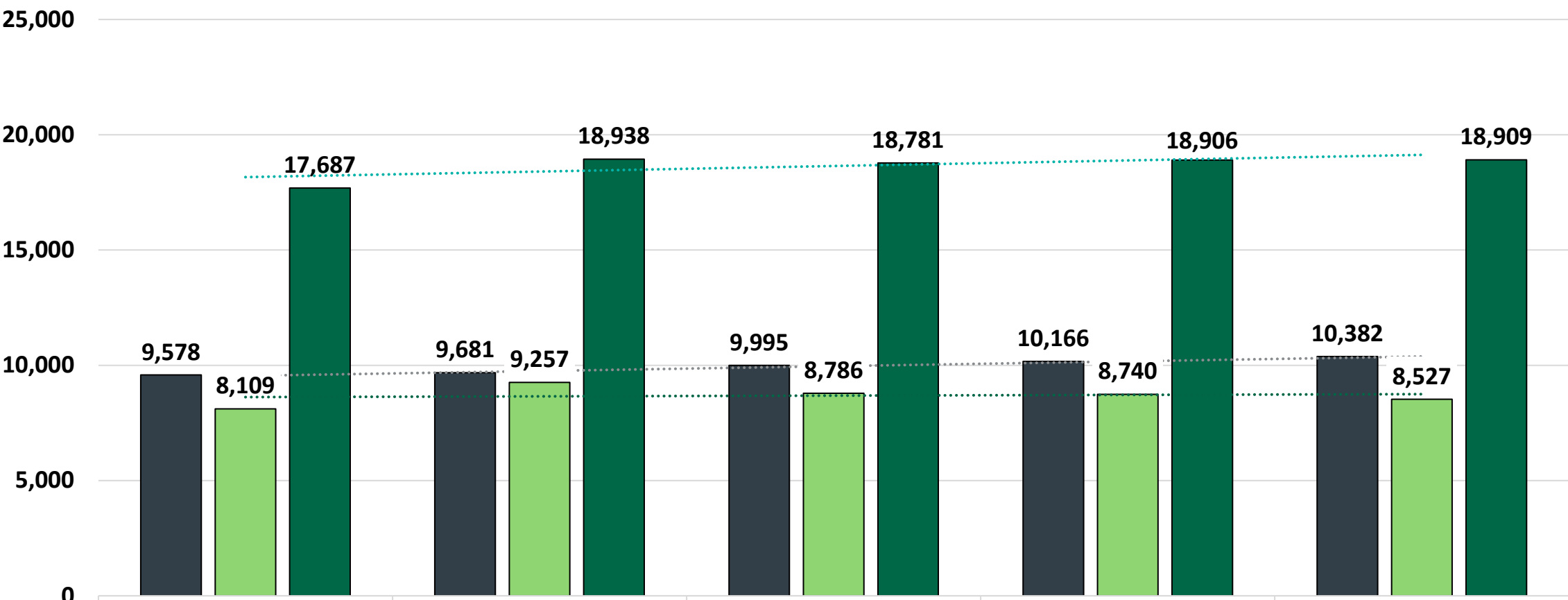


Early 2026 Successes (some more):

- Ten CCC students were recognized for winning, placing, or competing in the National Skills USA contest in Georgia this month. Includes: Wyatt Kreutzer and Hunter Trumble (Hastings) - 1st Place - Additive Manufacturing; Zander Sohl (Hastings) - 1st Place - Career and Technical Educator; and Ashton Behmerwohld and Carson Kunze (Columbus) - 4th Place – Mechatronics.
- Columbus welding instructor, Bryce Standley, was recently named instructor of the year for his region by the district American Welding Society.
- CCC was successful in obtaining a \$100,000 revision Perkins grant to assist with updating equipment in CCC's commercial construction program.
- CCC is a subrecipient of the NSF Rural STAMINA Biomanufacturing Engine grant lead by Iowa State University. CCC will receive almost \$400,000 to assist other colleges and high schools implement iMec curriculum in area high schools over the next two years.

