

*Hagerstown Community College
Early College Degree Program*

Board of Trustees Report



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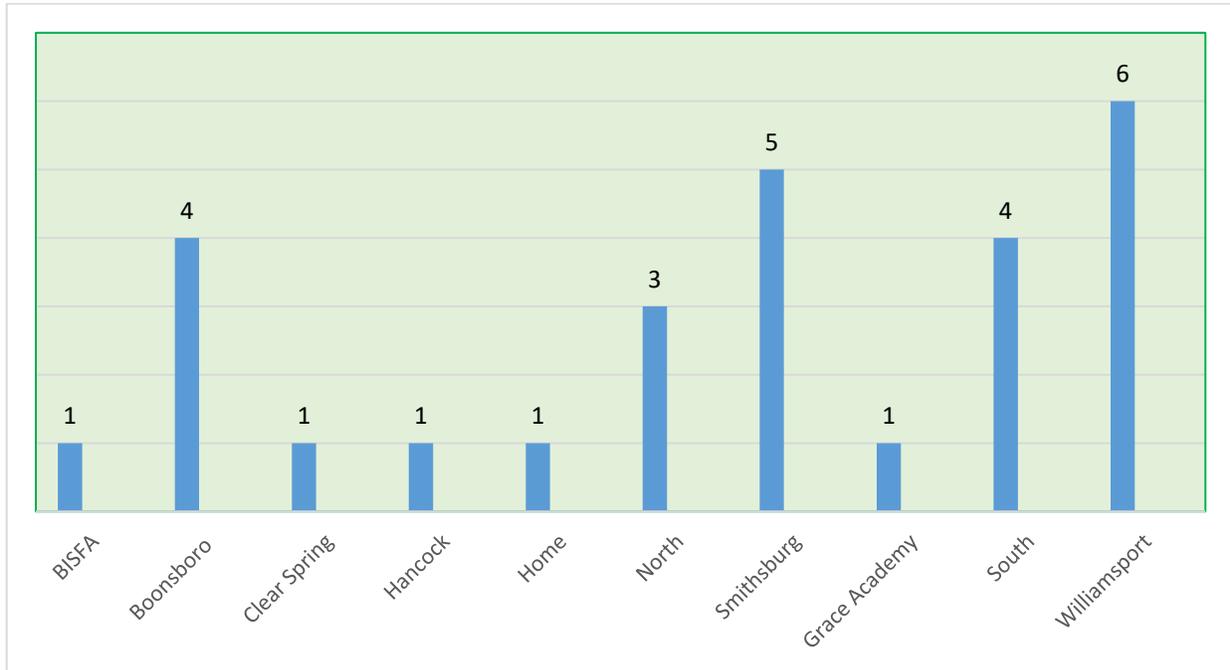
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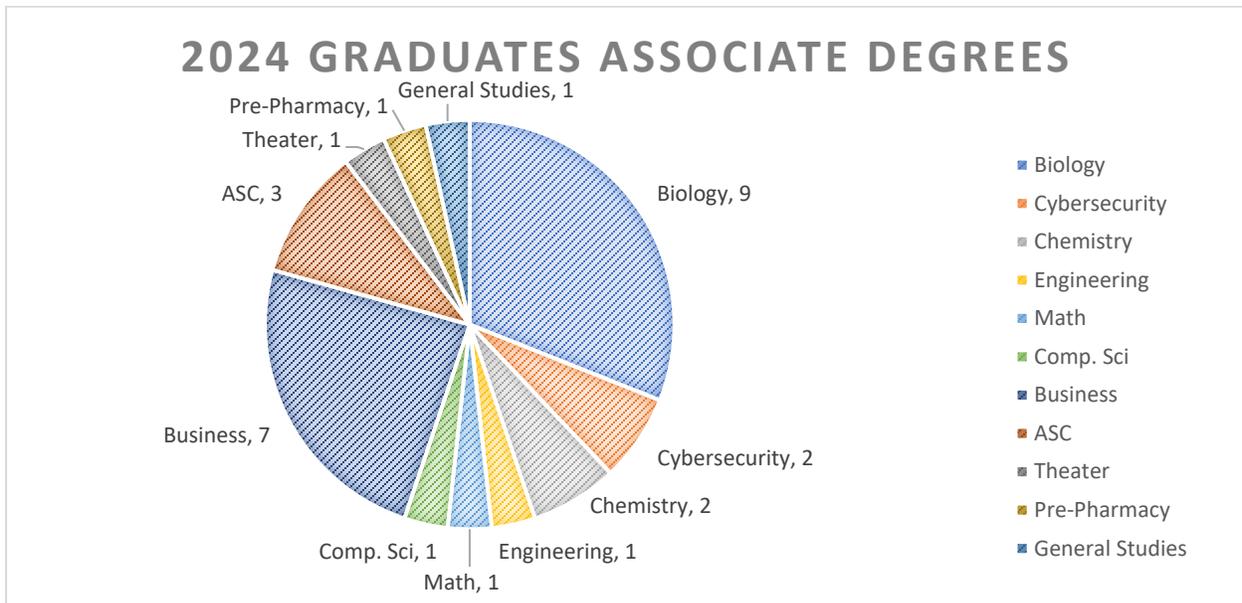
Early College Degree Program Graduates (Class of 2024)

