



## *In the words of those we serve:*

"I chose Polk State College because, after looking at other colleges and universities, I realized that **Polk State would offer me the same high-quality education, but at a much lower price.** Thanks to Polk State, I've made an affordable start on my higher education. I am pursuing my associate's degree in Criminal Justice Technology, and plan to stay at Polk State for my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Ultimately, I want to get my master's degree by the time I'm 26 years old. Saving money by starting at Polk State will help me reach that goal."

### **Montana Ortiz**

*Studying for her Associate in Science in Criminal Justice Technology*

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"Polk State helps to create a pipeline of more highly trained workers, which attracts new businesses to the area. At the same time, having a quality, affordable higher-education institution right here at home goes a long way in retaining talent in Polk County. **Polk State is an invaluable resource in the economic development of our county.**"

### **Steve Scruggs**

*Lakeland Economic Development Council President*

# **POLK STATE**

# **COLLEGE**

## **OUR STUDENTS. OUR SUCCESS.**

## **OUR VISION.**

*POLK STATE COLLEGE IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH INNOVATION, VALUE, AND ENGAGEMENT.*

Polk State College is committed to equal access/equal opportunity in its programs, activities, and employment. For additional information, visit [polk.edu/equity](http://polk.edu/equity).

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For more than 50 years, Polk State College has served the higher education needs of Polk County. Polk State's exemplary faculty and partnerships with local industries prepare students for the workforce and higher levels of study. Whether a student is just getting started or starting over, Polk State's degree and certificate programs provide options for every type of student, at every stage in their lives. Polk State College is proud of our students and our success.

## 1 CORPORATE COLLEGE

Clear Springs Advanced Technology Center

## 2 CAMPUSES

Lakeland  
Winter Haven

## 3 CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS

Polk State Chain of Lakes  
Collegiate High School

Polk State Lakeland  
Collegiate High School

Polk State Lakeland Gateway to  
College Collegiate High School

## 4 CENTERS

Airside (East/West)  
Center for Public Safety  
JD Alexander Center  
Lake Wales Art Center

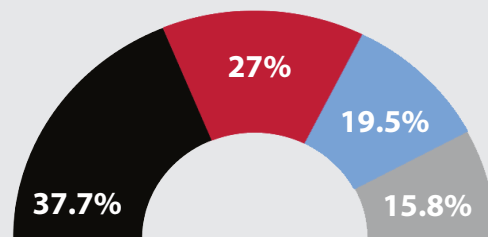
## PROGRAMS

**25** Associate degrees

**6** Bachelor degrees

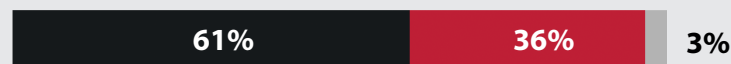
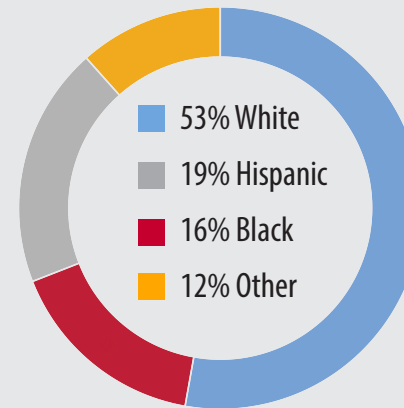
**23** Certificates/other programs

## STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS\*



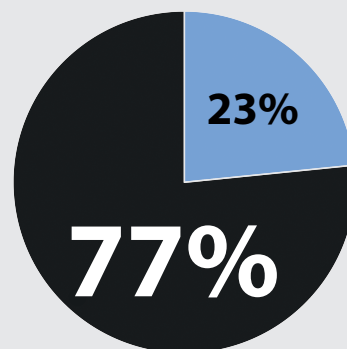
Average student age **25.4**

■ Younger than 20 ■ 20-24 ■ 25-34 ■ 35+



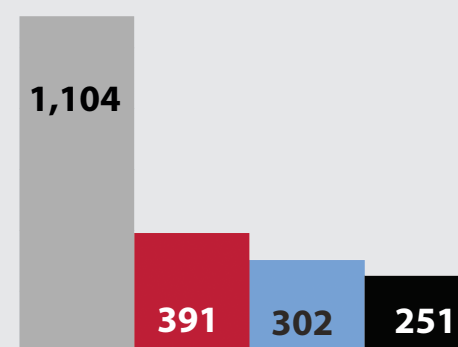
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**ANNUAL**  
UNDUPLICATED HEADCOUNT : 15,755  
DUAL ENROLLMENT HEADCOUNT : 2,997



■ PART-TIME STUDENTS ■ FULL-TIME STUDENTS

**ANNUAL**  
DEGREE COMPLETIONS  
(SUMMER 2015, FALL 2016, SPRING 2016)



■ AA ■ AS/AAS ■ BS/BAS ■ Certificates

## SUCCESS INDICATORS

The wages of Polk State graduates are **2.25x** higher than the average wage for Polk County. \*\*

**8,000+**  
Number of individuals served at Polk State Corporate College (FY 2015/16)

**96.6%**  
Job placement and continuing education rate \*\*

**63.95%**  
Full-time student retention rate \*\*

**51.56%**  
Students who complete in 4 years \*\*

**1,502**  
First-time-in-college students \*

*We are Polk.*™