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***A PASSIONATE SENSE  
OF POTENTIAL***

Colleges Ontario Annual Meeting

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If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible.

Soren Kierkegaard

Danish philosopher and theologian



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- All countries face a radically different future than the one that created our current universities
- Education as the only investment that holds for a country's future.
- Epochal shifts and changes in economy



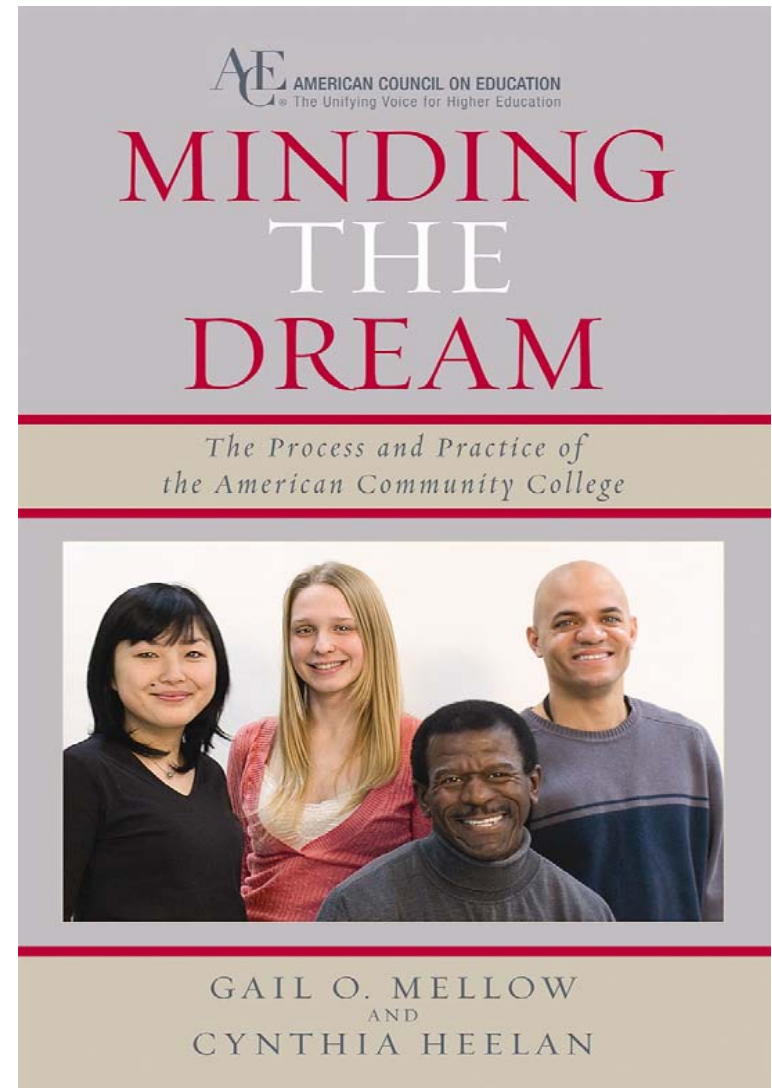
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## Minding the Dream

### The Process and Practice of the American Community College

Gail O. Mellow & Cynthia Heelan





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## Historical Eras

	Late Agricultural	Early Industrial	Late Industrial	Early Knowledge
Source of Wealth	Land	Labor	Capital	Knowledge
Type of Organization	Feudal	Proprietor	Steep Hierarchies	Human Networking