Twenty-seven students completed their associate degree in the spring of 2024.



2024 Graduates by School

Reaching the primary programmatic goal, twenty-seven students not only graduated from their local high schools but also earned an associate degree in their chosen Early College Degree Program pathways and have been accepted at universities in pursuit of bachelor's degrees and beyond. Several students pursued multiple concentrations while at HCC.



2024 Graduate Associate Degrees

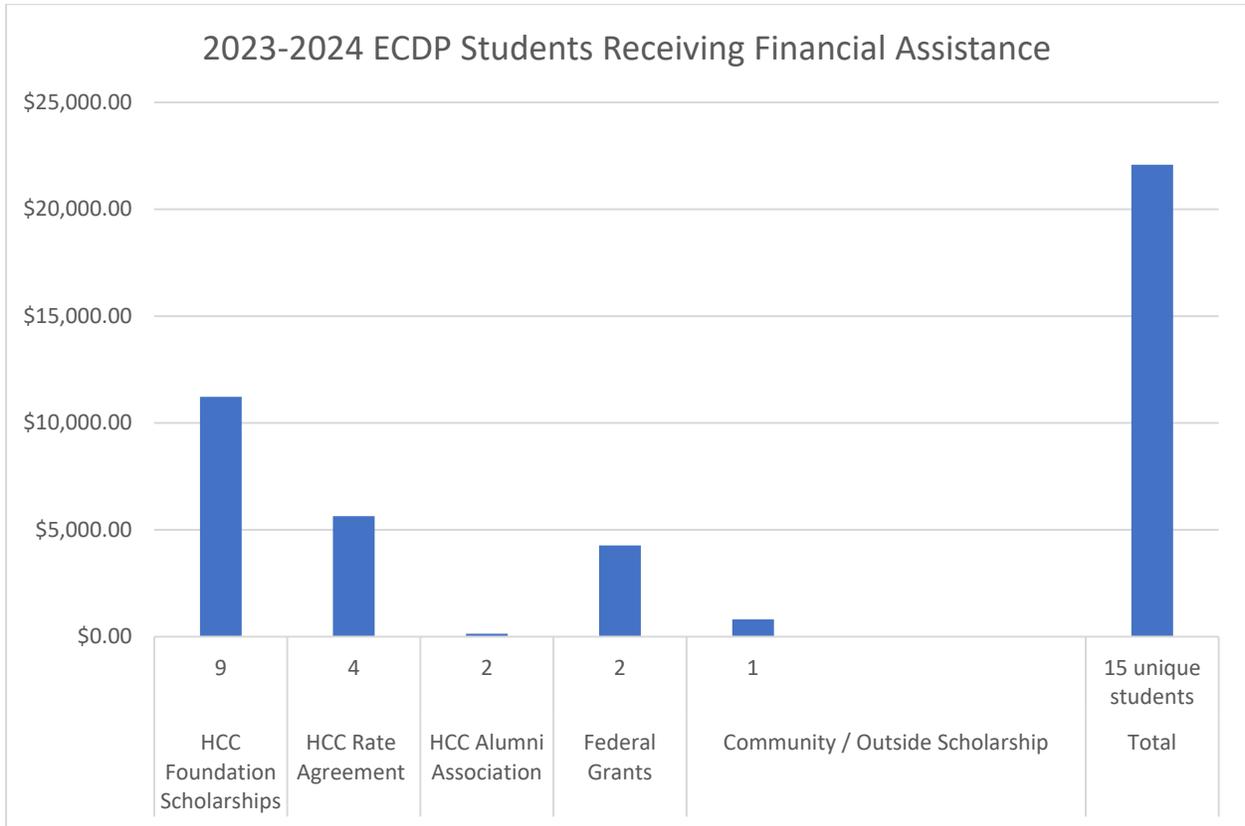
Outcomes

217 students have graduated from the Early College Degree Program since the first graduating class in 2015. Students have been accepted to 69 four-year universities to continue their studies; many of these students have received full scholarships to attend. Approximately nine out of ten Early College Degree Program graduates transfer to a four-year institution. Of those who transfer, 75 percent graduate within two years and 90 percent graduate within four years.

