

# **Regional Higher Education Centers**

Maryland Higher Education Commission

September 29, 2022





# Maryland's Regional Higher Education Centers

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## **Definition:**

“Higher education facility that is operated by a public institution of higher education in the State or a nonpublic institution of higher education operating under a charter granted by the General Assembly and includes participation by two or more institutions of higher education in the State, consists of an array of program offerings from institutions of higher education approved to operate in the State by the Commission or by an act of the General Assembly that specifically satisfies the criteria set forth in § 10-212(b) of this title, offers multiple degree levels; and is either approved by the Commission to operate in the State or is established by statute.” §10-101(k) Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.



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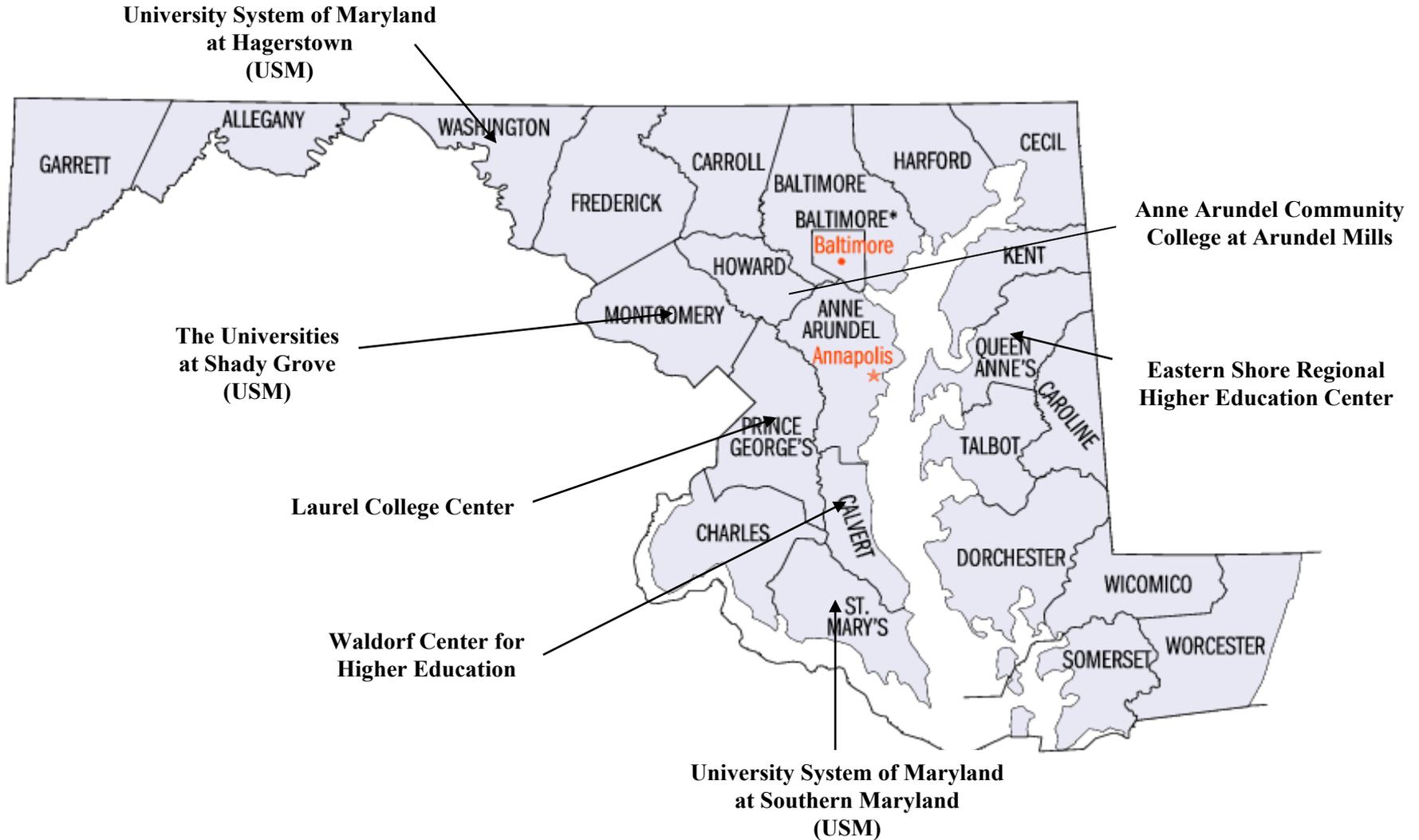
## **Duties and Goals:**