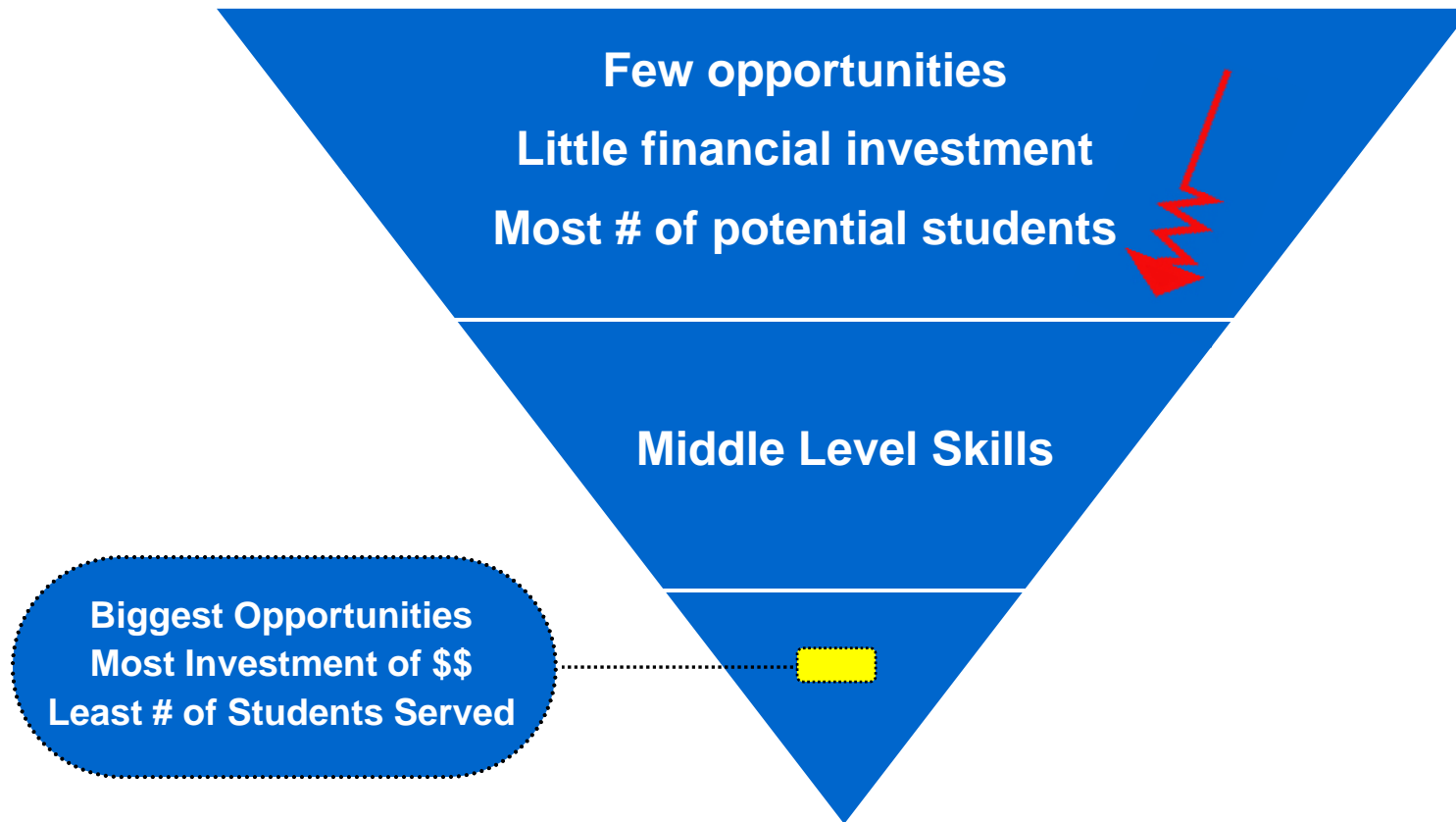
C. Savage, 1990



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The university pyramid is standing on its head

