

Mission

The mission of the NC State College Advising Corps (“CAC”) is to increase college access and completion among low-income, underrepresented, and/or first-generation college students in rural North Carolina.

History

The NC State CAC launched in 2014 as the result of a generous gift from the John M. Belk Endowment. The following year the NC State CAC doubled in size. The 2019-2020 NC State CAC includes 21 advisers serving over 3,000 seniors in 21 rural high schools across North Carolina.

People

NC State College Advising Corps consists of the program director, program coordinator, and 20 college advisers serving in partner high schools.

Partner Schools

Bladen County

- East Bladen High School, Elizabethtown
- West Bladen High School, Bladenboro

Duplin County

- James Kenan High School, Warsaw
- East Duplin High School, Beulaville
- North Duplin High School, Mt. Olive
- Wallace-Rose Hill High School, Teachey

Franklin County

- Bunn High School, Bunn
- Franklinton High School, Franklinton
- Louisburg High School, Louisburg

Granville County

- South Granville High School, Creedmoor
- J.F. Webb High Schools, Oxford

Martin County

- Riverside High School, Williamston
- South Creek High School, Robersonville

Moore County

- North Moore High School, Robbins

Perquimans County

- Perquimans County High School, Hertford

Pender County

- Heide Trask High School, Rocky Point
- Pender High School, Burgaw

Pitt County

- Ayden-Grifton High School, Ayden
- North Pitt High School, Bethel

Washington County

- Washington County High School, Plymouth

Wayne County

- Southern Wayne High School, Dudley

Activities

College advisers work predominantly with high school seniors and juniors on navigating the college search, application, and financial aid processes. Activities include:

- One-on-one college advising, including assistance with exploring and applying to postsecondary programs
- Group advising on career exploration, the college application and financial aid processes, and scholarships
- College entrance exams preparation (ACT/SAT)
- College representative visits and field trips to college campuses
- Parent and family nights
- FAFSA, scholarship and state residency assistance
- Building a college-going culture in collaboration with school and community partners
- Outreach training for school personnel, community partners, and professional organizations

Participation

- Over **3,100 high school seniors** served in **21 schools** in **11 counties**
- College advisers met with **97% of the graduating senior class** in their partner high schools
- **91%** of graduating seniors took the **SAT or ACT**
- **75%** of graduating seniors **submitted at least one college application**
 - Seniors submitted a total of **7,818 college applications** in 2018-2019
- **60%** of graduating seniors **submitted the FAFSA**

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