



CLOSE THE GAP CAMPAIGN

SUMMARY: In 2015, Union County College had a graduation rate of 15.7%. This graduation rate represents the highest rate in the past twenty years and three times as high as it was just five years ago. However, as every other group saw dramatic increases, the overall African American graduation rate was 8.6% and its growth was unremarkable. The difference between the graduation rates of African Americans and the general population is called the Achievement Gap. Union County College has made closing this gap an institutional priority.

	Graduation Rates		
	Men	Women	Total
Class 2012	6.1%	5.2%	5.6%
Class 2013	5.8%	4.5%	5.1%
Class 2014	5.0%	7.9%	6.6%
Class 2015	6.9%	9.9%	8.6%

THE PLAN: To develop a new Foundation fund that will have a direct and immediate impact on student success. The fund will financially support the efforts of the Union County College Project Achievement Gap and fund specific scholarships designed to help African American students complete their degrees. This fund will be managed by the Foundation office with advisement from faculty, staff and key volunteers.

PROGRAMS TO BE SUPPORTED:

- Completion Scholarships
- On Campus Employment
- Academic Boot Camp
- Advisement and Mentoring
- Transfer Support
- Leadership Training & Conferences
- College Campus Visits
- Emergency Funding

GOAL: To raise over \$50,000 to establish the Close the Gap Fund.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: To see a dramatic increase in overall graduation rates among our African American students for the 2017 academic year.

For more information on how you can support the Close the Gap Campaign, please contact Doug Rouse at 908.709.7113 or email at douglas.rouse@ucc.edu.

