

MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM 2-YEAR CAMPUS COMMISSION STRATEGY

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MONTANA CHAMBER GOALS

- + Prioritize “workforce readiness skills” in school curricula across all levels of education in Montana.

These skills include, but are not limited to, leadership, teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, work ethic, adaptability, and interpersonal / soft skills.

- + Scale existing, proven solutions that develop employability traits and instill economic and entrepreneurial principles in our future workforce.

MONTANA CHAMBER RECOMMENDATIONS [FINAL]

1. Incentivize Montana’s businesses and 2-year colleges to actively engage in developing a highly skilled workforce through collaboration, industry specific curriculum and expanded apprenticeship and internship programs.
2. Support the 2-year colleges’ focus on CTE and career counseling. Encourage continued collaboration with industry partners to scale existing public-private partnerships, as demonstrated during a panel before this commission on 1/27/2020.
3. Emphasize and direct resources to increase the availability of programs that develop workforce readiness skills and provide opportunities for students to earn industry-recognized credentials.

TOP 4 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SURVEY RESULTS FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION IN MONTANA'S MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

(based on 786 total anonymous responses from employers and business leaders)

1. Equal emphasis on all career pathways
2. Incorporate workforce readiness skills
3. Strengthen career advising
4. Require business and economics education

RESOURCES

Montana Chamber Workforce Development Survey

https://www.montanachamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/MTCC_Workforce-Survey-2020-infographic.pdf

Interdisciplinary Executive Focus Groups on local workforce development challenges and solutions in 5 cities - Missoula, Great Falls, Billings, Bozeman, & Hamilton.

Youth Entrepreneurs (YE)

<https://www.youthentrepreneurs.org/>

YE Academy

<https://yeacademy.org/>

2019 BBER Economic Outlook Series - Finding Good Workers

<http://www.bber.umt.edu/pubs/Seminars/2020/Presentations2020.pdf>

2018 BBER State of Entrepreneurship in Montana

<https://www.montanachamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/State-of-Entrepreneurship-Report.pdf>

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