



Because of your generosity, tnAchieves continues to support the bold idea that every student, regardless of family income, zip code, and even academic preparedness, deserves the opportunity to receive a post-secondary education. It is the only model of its kind in the country.

From 2008-2014, tnAchieves supported more than 10,000 students into a community or technical college with nearly \$16M privately raised exclusively for last-dollar student scholarships. Our statistics indicate that our students are retaining and graduating at a rate 50 percent greater than state averages. In fact, our three-year graduation rate increased five percent this year! This is particularly important when you consider 65 percent of tnAchieves students are first generation college attendees and 70 percent come from families who earn less than \$50,000 annually.

With the launch of Governor Haslam's TN Promise program, tnAchieves transitioned into the partnering organization serving more than 95 percent of the state's high school senior population. The program works with 85 county-based advisory councils comprised of local higher education, secondary, and business leaders as well as public officials to ensure local ownership and sustainability. tnAchieves also recruited and trained nearly 9,100 volunteers to serve as mentors to more than 60,000 TN Promise applicants from the Class of 2017 while also working with both the Class of 2015 and 2016 college sophomores and freshmen, respectively.

More than 70 percent of students completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with Tennessee leading the nation in FAFSA filing for two consecutive years. Moreover, the first year of TN Promise led to an unprecedented 4.6 percent increase in the state's college-going rate which is more than the last seven years combined and translates into 4,000 new students entering the post-secondary pipeline.

In addition to the exciting enrollment, retention, and completion increases, tnAchieves students have given back over one million hours of community service! Students across Tennessee are cultivating a culture of lifelong giving.

As the tnAchieves team of 17 continues our work with our estimated 150,000 stakeholders, we know this is possible because of you. Because of your investment, new students across our state are entering the post-secondary pipeline and completing in record numbers.

Working at scale to impact our state's social and economic viability is critical; however, I strongly believe it is important to share with you that, for us, the individual student and his/her story remain the foundations of tnAchieves. It is students like Kati from Blount County who is breaking her family's cycle - a family that consists of eight foster kids. She will be the first to graduate and I love that she is setting an example that will not only alter the course of her life but will affect those connected to her as well.

On behalf of the tnAchieves Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support. Together, I look forward to another year of changing lives and transforming communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Krissy DeAlejandro".

Krissy DeAlejandro
Executive Director, tnAchieves



Class of 2015

16,291 Students Enrolled

INCREASE IN FULL TIME FRESHMAN (FTF) ENROLLMENT

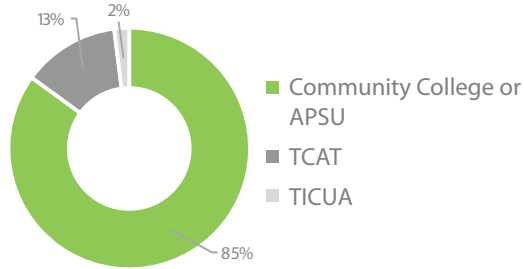
10% Overall increase in enrollment in public higher education



24.7% Increase at community colleges



20.0% Increase at TCATS



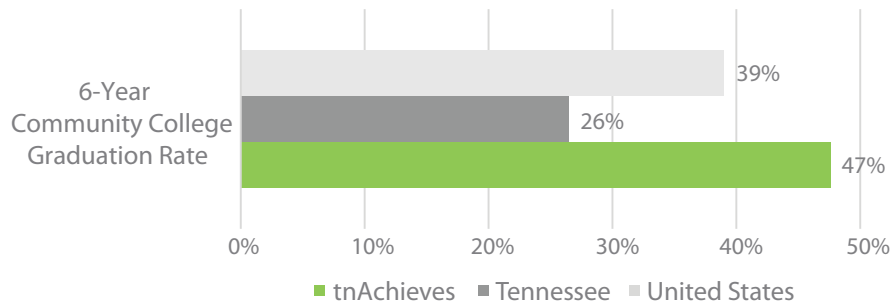
4.6% increase in Tennessee's college going rate

80.6% Total Fall-Spring Retention

78.5% Community College Fall-Spring Retention

94.7% TCAT Fall-Spring Retention

Class of 2010



FAFSA

70.3% of all public/private high school seniors filed FAFSA

#1 Tennessee leads the nation in FAFSA filing

Student Debt * Nashville State Community College



23% decrease in number of students taking out student loans
Only 7% of TN Promise students took out a student loan

Volunteer Mentors

9,056 Mentors registered

Community Service

1,036,019 Total hours of community service completed

