Harper College Employer Partnerships

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Harper is YOUR Business Partner

We believe that our community deserves a dedicated partner that will listen attentively, show up consistently, and creatively bring solutions to new and old problems









Employer Partnerships are a Priority at Harper College

Partnerships are at the core of the Strategic Plan and the work of the Business Strategy Team

Apprenticeship employer partnerships have grown from 7 to 73 since 2015

Employer engagement has been strengthened across multiple sectors

Workforce Solutions Staff has increased visibility in the community

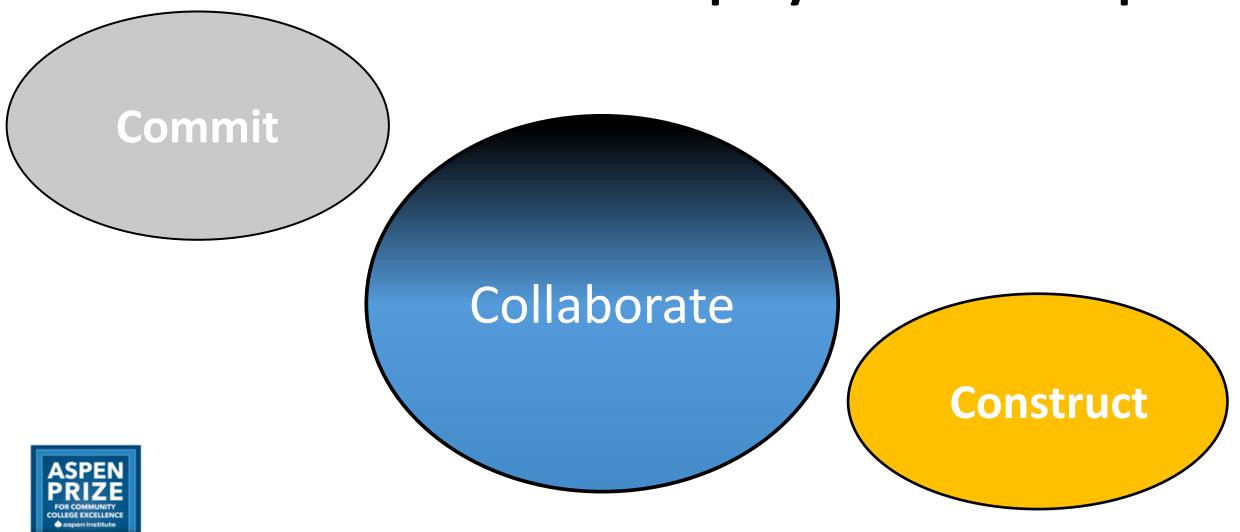
"Courting" new employer partners annually







The 3 C's of Successful Employer Partnerships



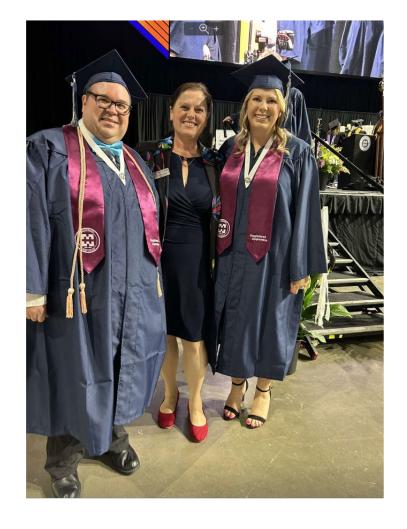


When we Partner – Students SUCCEED!

- "Apprenticeships is a great model and it really worked for me." Daniel Montano (Apprentice Graduate)
- "I was working as an ice cream store manager, and I wasn't sure if I wanted to continue down that path. A friend told my mom about the apprenticeship program. I applied and it has been good things since." Will Banks (Apprentice Graduate)
- "The apprenticeship is not just a job that you go to every day. You can really build a future here." Iris Arroyo (Apprentice Graduate)







Successful Employer Partnerships = Positive Student Success outcomes

- Currently, onboarding 85 apprentices for Fall 2023
- ➤ 38% increase in apprenticeship enrollments compared to this time last year
- Apprenticeship graduation Rate is72%







Rush University Medical Center

"When we (Rush) met with Harper to discuss the possibility of building an MA Apprenticeship it was apparent there was a common, unifying goal: to see those who want to receive an education and increase their earning potential succeed."





CLEARBROOK Enrich Lives. Embrace Potential

Partnering to serve students in multiple ways.

CNA apprenticeships

CSI job placements

Promise Scholars community service







McDonald's Archways to Opportunity Program

Comprehensive education strategy

Gives McDonald's associates an opportunity to grow and learn.

Harper serves as the primary education provider







What's Next?













Questions