The 2024 graduates plan to attend the following universities.

- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Frostburg State University
- Giumenta School of Real Estate
- Hood College
- Lehigh University
- Messiah University
- Mississippi State University
- Montgomery College
- Penn State University
- Salisbury University
- Shepherd University
- Stevenson University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Pittsburgh
- Virginia Tech
- Washington College
- West Virginia University

2023-2024 Students Receiving Financial Assistance



*Does not include Maryland Blueprint funding

*Does not include early college discounts (for Maryland private school, out-of-state, and home school students)

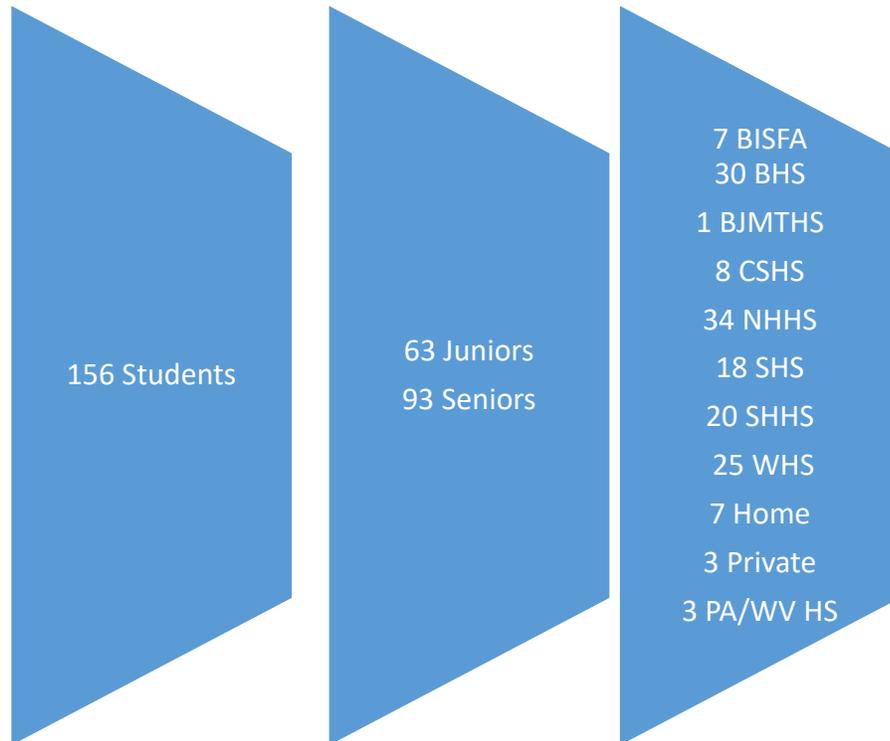
*Does not include Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) eligibility

*One student received three types of aid and another student received two types of aid.