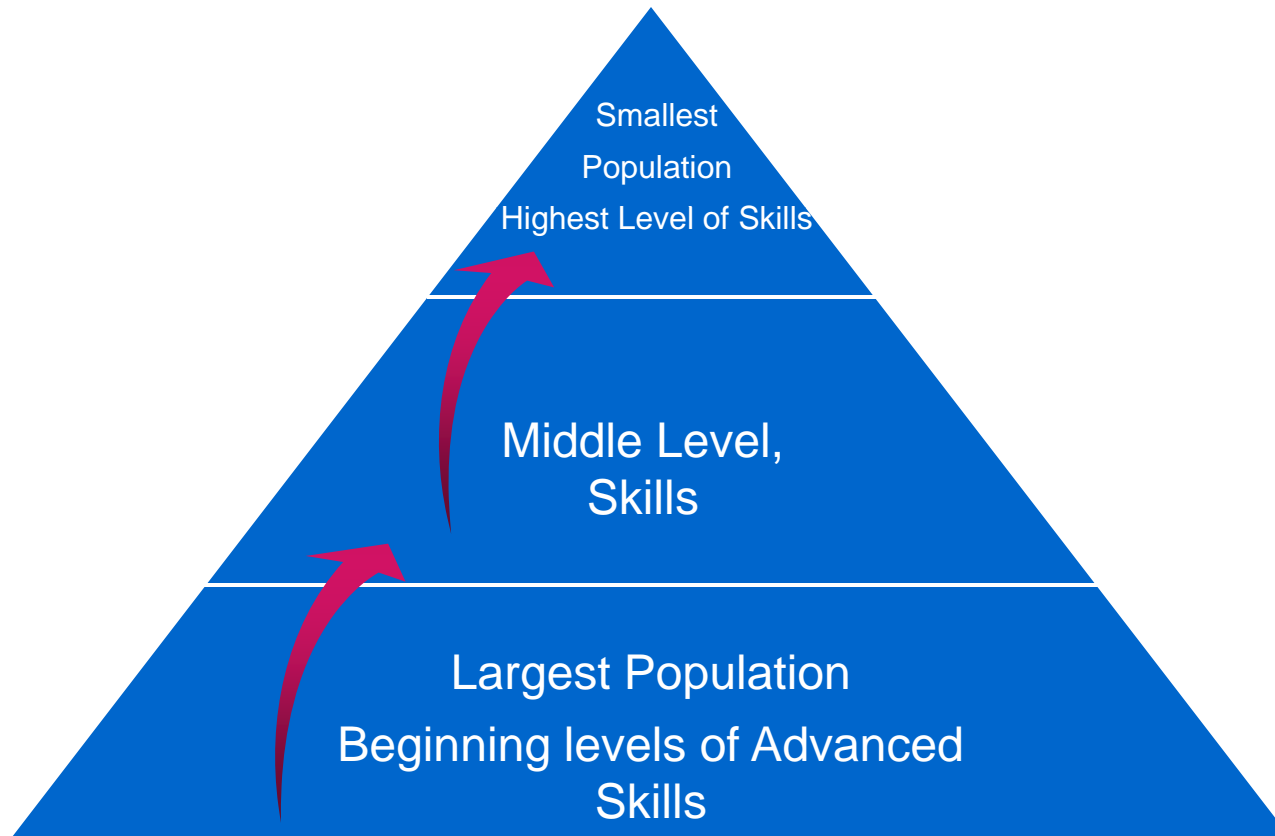




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Advance a More Stable Society