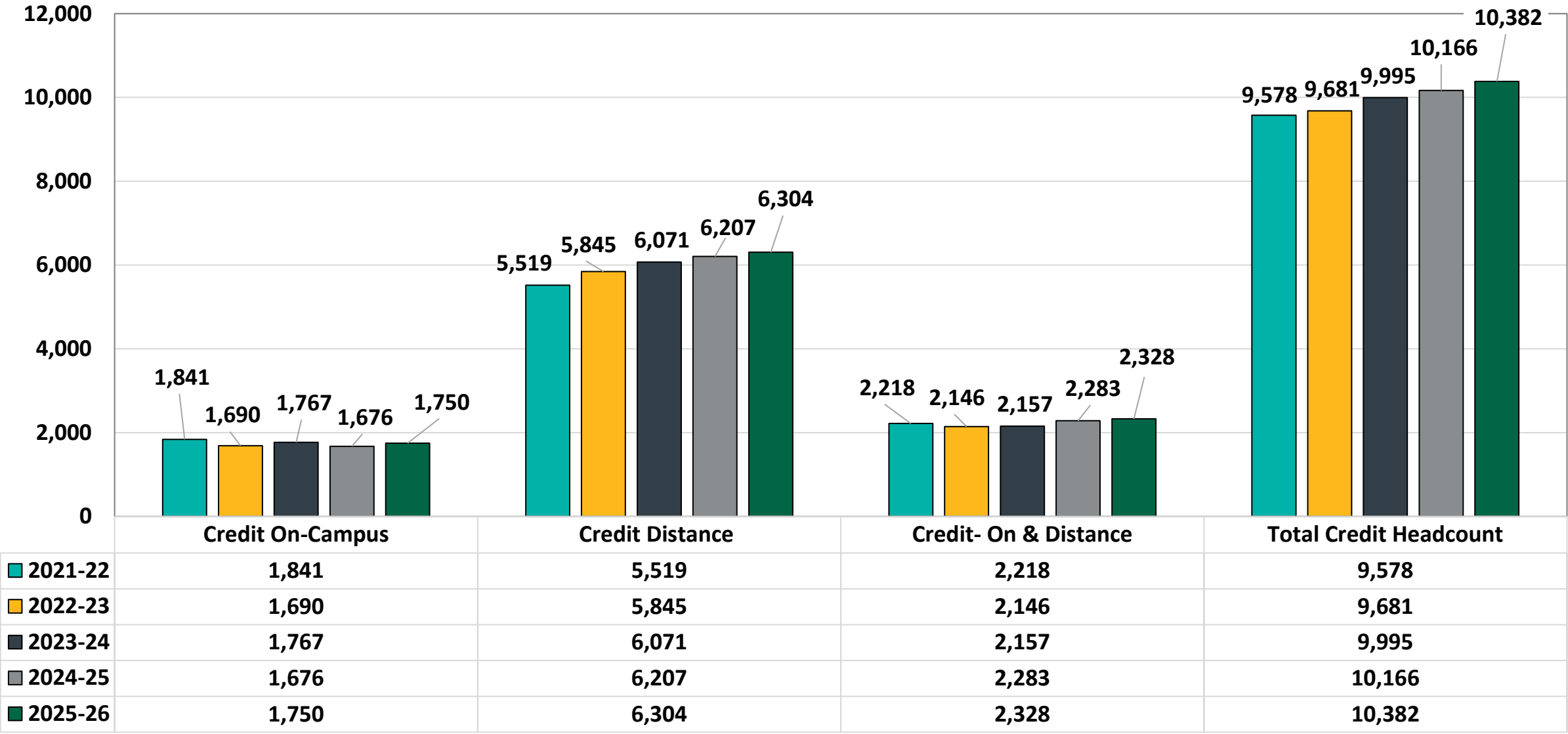


Five-Year Unduplicated Headcount

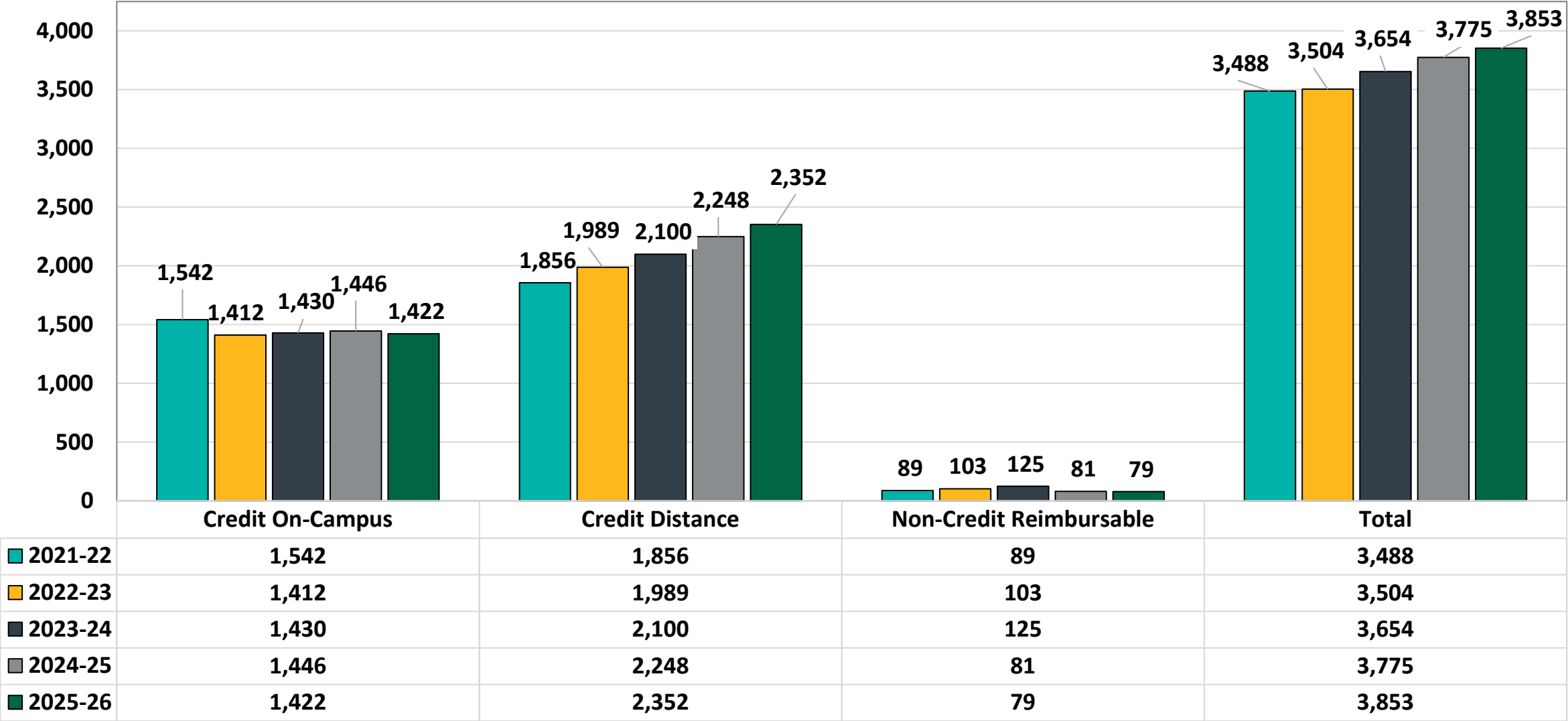


Credit Students	9,578	9,681	9,995	10,166	10,382