*The number of students and the total amount declined from 2022-2023 - Maryland Blueprint

*For Federal Grants, one student received a Pell Grant the summer after graduating from high school, and the second student received funding through the Pre-Noyce Grant funded by the National Science Foundation

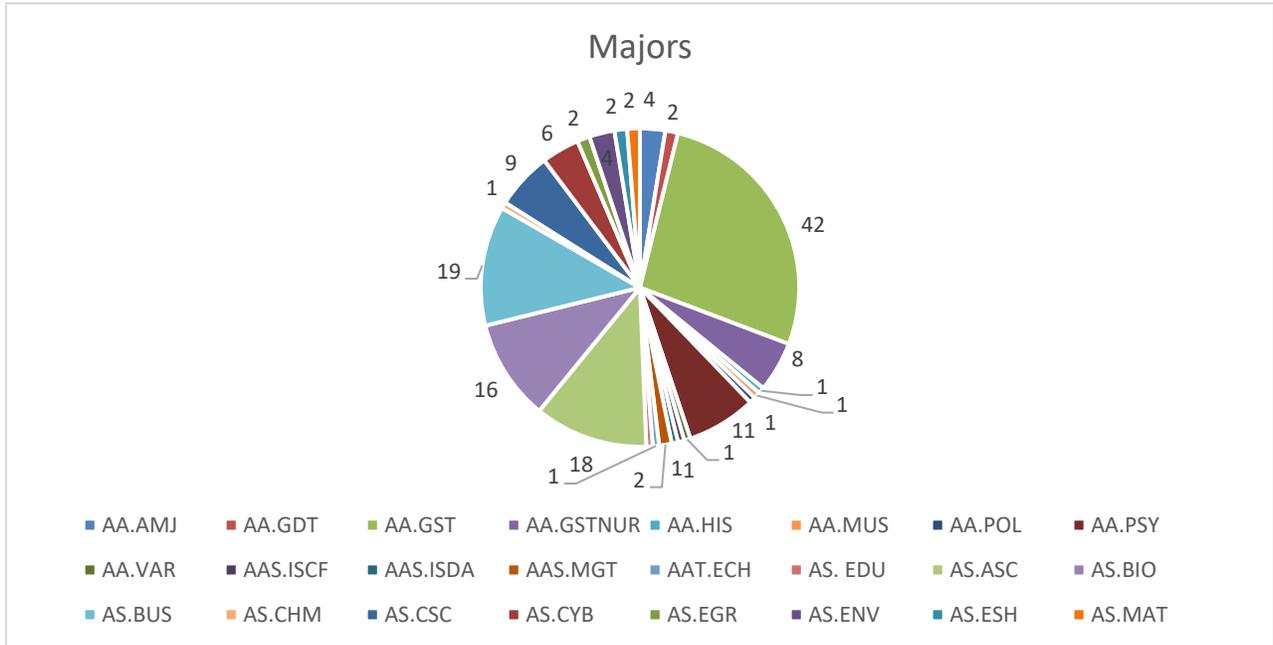
Fall 2024 Early College Degree Program Cohort



There are 156 full-time on-campus college students. This is an increase of 11 students from Fall 2023. Of the 156 students, 94 were admitted during the Fall 2024 admissions cycle.

Barbara Ingram School for the Arts	7
Boonsboro High School	30
Boyd J. Michael, III Technical High	1
Clear Spring High School	8
North Hagerstown High School	34
Smithsburg High School	18
South Hagerstown High School	20
Williamsport High School	25
Home School	7
Grace Academy	2
Global Vision Christian School Broadfording	1
Waynesboro Area Senior High School (PA)	2
Jefferson High School (WV)	1