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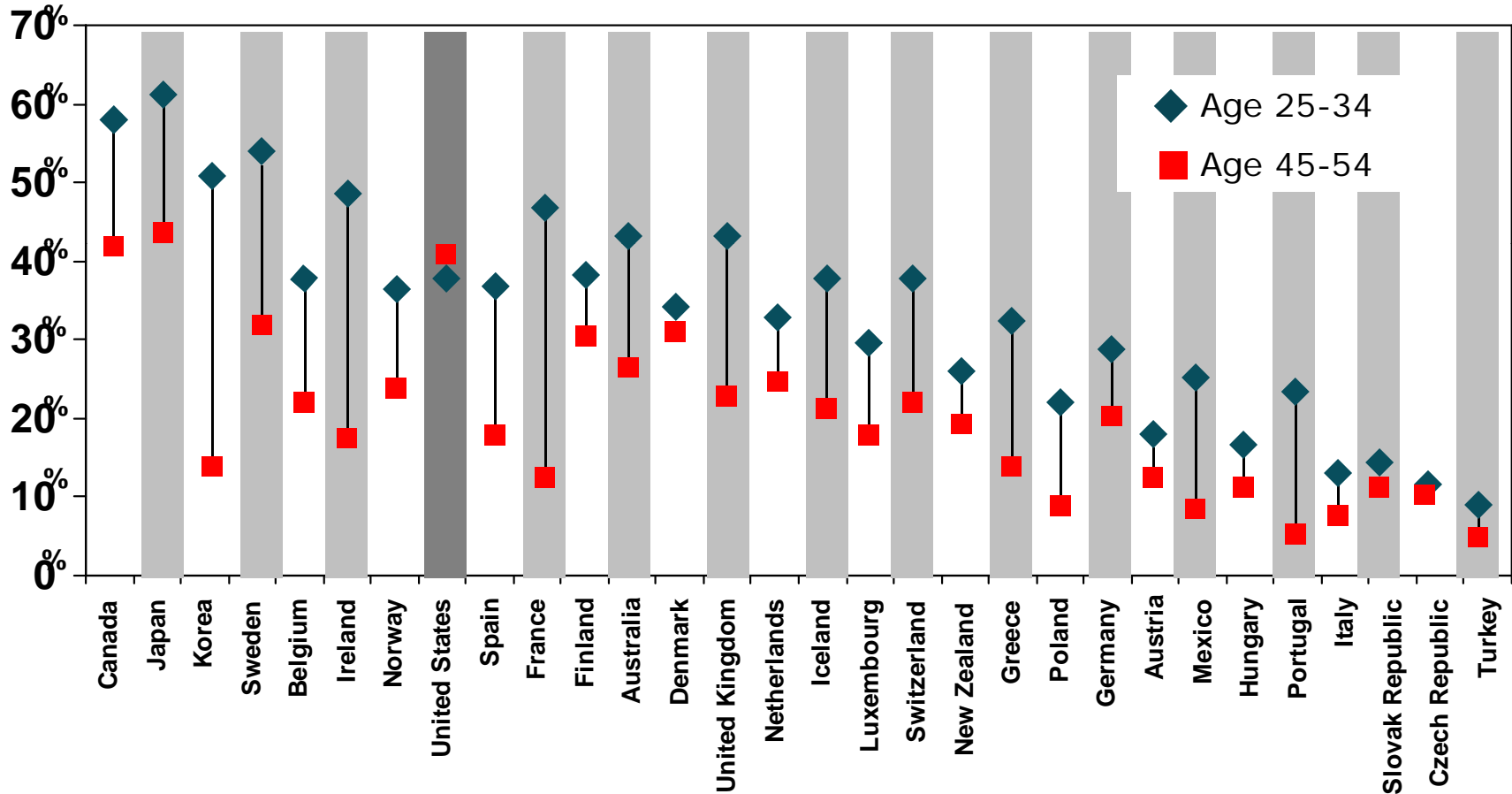
## New metrics of the possible

- Turn the pyramid of education on its head – change from resources focused on the highest level serving the smallest # of people
- Focus on building the base to a higher level
- Open paths for the most talented to rise
- Create institutions of inspiration and aspiration
- Inspire adults to be part of the education revolution