Non-Credit Students	8,109	9,257	8,786	8,740	8,527
Total (Dupl.)	17,687	18,938	18,781	18,906	18,909

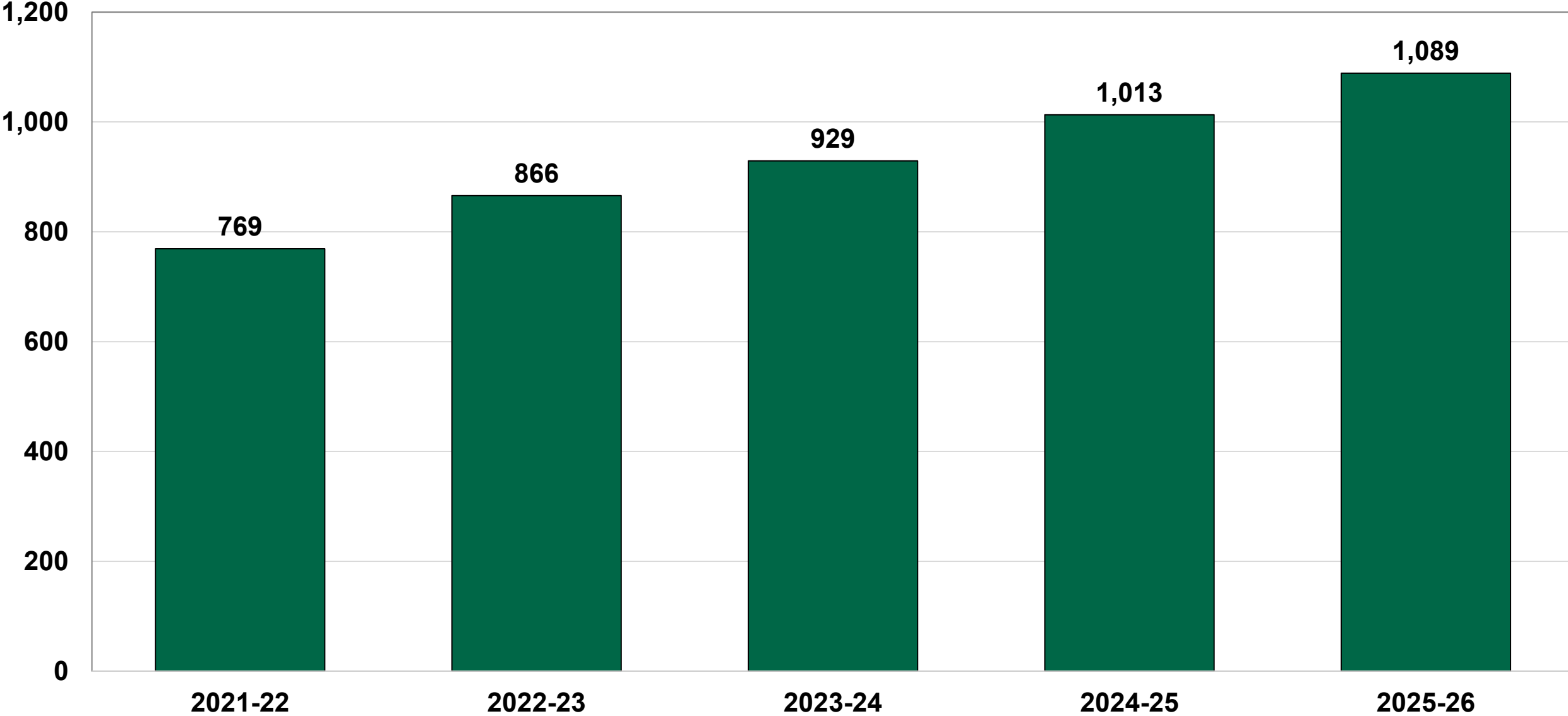
Unduplicated Headcount Of Credit Students By Type Of Delivery



