Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime

- Students enjoy an attractive 15.6 percent rate of return on their CF educational investment.

- Over the course of his or her working career, the average CF student's lifetime earnings will increase $4.20 for every dollar invested in their CF education (in the form of tuition, fees, and foregone earnings).

- The average annual income of the typical associate degree graduate in the tricounty service area at the midpoint of his or her career is $31,100, 35 percent more than someone with a high school diploma.

- Over the course of a working lifetime, associate degree graduates in the tricounty service area earn $270,500 more than someone with a high school diploma (undiscounted).

Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

- By 2021 it is anticipated that there will be about 83,200 new and replacement jobs available in the tricounty service area.

- About 26 percent of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate degree or greater.

- Another 8 percent of available jobs in 2021 will require some kind of postsecondary certificate or vocational award.