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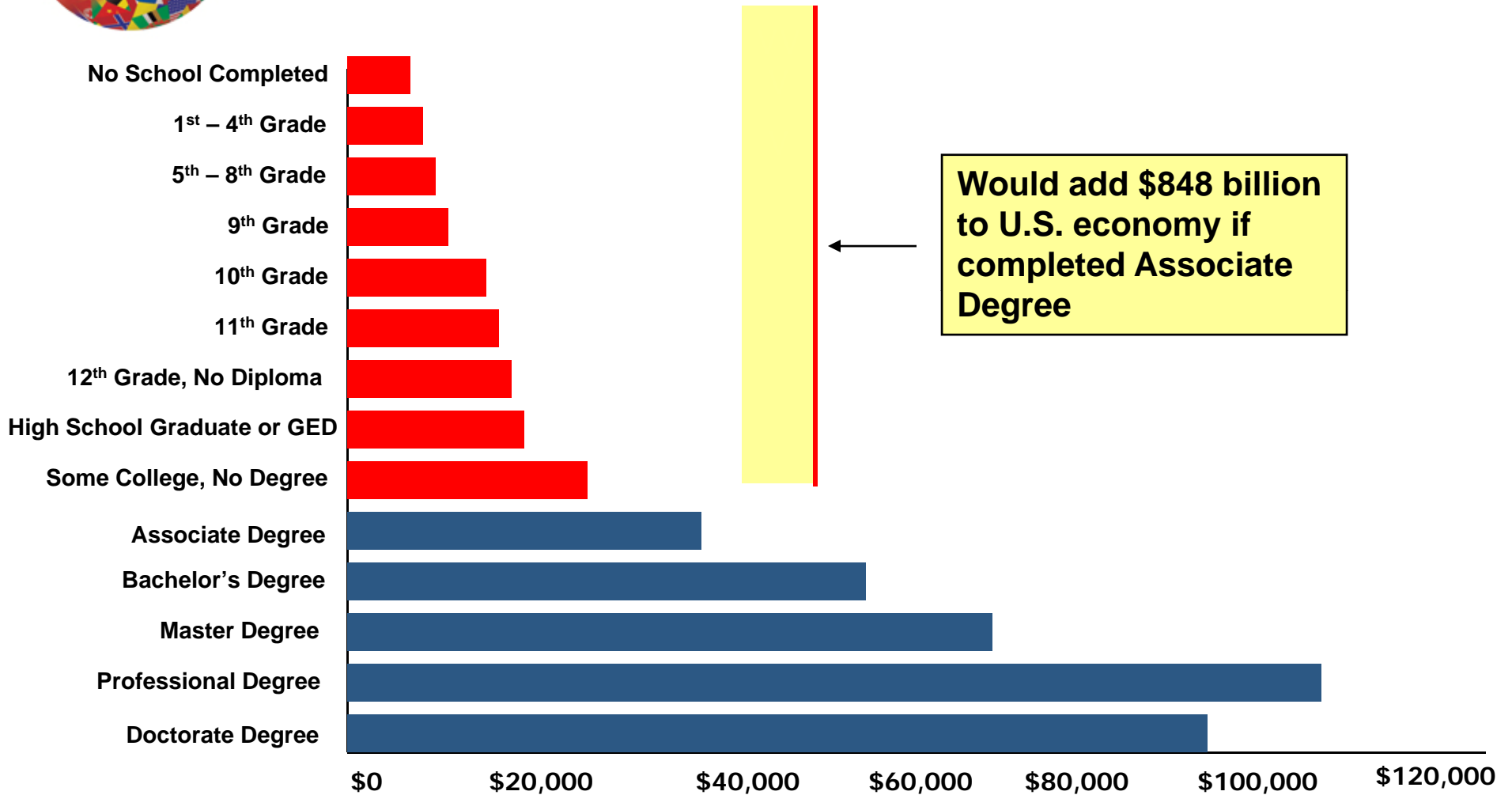


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Create a system of institutions that are truly responsive to the needs of society right now





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# Changing Pedagogy to Serve a New Student in a New Era

VIDEO, please



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- Fully use **facilities**
- Provide **non-standard office hours**
- Assess **life-learning for credit equivalency**
- Relentlessly use **web-based resources**
- Creatively **schedule**
- Re-think **metrics of success**