FTE Of On-Campus, Distance, and Non-Credit Reimbursable



Early College FTE Trends



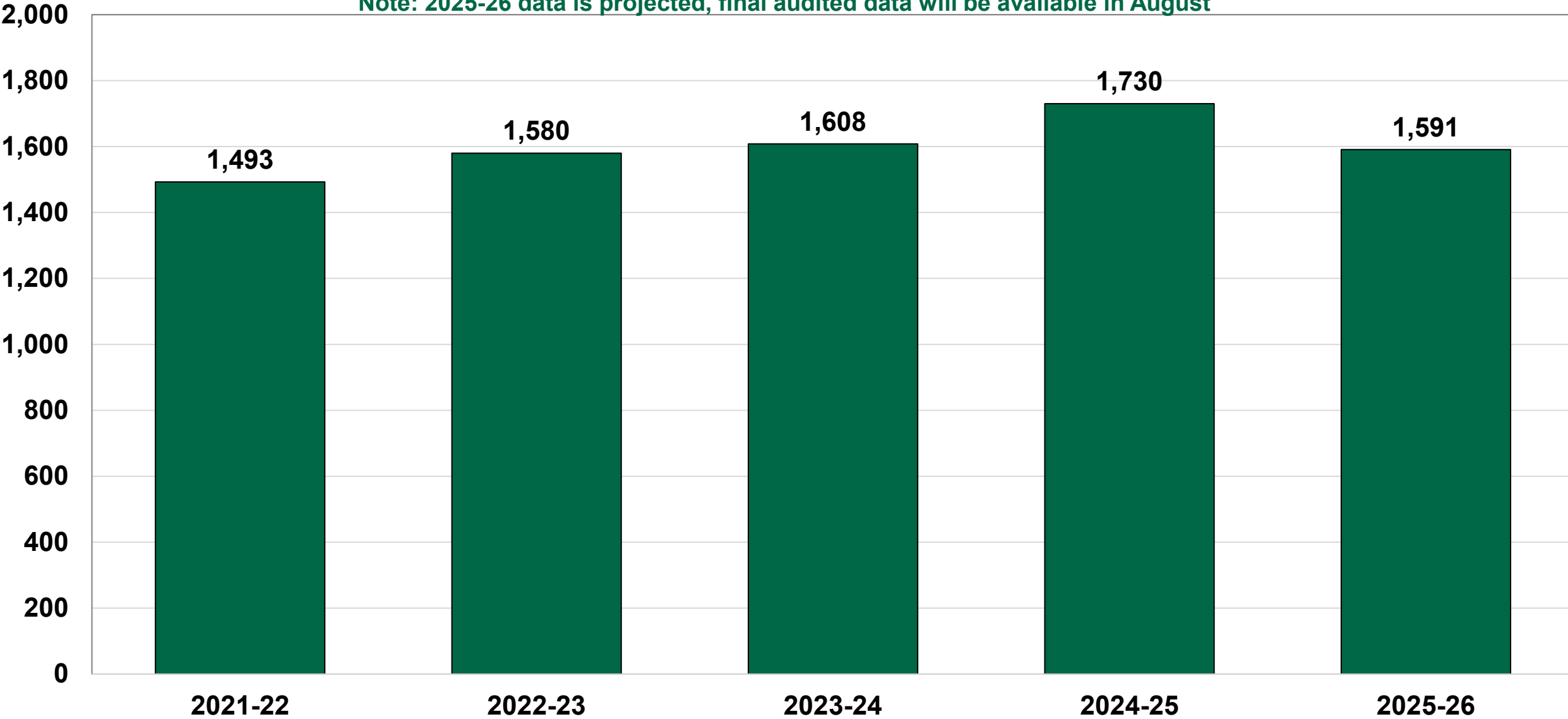
Nebraska Community College Total REU Comparisons for 25-26 (estimated - pre-audit)

Central Community College	Up 2.0 %
Metro Community College	Up 7.0 %
Mid Plains Community College	Up 10.0 %
Northeast Community College	Up 0.75 %
Southeast Community College	Up 6.0 %
Western Community College	Up 6.7 %