Regional Higher Education Centers shall, “Provide access to affordable higher education programs to citizens in unserved or underserved areas of the State, respond to the needs of businesses and industries in the areas in which they serve and encourage participation by institutions of higher education for the benefit of students and serve the needs of, and provide programs to, elementary and secondary schools, business and industry, and governmental agencies.” §10-212(b)  
Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland



# Regional higher education center locations

*Serving underserved areas of the State*





# Differing RHEC governance and organizational structures

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## **Four centers with State fund oversight by MHEC**

- Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) at Arundel Mills University Consortium
- Eastern Shore Higher Education Center
- Laurel College Center
- Waldorf Center for Higher Education

## **Three centers governed by the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents**

- The Universities at Shady Grove
- University of Maryland at Hagerstown
- Southern Maryland Higher Education Center



## Funding strategy for regional education centers under MHEC oversight

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The funding strategy includes:

- *Base allocation* for each center (\$200,000)
- *Incentive funding* for Target FTES (2+2 lower division, upper division and graduate enrollment)
- *Lease funding* for centers with leased space that have not received State capital funding support
- *Special funding* for one-time projects or start-up costs



# FY 2023 Allocation

## FY 2023 Regional Higher Education Center Budget Allocation

	AACC RHEC at Arundel Mills	Eastern Shore Higher Ed Center	University Center Northeastern Maryland*	Laurel College Center	Waldorf Center for Higher Education	Total All Non USM RHECs
<b>Base Allocation</b>	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 800,000
<b>Incentive Funding</b>	53,389	126,513	-	208,321	221,637	609,861
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 253,389	\$ 326,513	\$ -	\$ 408,321	\$ 421,637	\$ 1,409,861

# ARUNDEL MILLS

REGIONAL  
HIGHER  
EDUCATION  
CENTER



Although a significant number of courses remain online, several institutions continue to increase face-to-face course offerings at the center. Student services are provided in-person and remotely.

## 15 DEGREE PROGRAMS | 4 INSTITUTIONS | 1 CONVENIENT LOCATION



MISSION

*Arundel Mills Regional Higher Education Center provides access to affordable, high quality associate, baccalaureate and graduate degree programs that meet the needs of learners historically underserved; the necessary career education and skills to successfully compete in the workplace and global economy, with a focus on areas of worker shortages; lifelong learning and life skills opportunities; and a full array of instructional and student support services to ensure completion and student success.*



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- 80,272 gross square foot facility
- 135-seat lecture hall
- 27 general-purpose classrooms
- 27 miles from AACC (Arnold campus)
- 25 miles from PGCC (Largo campus)
- 16 laboratories (science, computer, engineering)
- 14 miles from Howard Community College
- 9 miles from CCBC-Catonsville campus
- 1 3D printer
- 1 Lactation room
- 1 Engineering Fabrication Shop
- 1 distance learning classroom