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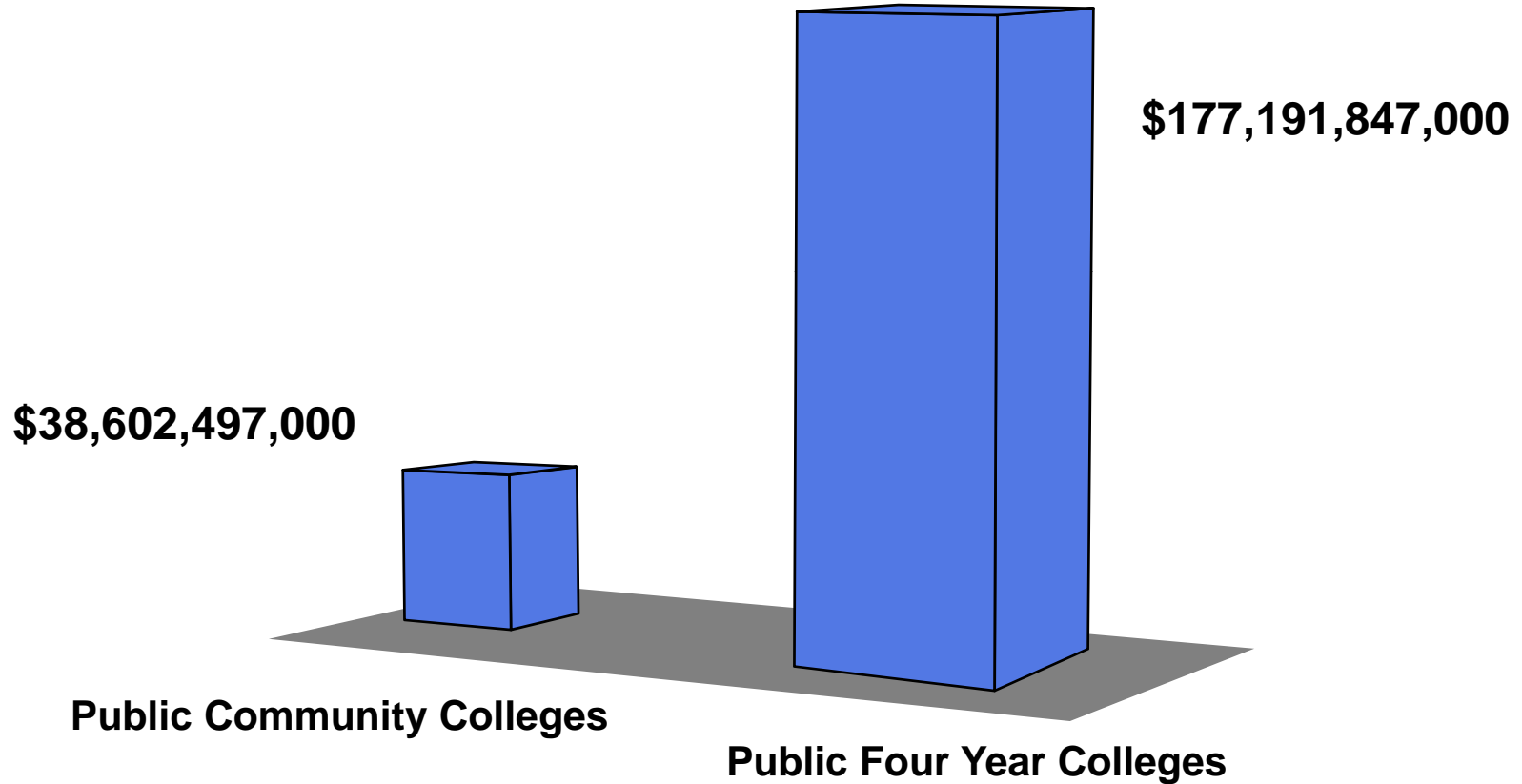
## Universities cannot remain inflexible in the Knowledge Era