Total Unduplicated Graduates

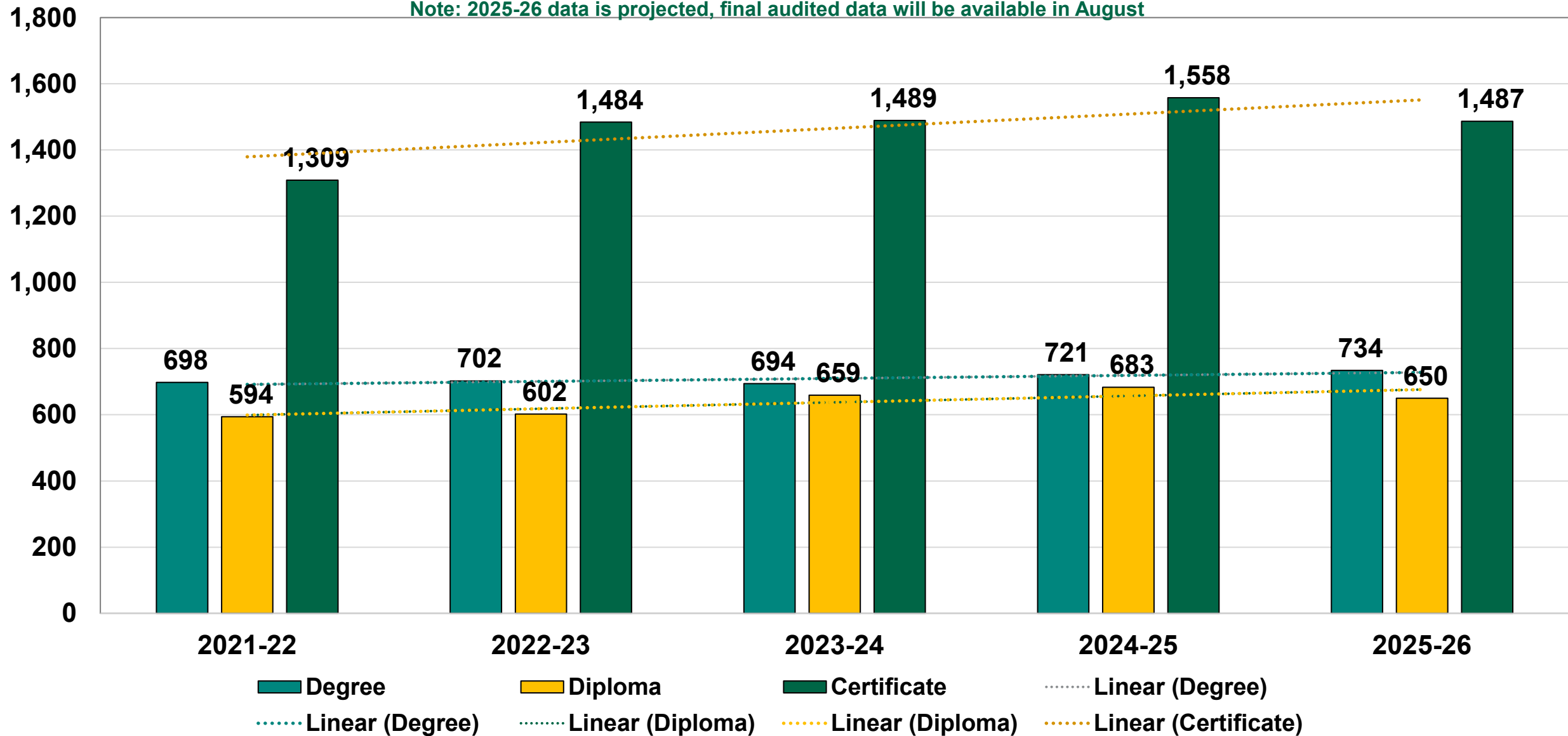
Note: 2025-26 data is projected, final audited data will be available in August



Total Number of Awards College-wide

Students may be duplicated across award levels

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Course Completion Percentage by Year

(Grades A, B, C, Pass in All modes, All sites)

Program Alpha	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
English (ENGL)	76%	78%	79%	80%
Mathematics (MATH)	70%	72%	72%	76%
All Programs	80%	80%	81%	82%

Student Survey of Instruction (SSOI) for Spring 2026

(All students, in all credit courses, for all instructors invited to complete with almost 4,000 completed)

Topic	Strongly Agree or Agree
Course activities enhanced my learning.	95%
Instructor demonstrated strong knowledge of subject matter.	94%
Instructor/course materials were prepared and ready when expected.	96%
Instructor feedback, comments and explanations helped to improve my overall performance.	92%
The course helped me see connections between its ideas and concepts and my field of study	93%

Enrollment impacts for Fall 2026

Fall 26 pre-enrollment up about 3.4% from last year at this time.

Summer 26 was 2% up from last summer.

Early College discounted tuition rates continues with two rates vs three. Early College fall pre-enrollment up over 10%. Early College up almost 18%.

Tuition changes – Non-Resident (out-state) reduced to Resident (in-state) amount to attract and retain more students in Nebraska.

Calling campaign for “Planned – not Registered”.

Expanded athletic team rosters.

Expanded NSOs and early registration events at schools.



Nebraska State Funding Updates

- Continued support of **at least** 3.5% annual growth of state Community College Future Fund on approx. 70% of our state funding.
- Remaining state funding reduced about 6% on approx. 15% of our state funding. But special one-year funding for Lexington response of \$250,000.
- CCC still has local property tax funding (2 cent levy) for buildings and facilities. (estimated \$15 million for 26-27)
- Opportunity of NE Dept of Labor workforce and DHHS Rural Health grants.
- Governor's request as of July, 2026 to reduce 26-27 spending by 5% and plan on an additional 8% reduction in next two-years.
- Tuition increase of 3% approved by Board of Governors.



Expenses	2026 Budget	% Total	2027 Budget	% Change	\$ Change
Personnel	\$ 55,562,531	74.46%	\$ 57,268,915	3.07%	\$ 1,706,384
Operating	\$ 15,791,571	21.16%	\$ 16,351,961	3.55%	\$ 560,390
Supplies	\$ 1,623,764	2.18%	\$ 1,583,848	-2.46%	\$ (39,916)
Travel	\$ 828,494	1.11%	\$ 917,711	10.77%	\$ 89,217
Equipment	<u>\$ 812,549</u>	1.09%	<u>\$ 843,725</u>	<u>3.84%</u>	<u>\$ 31,176</u>
Grand Total	\$ 74,618,909		\$ 76,966,160	3.15%	\$ 2,347,251

