Our Goal to Equip 60% of West Virginians with a Certificate or Degree by 2030

- 31% of West Virginians aged 25-64 held at least an associate degree in 2016
- 55% of recent West Virginia high school graduates enrolled in college in the fall of 2017
- 60% of working-aged West Virginians will need a certificate or degree in order to meet future workforce demands
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According to a recent report, 97 percent of “good jobs” — those with median wages in the upper one-third in their occupation classification — created nationally since the economic recovery went to people with at least a bachelor’s degree. With less than one-third of West Virginians holding an associate degree or higher, our public institutions of higher education must work harder to equip more West Virginians with the training and skills necessary to land the good, high-paying jobs that will continue to drive our state’s economic recovery. Our new attainment goal — West Virginia’s Climb — will challenge all of West Virginia’s public colleges and universities to seek out new and innovative ways to make the college dream a reality for more West Virginians. Great things are in store for the Mountain State!

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Sources:
2 US Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (2016).