

Vision 2017 Report

Community Groups

Age Groups

41-50	25%
51-60	25%
Over 60	50%

Place of Residence

Jackson County	100%
Macon County	0%
Swain County	0%
Qualla Boundary	0%

Ethnicity

African American	0%
Asian	0%
Hispanic	0%
Native American	0%
White (Non Hispanic)	100%
Two or More Races	0%

Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

How important is education to you and why?

Not valued at all	0%
Somewhat valued	0%
Valued	0%
Very Valued	100%

- Education is the great equalizer. No matter what one's socio-economic status, with an good educational foundation, they can become successful and achieve a full and productive life. Education is also the most important economic engine in our free enterprise system and good jobs and job success and advancement are all products of a good education.
- Enhance knowledge.

- As a senior citizen, I certainly see the need for education at all levels, college, tech school and on-the job training.
- It is the cornerstone of our society and what gives us the opportunity to succeed individually and as a community.

How has Southwestern Community College met your needs?

- SCC is an economic engine and job preparation and creation institution that helps drive our regional economy. There is also a very positive "institutional presence" that is good for our region and its desirability as a place to live and work.
- accessibility to courses
- Not applicable
- SCC has been a partner for our club and has allowed us to help students in need and those who excel.

How well prepared are Southwestern Community College students/graduates for employment or further education?

Poorly prepared	0%
Prepared	25%
Very prepared	75%

Why do you feel this way?

- SCC students are successfully employed throughout our region and beyond. I come into contact with them in my interactions with business and industry on a daily. Many of our business leaders that employ our graduates tell me on a regular basis how well our graduates are serving their particular business or industry.
- It fills the need of so many young people who may not be able to afford a four year program at the university level.
- They get a hands on experience that prepares them with practical experience.

How collaborative is Southwestern Community College with your organization?

Not at all	0%
Somewhat collaborative	25%
Very collaborative	75%

- Describe the type of collaboration Southwestern has with your organization.

- Our organization, the Region A Partnership for Children is very involved in the early care and education of young children, birth to five. SCC has an excellent Early Childhood Education program and curriculum which is very important and vital to the child care and education community which RAPC works with every day.
- Clinical and coop sites, on program advisory committees.
- As president of Sylva Garden Club, I would like to see more interaction between garden club members and students with horticulture interest. As you probably know, we offer a scholarship to horticulture students. As yet we have not awarded a scholarship to a SCC student. I would like to see this change.
- Scholarships, providing space for fundraising, etc.

How might Southwestern Community College better serve your organization?

- Expand Early Childhood course offerings.
- increase graduates
- Work with us on civic projects.
- By improving economic development efforts.

What role should Southwestern Community College play in meeting the educational needs in Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and in the Qualla Boundary?

- SCC should continue to be the institution that offers affordable and accessible educational opportunities for our region's students--both those that are interested in an Associate Degree, a Certificate or in using SCC as the foundation for transferring to a four year institution. SCC should continue to engage with business, industry and community leadership to get feedback as to what types of courses and curriculums are needed.
- be dynamic, flexible and timely with adapting programs or adding new programs as needed
- Offer more options to non-college bound students.
- Help with economic development to create jobs for those in our region.

What emerging trends in education, business, or government do we need to be aware of during this planning process?

- Technology continues to gain importance in the educational and commercial workplace. SCC must continue to offer the latest in technology offerings to our students and also stay ahead of the technology curve with its internal systems and programs.
- More interaction between the above.

- Expanding technology needs.

What is your overall impression/perception of Southwestern Community College?

- Excellent!
- Great Institution, especially the health sciences division and the dean!
- Very Good. Keep up the good work.
- SCC is an excellent asset to our community.