Students and society as a whole enjoy a range of benefits due to their educational investment in HC. 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.

**HC INCREASES TAX REVENUE**

- Approximately **100%** of HC’s students remain in California 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 California will collect a present value of **$175.8 MILLION** in the form of higher tax receipts.

**HC REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS**

- HC 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 California will see a present value of **$19.6 MILLION** in savings to government over the students’ working careers.

**HC IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS**

- In FY 2014-15, state and local taxpayers in California paid **$43.6 MILLION** to support the operations of HC.

- For every $1 of public money spent on HC, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of **$4.50** over the course of students’ working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.

- Taxpayers see an annual return of **12.3%** on their investment in HC. This return compares favorably with the 1.1% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

**SUMMARY OF THE TAXPAYER INVESTMENT**

- **$4.50**
  - For every $1 invested by state/local taxpayers

- **12.3%**
  - Return of Return