

Ontario Supporting Success of College Students, Faculty and Staff

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Province Creating College Task Force

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Ontario is working with college students, faculty, support staff, administrators and other experts to develop a forward-looking plan for Ontario's publicly assisted college system.

The province has appointed Sue Herbert to chair the [College Task Force](#), which includes faculty, college representatives and students, along with industry and postsecondary education experts. It will make recommendations to support the delivery of high-quality, career-oriented postsecondary education and training that is accessible to students and responsive to changing labour market needs.

The College Task Force will explore a range of topics, including:

- Student success and labour market readiness
- Program pathways and support for students, including student mental health
- Staffing models that would enhance program quality and improve student experience
- Academic governance structures and intellectual property policies in the college system.

The task force will provide recommendations in December 2018.

Strengthening Ontario's publicly-assisted college system is part of the province's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

Quick Facts

- In the 50 years since its creation, Ontario's college system has provided education and training to nearly two million students.
- In 2016-2017, 83 per cent of Ontario college graduates were employed within six months of graduating.
- This year, more than 115,000, or approximately 41 per cent of full-time college students

are receiving free tuition, thanks to changes to the Ontario Student Assistance program (OSAP).

- Sue Herbert led the negotiation of the first Strategic Mandate Agreements with colleges, and has served as a Deputy Minister in three Ontario ministries including Education, Northern Development and Mines and Community and Social Services.

Additional Resources

Quotes

“Ontario’s colleges play such an important role in preparing people for jobs in our growing and changing economy. It’s been 50 years since Ontario’s college system was created, so this task force will look at how to make the college experience a better one for everyone. I’m especially pleased that student success will be at the center of all these discussions, and that students have a strong voice on the task force.”

Mitzie Hunter

Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development

“The task force brings together a diversity of perspectives with the common goal of supporting students, communities, employers and the college system as a whole. I am pleased to be working with this talented and committed group to promote excellence among Ontario’s colleges.”

Sue Herbert

Chair, College Task Force

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