Education Will Pay You Back—for a Lifetime

- Students enjoy an attractive 26.5% rate of return on their COD educational investment.
- Over the course of his or her working career, the average COD student’s lifetime earnings will increase $9.70 for every dollar invested in their COD education (in the form of tuition, fees, and forgone earnings).
- The average annual income of the typical associate’s degree graduate in the Coachella Valley at the midpoint of his or her career is $39,400, 35% more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Over the course of a working lifetime, associate’s degree graduates from COD earn $380,100 more than someone with a high school diploma (undiscounted).

Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

- By 2019 it is anticipated that there will be about 337,300 new and replacement jobs available in the Coachella Valley.
- About 25% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate’s degree or greater.
- Another 7% of available jobs in 2019 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.