Revenues	2026 Budget	% Total	2027 Budget	% Change	\$ Change
State Aid	\$ 12,692,123	17.01%	\$ 11,9329,054	-6.01%	\$ (763,069)
State Community College Future Fund	\$ 50,866,769	68.17%	\$ 52,647,106	3.5%	\$ 1,780,337
Tuition	\$ 10,660,017	14.26%	\$ 10,990,000	3.10%	\$ 329,983
Other	\$ 400,000	0.54%	\$ 400,000	0%	0
Cash Reserves	<u>\$ 0</u>		<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>		<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>
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Nebraska Community College 26-27 Revenue due to REU Comparisons (estimated - pre-audit)

Community College	Estimated Revenue based on 3.5% REU base growth	Additional \$ received due to being higher than 3.5%
Central Community College	\$ 1,780,337	+ \$0 @ 2.0% growth
Metro Community College	\$ 3,059,989	+ \$3,059,989 @ 7% growth
Mid Plains Community College	\$ 655,848	+ \$1,218,044 @ 10% growth
Northeast Community College	\$ 1,071,657	+ \$0 @ 0.75% growth
Southeast Community College	\$ 2,491,336	+ \$1,770,526 @ 6% growth
Western NE Community College	\$ 441,456	+ \$ 403,617 @ 6.7% growth



Higher Ed Challenges

(Inside Higher Ed Daily Report, July 7, 2026)

University of Minnesota – Eliminate 230 jobs

John Hopkins University – Lay Off 110 people

The New School (NY) – Lay off 87 people

Southern Oregon University – Cut 66 jobs

Ursinus College (PA) – Cut 36 staff

Life University (GA) – Lay off 30 employees

University of Arizona – Lay off 28 employees

Colorado School of Mines – Eliminate 16 jobs

Doane University (NE) – Cut 9 academic programs and 15 employees

University of Denver - \$20-\$30 million in cuts

Pennsylvania Western U – Cut 43 programs

Eastern Washington U – Cutting 9 programs

Marshall University (WV) – Cut 7 programs

Delaware CC – Cut 43 positions, plus 14 full-time counselors

Additional state newspaper reports of need for more cuts predicted at UNK, and University of Nebraska system.

St Joseph College of Cosmetology (NE) – 4 locations



26-27 Personnel Adjustments by CCC Board of Governors

- Faculty negotiated wage & benefit increases of approximately 5%
- Total non-faculty wage & benefit increases of approximately 4%
- Hourly staff at grade level wage max still get 1.5% increase
- Continued vacation payout option for contract staff over 5 years with CCC
- Added paid vision insurance for continuous part-time staff



26-27 Reallocated Personnel & Programming

Welding Faculty (2)

Paramedicine Faculty

Psychology Faculty

Speech Faculty

Electrical Faculty

Apprenticeship Staff (2) grant to general fund

Head Flag Football Coach

Added women's golf and beach volleyball with existing coaches

Soccer assistant coach and PT graduate assists.

Communications Staff (2)

Welding Trainer/Coordinator

Continued Perkins funding for new/updated instructional technology

Over \$300,000 in additional CCC training funds for Lexington re-employment response