- As you get more people to dream, they move to understand how education must make sense in their lives, not just the market place
- As you invite older individuals into the mix, society increases its ability to change



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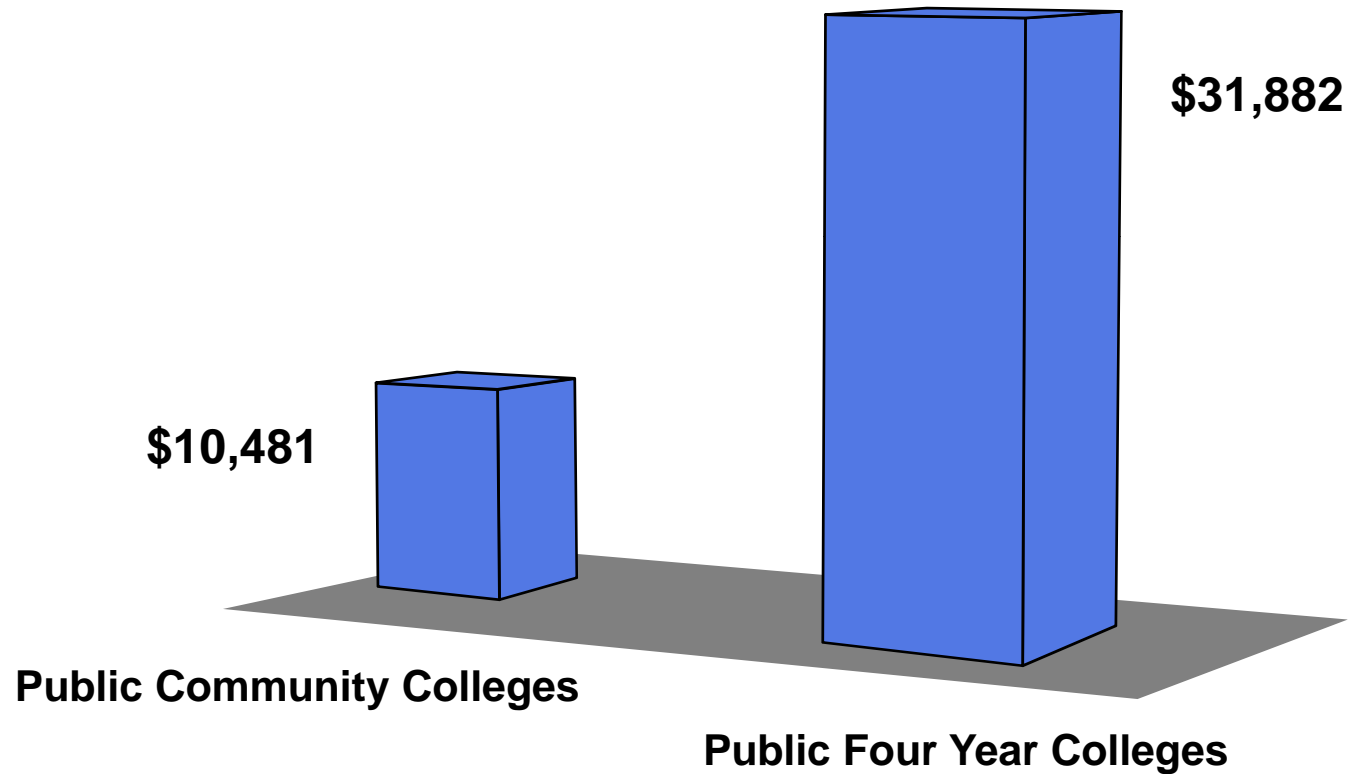


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Discriminating issues that shape the future are all fundamentally global. We belong to one **inescapable network of mutuality** ... We are tied, indeed, in a **single fabric of destiny** on Planet Earth.

Mieko Nishimizu  
World Bank

