



The Campaign for

College Opportunity



Working to ensure all Californians have an equal opportunity to attend and succeed in college in order to build a vibrant workforce, economy, and democracy.

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is pleased to honor these California Community Colleges and California State Universities as

Higher Education Champions for Excellence in Transfer for 2016

These ten California Community Colleges are producing the largest number of students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) and have demonstrated significant growth in ADT production year over year.

San Diego Mesa College

San Diego Mesa College conferred 691 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 1st among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Mesa grew ADT production by 367 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year, a 113% increase and the largest numeric increase of all community colleges in the state. San Diego Mesa College is located in San Diego County and serves approximately 16,000 students. In 2014-15, Mesa transferred 681 students to the CSU system.

Orange Coast College

Orange Coast College conferred 597 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 2nd among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Orange Coast grew ADT production by 299 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year, a 100% increase. Orange Coast College is located in Orange County and serves approximately 18,500 students. In 2014-15, Orange Coast transferred 1,451 students to the CSU system.

Moorpark College

Moorpark College conferred 585 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 3rd among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Moorpark grew ADT production by 230 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Moorpark College is located in Ventura County and serves approximately 12,500 students. In 2014-15, Moorpark transferred 936 students to the CSU system.

Diablo Valley College

Diablo Valley College conferred 566 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014, ranking it 4th among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Diablo Valley grew ADT production by 159 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Diablo Valley College is located in Contra Costa County and serves approximately 17,000 students. In 2014-15, Diablo Valley transferred 965 students to the CSU system.

Pasadena City College

Pasadena City College conferred 557 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 5th among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Pasadena City grew ADT production by 137 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Pasadena City College is located in Pasadena and serves approximately 26,000 students. In 2014-15, Pasadena City transferred 1,380 students to the CSU system.

Fullerton College

Fullerton College conferred 552 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 6th among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Fullerton grew ADT production by 158 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Fullerton College is located in Orange County and serves approximately 23,000 students. In 2014-15, Fullerton transferred 1,239 students to the CSU system.



Citrus College

Citrus College conferred 500 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 7th among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Citrus grew ADT production by 117 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Citrus College is located in Los Angeles County and serves approximately 12,000 students. In 2014-15, Citrus transferred 693 students to the CSU system.

Sierra College

Sierra College conferred 498 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 8th among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Sierra grew ADT production by 166 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Sierra College has campuses in Placer and Nevada counties and serves approximately 15,000 students. In 2014-15, Citrus transferred 944 students to the CSU system.

Grossmont College

Grossmont College conferred 473 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it 9th among the 113 California Community Colleges in terms of ADT production. Grossmont grew ADT production by 157 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year. Grossmont College is located in San Diego County and serves approximately 12,000 students. In 2014-15, Grossmont transferred 763 students to the CSU system.

Southwestern College

Southwestern College conferred 407 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15. Southwestern grew ADT production by 236 degrees from the 2013-14 academic year, a 138% increase which represents the largest percent increase among the top ADT producing (over 400 ADTs annually) California Community Colleges. Southwestern College is located in San Diego County and serves approximately 15,000 students. In 2014-15, Southwestern transferred 611 students to the CSU system.

Excellence in Effort

These three California Community Colleges have significantly increased the number of students earning Associate Degrees for Transfer between 2013-14 and 2014-15. Although not the top producers in the state, these colleges have made significant gains in a short amount of time.

Bakersfield College

Bakersfield College conferred 197 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15. In 2013-14 Bakersfield conferred only 18 ADTs but within one year, grew ADT production by 179 degrees, an over 900% increase. Bakersfield College is located in the South San Joaquin Valley in Kern County and serves approximately 13,500 students. In 2014-15, Bakersfield College transferred 789 students to the CSU system.

Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College conferred 167 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15. In 2013-14 Cabrillo conferred only 24 ADTs but within one year, grew ADT production by 143 degrees, a nearly 600% increase. Cabrillo College is located in Santa Cruz County and serves approximately 10,000 students. In 2014-15, Cabrillo College transferred 430 students to the CSU system.

Glendale Community College

Glendale Community College conferred 212 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15. In 2013-14 Glendale conferred only 33 ADTs but within one year, grew ADT production by 179 degrees, an over 500% increase. Glendale Community College is located in Los Angeles County and serves approximately 14,000 students. In 2014-15, Glendale Community College transferred 980 students to the CSU system.



These three California State Universities (CSU) are enrolling the largest number of California Community College students transferring with Associate Degree for Transfer. Associate Degree for Transfer students also make up a larger share of their total transfer students than other CSU campuses.

California State University, Fullerton

Between fall 2012 and spring 2015, CSU Fullerton enrolled 1,987 ADT transfer students from California Community Colleges, the most of any CSU in the state. In fall 2014, nearly 30% of all CSU Fullerton transfer students were ADT earners, the highest percentage of any CSU that fall. CSU Fullerton is located in Orange County and had 3,089 transfer students enrolled in fall 2014.

California State University, Long Beach

Between fall 2012 and spring 2015, CSU Long Beach enrolled 985 ADT transfer students from California Community Colleges, ranking it 2nd among all CSUs in terms of ADT transfer student enrollment. In fall 2014 nearly 12% of all CSU Long Beach transfer students were ADT earners ranking it 4th among the 23 CSU campuses. Cal State Long Beach is located in Los Angeles County and had 3,556 transfer students enrolled in fall 2014.

California State University, Sacramento

Between fall 2012 and spring 2015, Sacramento State enrolled 655 ADT transfer students from California Community Colleges, ranking it 3rd among all CSUs in terms of ADT transfer student enrollment. In fall 2014, nearly 8.9% of all CSU Fullerton transfer students were ADT earners, ranking it 5th among the 23 CSU campuses. Sacramento State is in Sacramento County and had 3,229 transfer students enrolled in fall 2014.

Why Transfer?

California's community colleges enroll 2.3 million students with the majority stating they intend to transfer to a four-year university. But despite student intentions and one of the community colleges' core missions being to provide a transfer pathway to the state's four-year university, only 4% transfer annually.

A low transfer rate is bad news for California. The state is projected to be 1.1 million bachelor degrees short of economic demand by 2030 and when 70% of all college students in California attend a community college, transfer becomes key to producing the bachelor's degrees we need. Failing to improve transfer means too many of our college students being unprepared for our 21st century economy—in that equation, we all lose. That's why in 2010 the Campaign for College Opportunity led the legislative effort (SB 1440) to significantly increase the number of students who transfer with a degree in hand. The spirit of the legislation was to streamline, simplify, and create a preferred transfer pathway for the majority of students hoping to transfer to the California State University.

Associate Degree for Transfer Provides a Path for Success

The Associate Degree for Transfer is a streamlined and simplified pathway for students which offers the following:

- Guaranteed admission to California State University
- Associate degree earned before transferring
- 32 academic degree options
- Seamless 120-unit pathway

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