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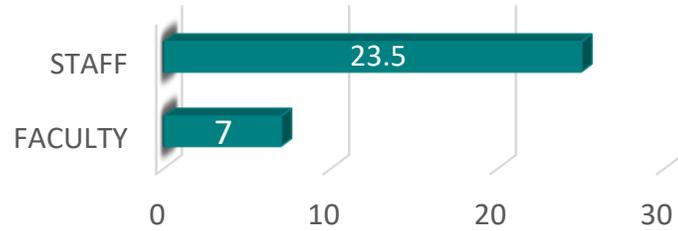
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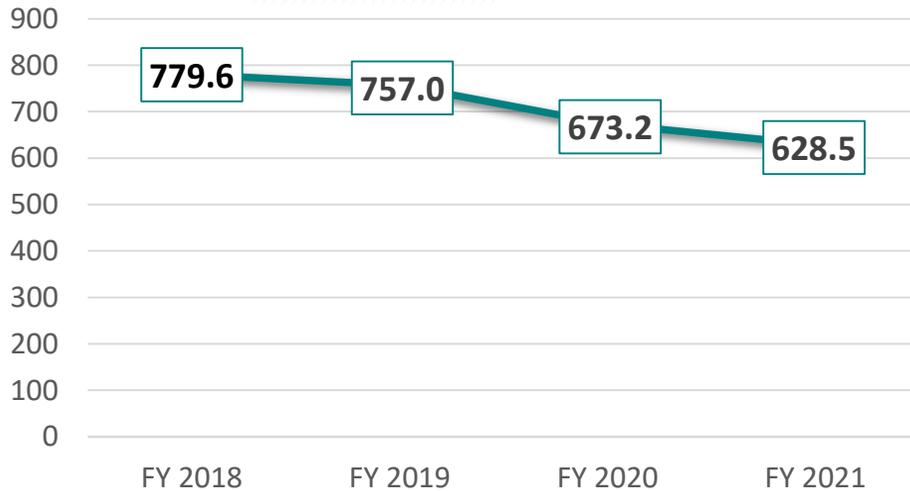
ANNE ARUNDEL  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



## FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT (FTE)



### Associate

- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Homeland Security
- Information, Technology & Cybersecurity

### Bachelor

- Business Administration
- Cybersecurity Management & Policy
- Engineering – Electrical
- Information Systems Management
- Liberal Studies/Elementary Education
- Management Studies
- Homeland Security

### Master

- Leadership in Teaching
- Teaching
- Nursing
  - Leadership in Nursing Administration (Concentration)
  - Leadership in Nursing Education (Concentration)



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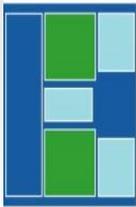


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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS  
Formerly UMUC





# EASTERN SHORE HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

## OUR PARTNERS



## MISSION

Provide access to higher education in the underserved area of the Upper Eastern Shore

## ESHEC GOALS

- Increase enrollment
- Increase partners and programs
- Increase usage of the Center
- Develop Leadership Center



## DEGREES OFFERED AT THE CENTER

- Bachelor's and Master's in Education
- PhD in Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor's and Master's in Social Work

THE ESHEC WAS USED AS A COVID TESTING AND VACCINATION CENTER FROM JUNE 2020 TO JULY 2021

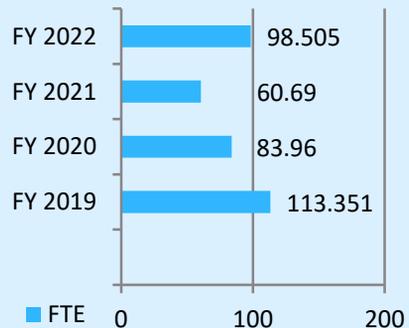
The building was not open to outside groups until February 2022

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NUMBER OF NON FTE ENROLLEES ATTENDING EVENTS FROM

FEBRUARY – JUNE 2022

2,024 guests



FY 2021 FTE decrease due to Covid and lower enrollment numbers by partners

ONGOING INITIATIVES (due to Covid)

COLLABORATION WITH CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE TO CREATE A LEADERSHIP CENTER

COLLABORATION WITH BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY ON EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAMS

EXPAND DEGREE AND PROGRAM OPTIONS WITH SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

EXPAND DEGREE OPTIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

ALLOCATIONS

FY 2020 \$348,794

FY 2021 \$366,489

FY 2022 \$346,034

FY 2023 \$326,513

FY 2024 REQUEST \$558,320



HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT IN FY 2022

STAFFING FOR CENTER – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

REPLACEMENT OF ALL CHAIRS, MAINTENANCE, TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRICITY & CUSTODIAL COSTS

PRIORITIES FOR SPENDING IN FY 2024

STAFFING FOR CENTER – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ESHEC COORDINATOR

