Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in PCC. A portion of these benefits accrues to state and local taxpayers in the form of higher tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services.

**PCC Increases Tax Revenue**

- Approximately 88% of PCC’s students remain in North Carolina upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.
- Over the students’ working lives, state and local government in North Carolina will collect a present value of **$45.4 MILLION** in the form of higher tax receipts.

**PCC Reduces Government Costs**

- PCC students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.
- The improved lifestyles of students result in a reduced demand for government-supported services. Better health leads to reduced health care costs. Reduced crime leads to a reduced burden on the criminal justice system. Further,
increased employability leads to fewer claims for welfare and unemployment benefits.

- As a result, taxpayers in the state of North Carolina will see a present value of $4.0 MILLION in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

### PCC IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS

- In FY 2012-13, state and local taxpayers in North Carolina paid $14.5 MILLION to support the operations of PCC.
- For every $1 of public money spent in PCC, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of $3.40 over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.
- Taxpayers see an annual return of 13.4% on their investment in PCC. This return compares favorably with the 1.1% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.