# White Mountains Community College Strategic Plan Summary

Pillars
Defined Goal
Key Strategies

# Access

To address the unique needs of rural communities, providing high-quality education through strategic program offerings and increased use of technology.

# **Pathways**

To provide clear pathways for students seeking academic and career success.

# Quality

To continually improve on the quality of our educational programs.

# Sustainability

To sustain long-term financial viability as a community resource.

# Community

To respond to the ever-changing needs of our faculty, staff, and students, as well as those of local industry and community partners.

#### **Academic Centers -**

Establish and maintain an intentional program mixture and sustainable plan for the locations in both Littleton and North Conway.

#### Scheduling -

Revise the scheduling process with a particular focus on maximizing access for students, traditional and non-traditional, at all three locations and online.

## **High School Partnerships -**

Expand early credit opportunities through Running Start, Early College and articulation, and other partnerships that engage students with the college.

#### Affordability -

Expand access to financial assistance, use of NOLO textbooks and other supports for students who struggle with the cost of college.

### Mapping -

Map all degree programs and certificates to streamline and provide clarity for student academic pathways, an effort that aligns with the 15-to-Finish initiative.

#### **Integrate Technology -**

Utilize new and existing technology and timely data to support student success and completion: Canvas, SIS, EAB Navigate, and Degree Works.

#### **Completion -**

Cultivate and clarify transfer agreements with four-year institutions and likewise cultivate industry partnerships to expand advisory activity, to establish internships, apprenticeships, and to engage in other agreements.

#### **Onboarding & Advising -**

Review and streamline the admissions, advising and course-registration process.

#### **Program Review -**

Implement a revised Program Review process for academic and student services programs.

#### **Outcome Focus -**

Establish and standardize student learning and program outcomes.

#### **Advisory Boards -**

Prioritize the use of advisory boards to help shape relevant curriculum, to provide student experience opportunities and to hire graduates.

#### **Continuous Improvement -**

Use survey data and best practice models such as co-remediation to continuously improve educational quality.

#### **Graduate Success -**

Emphasize graduate outcomes in decision making and work to improve measures.

#### Fiscal Responsibility -

Improve planning and budgeting processes to support long-term financial stability.

#### **Diversify Funding -**

Explore opportunities for new funding, such as grants, fundraising, and non-credit programming.

#### **Data-driven Decisions -**

Increase the regularity and depth of data collection and use that data to inform decisions.

#### **Education for a Lifetime -**

Facilitate ongoing training and education for the north country workforce through both degree and certificate programs and workforce development.

#### Partnerships -

Create and expand relationships with industry partners with the goal of providing relevant education and training.

#### **Student Engagement -**

Provide opportunities for students to engage with the faculty, the staff, the community.

#### **Employee Engagement -**

Provide opportunities for collaboration, recognition, and pride-enhancing initiatives.

#### **Communication -**

Maintain commitment to continuous internal communication between leadership, faculty and staff. Improve communication channels with alumni and external "Friends of the College".