ELECTRIC, CUSTODIAL, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS      REPLACING TECHNOLOGY IN CLASSROOMS

OFFICES USED BY PARTNERS

2 offices Salisbury Social Work

1 office Salisbury University Elementary Education

1 Salisbury University Outer Office Receptionist / Admin Area

1 Resource area for Early Childhood / Elementary Cohort Students

1 Salisbury University Social Work Resource Library for Cohort Students

1 office for use by Partners not assigned to private offices

CLASSROOMS & AMPHITHEATRE AS NEEDED FOR INFO SESSIONS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS



## MISSION

The Laurel College Center is a regional higher education center that provides the community and the region with quality learning experiences that can lead to degree attainment, workforce development and/or personal enrichment.

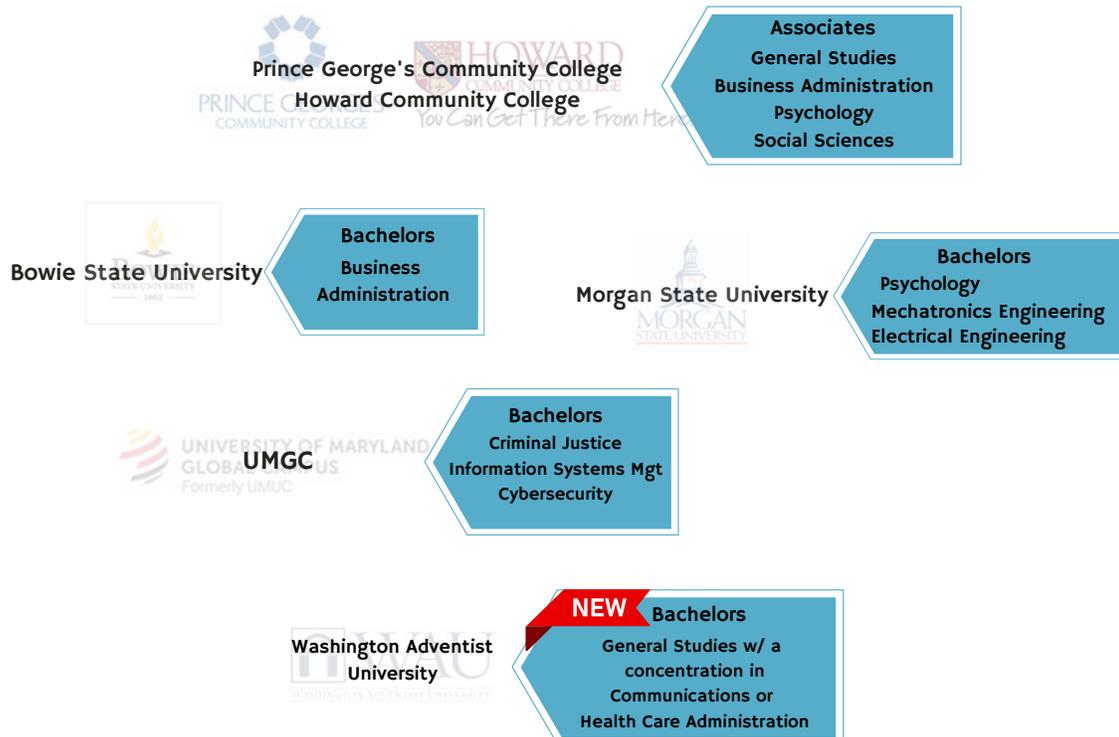
## OUR PARTNERS



Institution	FTEs FY21	FTEs FY22	Percent Change
Community Colleges	571.5	464.95	-19%
4yr-Institutions	27.07	45.97	70%
Continuing Education	11.89	22.79	92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>610.46</b>	<b>533.71</b>	<b>-13%</b>