Expanded athletic teams, travel & supplies

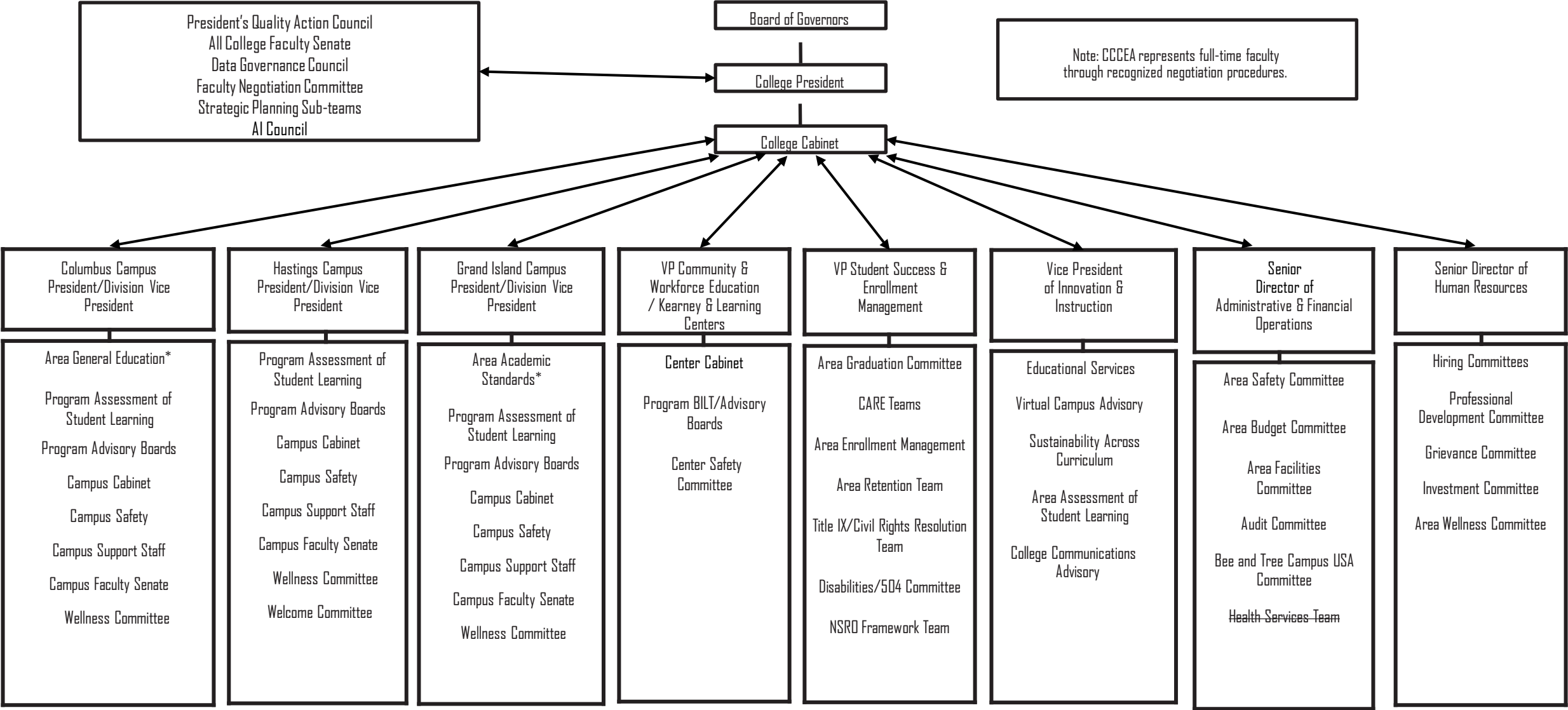


26-27 Comprehensive Facility Plan Updates

- Hastings – Gosper Transportation Building, opening Fall 2026
- Kearney – UNMC/UNK Rural Health Complex opened Spring 2026
- Holdrege relocation completed Spring 26
- Hastings – Phelps Building remodel completed Summer 2026
- Student housing GI Groundbreaking Summer 26 – Open Fall 2027
- Columbus Raider Fieldhouse remodel Summer 26-Summer 2027
- Ord Center remodel study Fall 2026



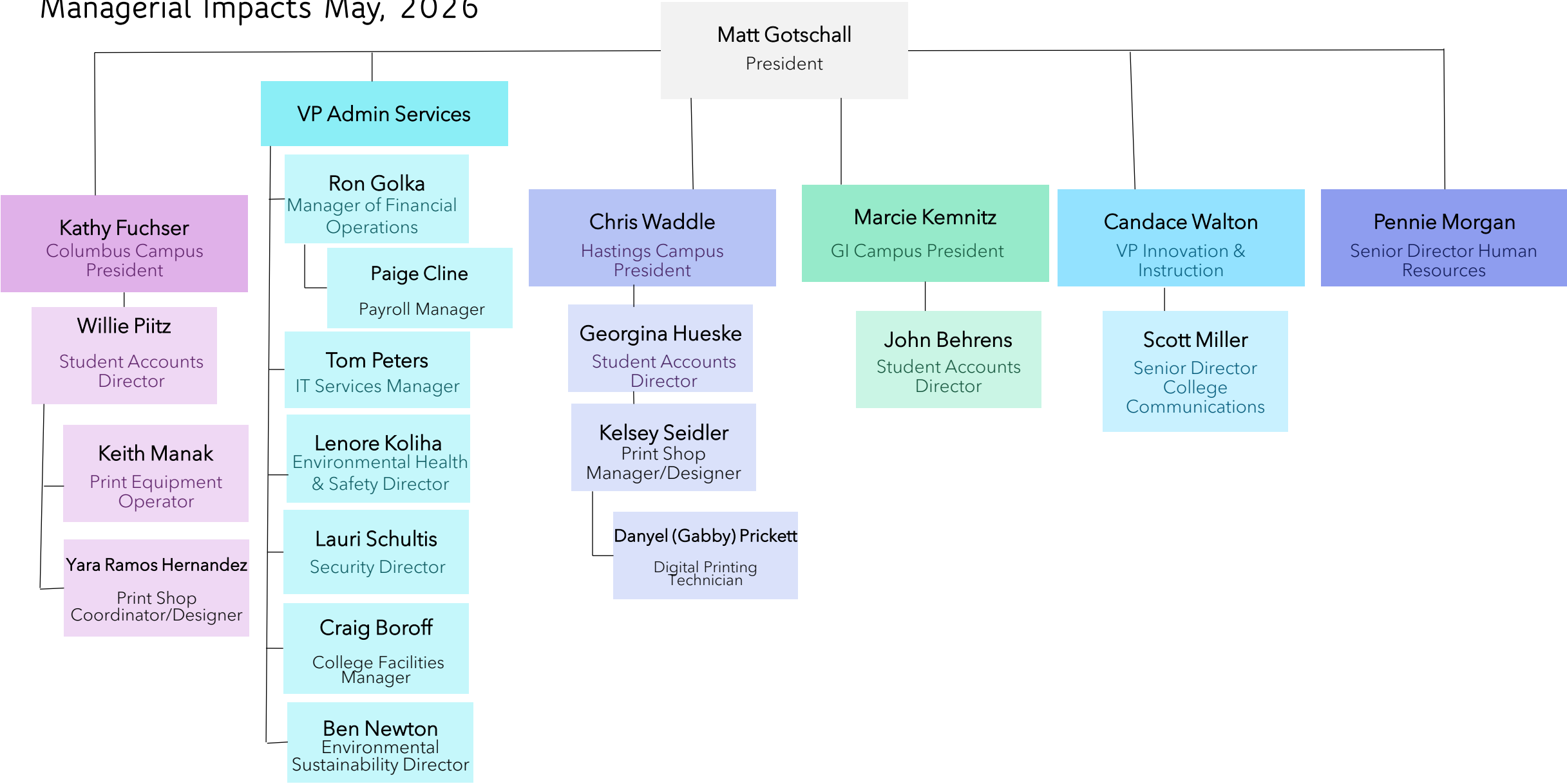
Committee Structure of Central Community College (Approved 8/6/26)



Note: CCCEA represents full-time faculty through recognized negotiation procedures.

