

**Lifting Communities Through
Partnership:** Forsyth Tech's
College Lift Program





College Lift

Elevating Futures, Empowering Communities

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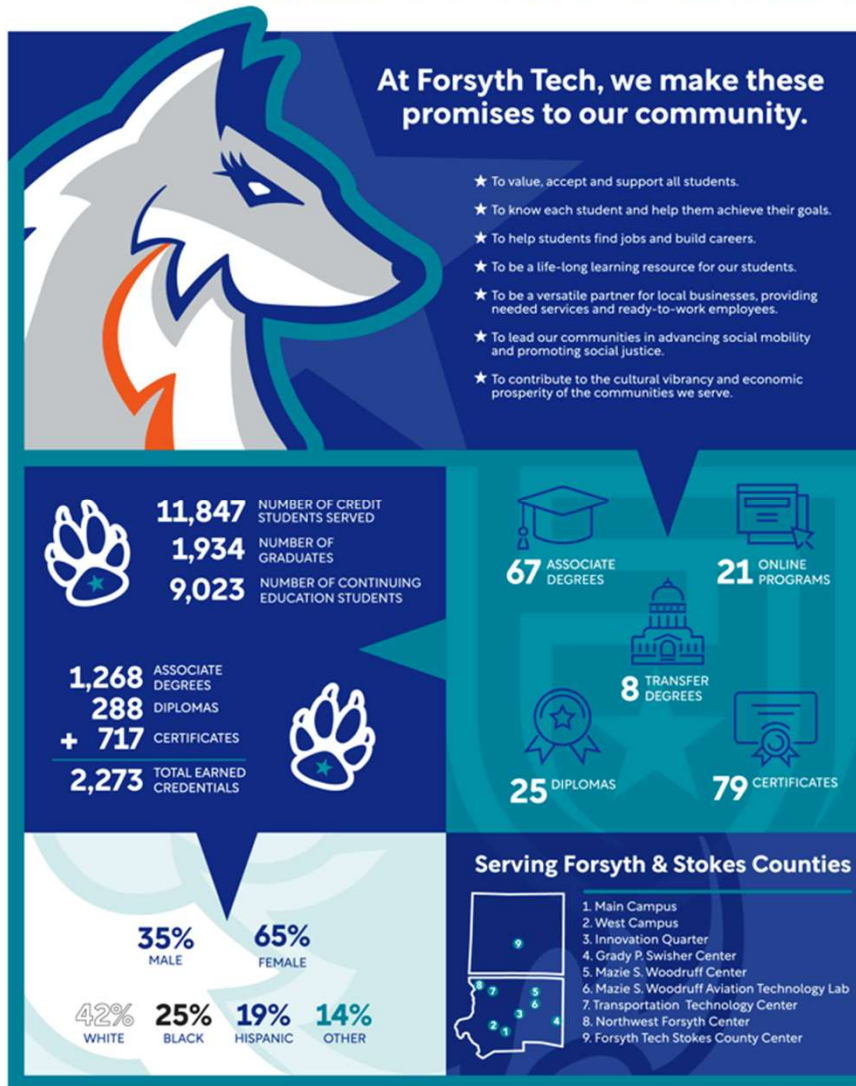
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Forsyth County is the 3rd hardest place in the United States to break cycles of generational poverty (Chetty, 2015).



**FORSYTH TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IS A**
catalyst
**FOR
EQUITABLE
ECONOMIC MOBILITY,
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COMMUNITIES**



College Lift Success Model

Parent Partners

Collaborate with and engage in workshops designed to support and advocate for their children's academic success and personal development. Parents' involvement fosters a supportive community and enhances the overall program experience.

Internal Partners

Curriculum and Workforce Development academic partners, Career Services, and Student Support Services provide programming for parents. The Forsyth Tech Foundation ensures the program's financial sustainability.

External Partners

The K-12 school district, area universities and colleges, local community agencies and regional networks collectively enhance academic, financial and personal growth opportunities for students and families. Mentorships and college scholarships foster a sense of belonging while building social capital.



 **Forsyth Tech**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

 **WS FCS**
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools


CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY

1772
SALEM
COLLEGE

 **UNC**
GREENSBORO



Neighborhood Academic Initiative

University of Southern California
Academic Initiative





12.4%

Opportunity Youth Rate
(Forsyth County 2022)

23.3%

Child Poverty Rate
(Forsyth County 2022)

19.1%

People in Winston-Salem
living below the poverty line

1 in 4

9th graders are earning
a post-secondary degree







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AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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| 12:00 PM | Pre-Conference Luncheon for First Time Attendees |
| 1:30 PM | Pre-Conference Session: State & Local Advocacy |
| 3:00 PM | Pre-Conference Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Trustee Orientation- Hometown Highlights: Austin Community College District- Board Liaison Session: Strategies for Effective & Professional Communication |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner & Opening Plenary Session [Call to Order at 6:30 PM]
Attorney Roundtable: Governance, Compliance, & Risk |



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM **Collaborating for Texas' Future: The Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative**
- 11:00 AM Breakout Sessions (Round 1)
- 11:45 AM Lunch & **Plenary Session**
- Executive Storytelling: Leading With Purpose & Persuasion
- CCATT Annual Business Meeting
- 2:00 PM Breakout Sessions (Round 2)
- 3:00 PM Breakout Sessions (Round 3)
- Chairs Council Meeting
- 4:00 PM Networking Reception
- 6:00 PM Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM **Closing Plenary Session** [Adjourn at 10:30 AM]



Thank you!