Fall 2024 Student Majors



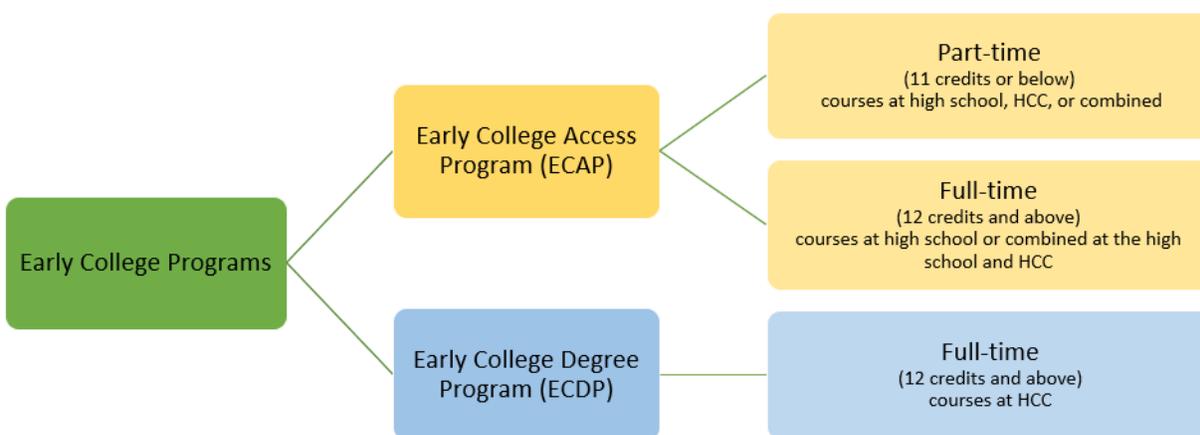
Majors of the Fall 2024 Cohort

A.A. - Administration of Justice	4	A.A.T. - Early Childhood Education	1
A.A. - Graphic Design	2	A.S. - Education	1
A.A. - General Studies	42	A.S. - Arts and Sciences	18
A.A. - General Studies Nursing	8	A.S. - Biology	16
A.A. - History	1	A.S. - Business Administration	19
A.A. - Music	1	A.S. - Chemistry	1
A.A. - Political Science	1	A.S. - Computer Science	9
A.A. - Psychology	11	A.S. - Cybersecurity	6
A.A. - Visual Arts	1	A.S. - Engineering Science	2
A.A.S. - Digital Forensics	1	A.S.- Environmental Studies	4
A.A.S. - Interactive Design and Game Development	1	A.S. - Exercise Science and Health	2
A.A.S. - Management	2	A.S. - Mathematics	2

Blueprint for Maryland’s Future

With the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future legislation, 2023-2024 saw a significant growth in the full-time early college population. In Fall 2023, 145 early college full-time students were enrolled at the College, which was more than double in Fall 2022 of 63. Out of the 145, 79 new and returning students were admitted under the Early College Degree program’s admission process. With the Blueprint’s implementation, program eligibility expanded and an additional 66 new students were admitted.

For Fall 2024, all 156 full-time on-campus early college students had to meet Early College Degree Program admission requirements.



2023-2024 Developments

- **Attendance Protocol**
Attendance reports are shared with WCPS for full-time early college students. Starting in Fall 2023, students began using their HCC ID badges to swipe at stations located at four sites on campus.
- **Early College Workshop Series**
Early college students require unique guidance as they navigate their high school years. In response, the Early College Workshop Series was piloted in Spring 2024. Six sessions, 30 to 45 minutes long, were held. The topics included information on transferring credits, the college application process, college affordability and scholarships, mental health, writing skills, and study and test skills. The workshop series will continue for 2024-2025.

- **New Student Orientation**
All new Early College Degree Program students were encouraged to attend the New Student Orientation. These orientations were conducted before the fall and spring semesters as part of the Title III grant programming. The schedule included a session for early college students hosted by the Director and Coordinator of the Early College Programs.
- **Early College Program Office Associate**
Early College Programs was approved to hire an office associate in late Spring 2024. This role will assist the Director and Coordinator of Early College in supporting the increase of Early College Degree Program students. The hiring process has started, and the position will be filled in Fall 2024.

Program Success Factors

With 11 years of program operation completed, it is important to consider and note the factors that have contributed to the Early College Degree Program's success.

- **Articulation between HCC and WCPS**
A strong partnership between HCC and WCPS ensures ongoing communication between the two organizations concerning the Early College Degree Program. A new MOU was signed in Summer 2024. Also, regular visits to the middle schools and high schools allow administrators, counselors, students, and parents to learn about the details of the program.

Parents and school counselors are more aware of foundational coursework required for the ninth and tenth graders to prepare students for the rigors of the Early College Degree Program and are proactively seeking guidance to ensure students are taking the correct academic coursework.

- **Articulation Agreements with Four-Year Universities**
Many students entering the Early College Degree Program are now pursuing degrees with direct transfer through the articulation agreements between HCC and four-year universities. Students are transferring to programs including Biology, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Environmental Studies, and Nursing.