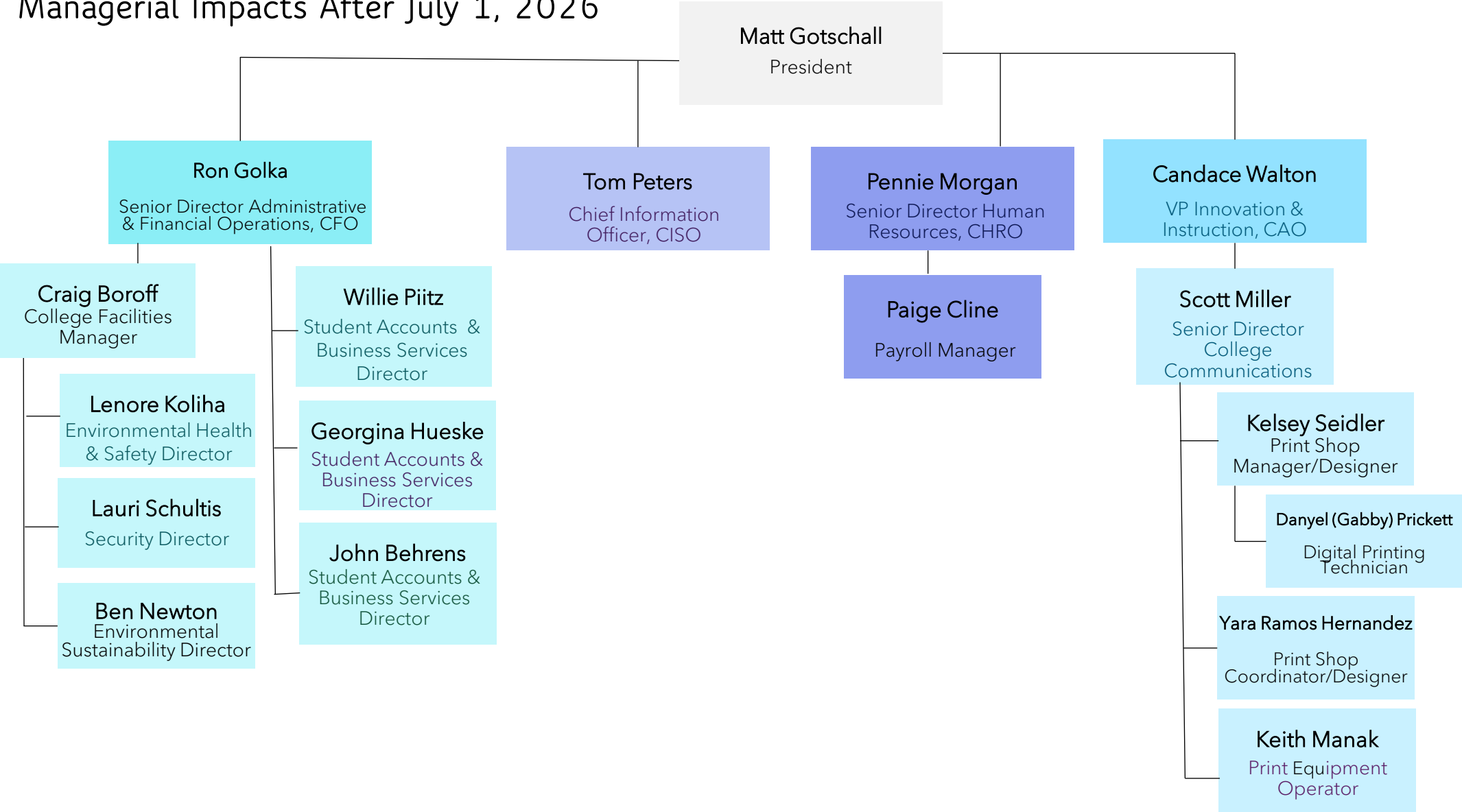
CCC Administrative Services Supervisory Updates

Managerial Impacts May, 2026



CCC Administrative Services Reorganization

Managerial Impacts After July 1, 2026



2026-27 Planned Initiatives (Proposed)

- Implement Plans for Impactful Initiatives:
 - Career Aligned Transfer Readiness
 - Outreach for Adult Learners
 - Telling Our Story
- Expand enrollment growth and student success strategies
- Expand learning center hubs & Lexington response
- Expanded roles & coordination of AI integration & data governance
- Explore workforce development initiatives including Neb Dept of Labor and Dept of Education transitions from federal to state
- Implement Workforce Pell
- Celebrate 60th – All College Spring Graduation, May 2027

