

**What is REED?**

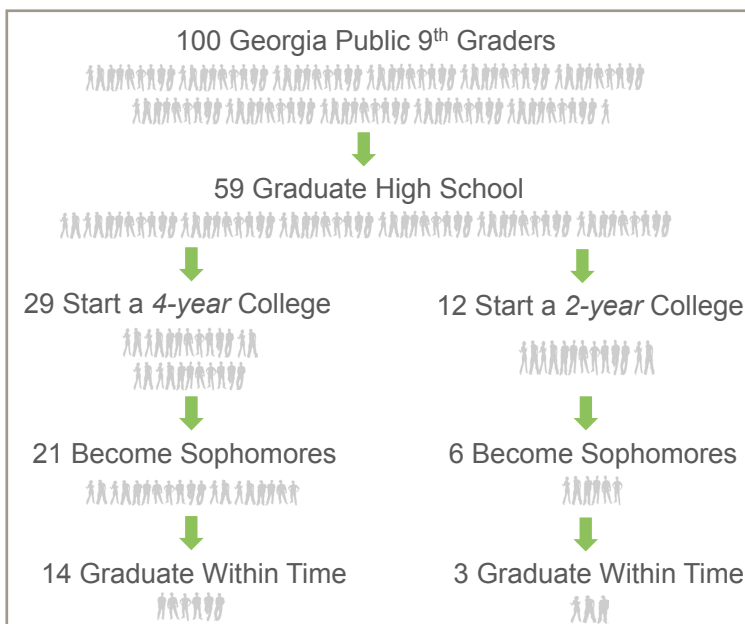
The North Georgia Regional Education and Economic Development (REED) Task Force is a collaboration between educational and community leaders to identify opportunities and the necessary resources for preparing an educated workforce to sustain economic vitality for our region and state.

Task Force members will provide valuable insights to ensure that institutions of higher education in northeast Georgia are responsive to the needs of the region and that Georgia remains a leader in an increasingly competitive and complex global economy.

For more information, please contact REED@ung.edu.

“For the first time in history, the generation preceding our young adults is on track to be more educated than its children.”

— Dr. Houston Davis, executive vice chancellor, University System of Georgia  
*Complete College Georgia Briefing, May 2013*



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**TASK FORCE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

MOUNTAINS	GAINESVILLE	OCONEE
June 13 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. United Community Bank Blairsville, GA	June 27 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. UNG Gainesville Campus Gainesville, GA	July 2 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. UNG Oconee Campus Watkinsville, GA

**Keep Georgia Strong**

Georgia is ranked as the 33rd-largest economy in the world\*, but it's current and future competitiveness is at stake. Without a workforce that can fulfill the needs of the economy, the state may risk the loss of new employers and new business creation, and existing jobs to more educated states and countries.

To avert this future, Georgia developed the Complete College Georgia initiative. In line with commitments for the Complete College America agenda, by 2020, 60 percent of young adults 25 to 34 years of age should have a college education. Moving from today's 42 percent to a goal of 60 percent requires approximately 250,000 additional graduates.

The health of the U.S. and Georgia economies depends upon citizens obtaining meaningful degrees and certificates and obtaining them at a higher rate than we do today.

\*Complete College Georgia and Complete College UNG Briefing  
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College completion is an imperative for a prosperous future in Georgia, but will require significant intervention.

[http://www.usg.edu/educational\\_access/documents/GaHigherEducationCompletionPlan2012.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/educational_access/documents/GaHigherEducationCompletionPlan2012.pdf)

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