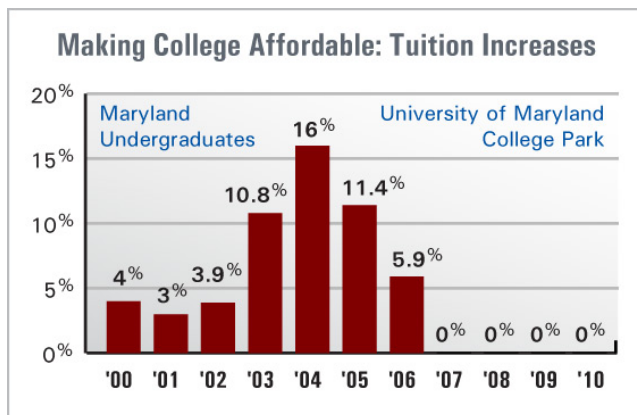


KEEPING COLLEGE TUITION AFFORDABLE FOR MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

Opening the Doors to Affordable Higher Education

The O'Malley Brown Administration is putting *Families First* by freezing resident undergraduate tuition for the 4th consecutive year at every University System of Maryland campus and Morgan State University – moving our college affordability ranking from the 6th most expensive in the nation to the 16th, and ensuring that more of our students and families are able to realize their dreams of a world-class college education.



Fighting for Investments in Maryland Higher Education

Governor O'Malley successfully led the fight to reauthorize the Higher Education Investment Fund, Maryland's first-ever dedicated funding source for higher education. Since establishing the fund in 2007, the HEIF has invested more than \$100 million in Maryland's institutions of higher learning, with more than \$42 million planned for this year alone to make critical investments in higher education and workforce development possible across our State.

Our Top Ranked Institutions of Higher Learning

Maryland is known for its world class public and private colleges and universities, and this year, four Maryland public colleges and universities were named Top Colleges and Best Values by *Kiplinger Magazine*, while eight Maryland schools were named

Best Schools and Best Value Colleges by *The Princeton Review*.

Investing In Our Community Colleges

In three years, the O'Malley Brown Administration has invested 37% more in Maryland's exceptional community colleges than the prior administration during a comparable period. Even during one of the most significant economic downturns in a generation, Governor O'Malley fought for increases to community college funding that brings our three year commitment to over \$750 million.

Preparing Our Community Colleges for the Future

The O'Malley Brown Administration has already invested \$43 million more in new building construction and renovations on Maryland community college campuses than the prior administration was willing to invest in four. Our three year commitment of nearly \$235 million represents the largest capital investment in Maryland history to help our community colleges build new state-of-the-art science labs, libraries, and public health facilities that allow them to continue providing our workforce with the skills and training they need to compete in the 21st century global marketplace.

Increasing Scholarships for Maryland Students

The O'Malley Brown Administration has provided \$96 million more for student financial assistance than the prior administration, with a record investment of \$355 million for tuition assistance and scholarships in just three years to help more students and families across Maryland realize their dreams of a world-class higher education.

Scholarships for Returning Veterans

Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown honor the sacrifice and commitment of our returning veterans, and have created Maryland's first scholarship fund that has provided more than \$2 million in financial assistance to date for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.