

March 23, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity today.

I am Pat Moulton, President of Vermont Technical College.

Vermont Tech is 152 years old with two main campuses, Randolph Center and Williston.

We have 8 other satellite nursing campuses.

85% of our student body are Vermonters.

48% First generation college goers.

45% Pell eligible.

Our graduates earn the 5<sup>th</sup> highest wages of any college or university in Vermont.

And have the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest debt. We are a great return on investment.

I would add we too require internships and strongly encourage.

The majority of our internships are paid.

We also develop "Employer Partners" who offer scholarships and paid interns to students in specific majors.

I also recently learned there are 400 VT State Colleges grads working at Global Foundries in Essex. 300 are VT Tech graduates.

Offer a LOT of training and workforce development opportunities.

Through our Continuing Ed and workforce Development which serves 3,000+ students annually.

I have provided materials on our training programs. (handout)

You can see the vast offerings.

Offer regular, standard offerings

Also are the electrician and plumbing apprenticeship educator for the VT Dept. of Labor

Offer a variety of industry recognized credentials.

Green trainings, a listing in your handout.

Customized training for employers such as GE Aviation, GW Plastics, GS Precision. Many of which are apprenticeship offerings.

Listing in the copied material.

Strengthening Working Families Initiative: \$4million USDOL grant. Targeted at custodial parents. We provide wrap around services for childcare working with AHS. CCV is a partner as is VT Adult Learning, also transportation assistance, and even a small grant program to assist students with short-term, emergency needs.

The program offers apprenticeship in industrial maintenance and adv. manufacturing.

Used grant money to upgrade lab in Williston.

Used a legislative appropriation to upgrade the lab in Randolph Center.

Offer many of these programs statewide at face to face locations as well as through distance learning.

While I have you.

My faculty asked me to pass on a message. VT is now DEAD LAST in the country in our financial support of public higher education.

We were 49<sup>th</sup>, now we are 50<sup>th</sup>.

We are having to end certain programs because we cannot support them.

THANK YOU for your time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Moulton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Moulton  
President