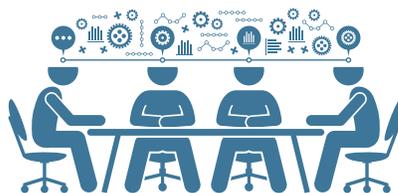
## Degrees Offered At The Center



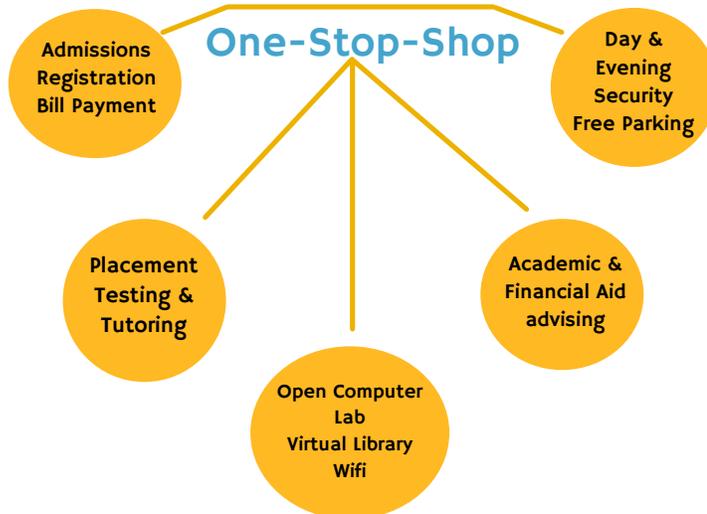
## LCC By the Numbers

- **Twenty-two standard classrooms**
- **NEW! Two Hyflex classrooms**
- **Eleven instructional computer labs**
- **Two science labs including one for biology and one for microbiology**
- **An open computer lab**
- **Virtual library**
- **NEW! – Student Game Room**
- **Two student lounges**
- **Two faculty workrooms**
- **Twelve administrative offices**
- **Group Study Room**

The Laurel College Center is conveniently located in the heart of Laurel, close to I-95 and the Baltimore Washington Parkway. The Laurel College Center totals **48,871 square feet**, including thirty-seven classrooms as well as administrative offices located on five floors of a modern ten-story professional building.



## SERVICES



**COVID UPDATE:** The pivot in Fall '21 to offer a limited number of in-person classes resulted in a decrease in enrollments. In this way, students showed their preference for remote instruction—at least for this critical time. LCC currently offers a variety of modalities—online, scheduled remote, hybrid, and face-to-face.

**The Universities at La Plata**

8730 Mitchell Rd LR Building LaPlata, MD 20646

Advising Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Overview:**

For nearly 14 years, the Waldorf Center for Higher Education, through its affiliation with The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC), served as an auxiliary instructional site to both institutions. Effective July 1, 2020 the Waldorf Center for Higher Education was moved approximately 7 miles to the CSM La Plata Campus and renamed the Universities at La Plata. The classroom capacity, superior facility, and proximity of the CSM - LaPlata campus to the previous Waldorf location ensures that the new site will not only have the ability to continuing serving the Southern Maryland community as outlined in the Waldorf RHEC mission and commensurate with its RHEC designation, but to provide a better experience for students, faculty, and staff affiliated with the Center. As a result of the relocation, we anticipate no change in capacity to meet students’ educational needs of the Southern Maryland community as a Regional Higher Education Center, and we are collectively committed to improving the student experience and growing enrollments.

In addition to a wide range of hybrid course offerings, a full spectrum of admission and advising services are available to prospective and current students. Services include exploring assistance with VA benefits, payment options, scholarship opportunities, admission processing, academic program selection, course selection and degree mapping. In March 2022, we resumed on-site operations on the CSM La Plata campus, and we began offering hybrid classes with a physical on-site classroom component during our Summer 2022 semester.

Enrollment Trends:

Year	Enrollments
FY 2020	629
FY 2021	335
FY 2022	332

<b>Undergraduate Course Offerings</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Administration</li><li>• Criminal Justice</li><li>• Computer Networks and Cybersecurity</li><li>• Information Systems Management</li><li>• Human Resource Management</li><li>• Nursing</li></ul>

