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## FULLERTON COLLEGE TOPS LIST OF LATINO TRANSFERS TO CSU SYSTEM

FULLERTON (October 30, 2013) – Newly-released data from the California State University (CSU) system indicates that Fullerton College transferred more Latino students to the CSU than any of the state's other 111 community colleges. The college is also ranked number one in the number of Mexican-American student transfers.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, 443 Latino students transferred to the CSU system, a 5% increase from the previous year. Neighboring California State University, Fullerton remains the most popular transfer choice for Fullerton College students. The college is ranked fourth in the state in the number of total CSU transfers.

In 2011, Fullerton College was one of the first community colleges to adopt a goal focusing specifically on the success rates of Latino students. Campus resources such as the Cadena-Transfer Center, Puente Program, Summer Scholars Transfer Institute, and the Transfer Achievement Program also helped assist students in the transfer process and ultimately boosted rates.

"The success of our Latino students is imperative given the fact that Hispanic Americans are the fastest-growing demographic group in the country," says Fullerton College President Dr. Rajen Vurdien. "The

college takes its role as a Hispanic-Serving Institution seriously and will continue to improve our Latino transfer rates so that we remain number one."

## About Fullerton College

Fullerton College offers its students a comprehensive academic experience, in a real college setting. Founded in 1913, Fullerton College is the oldest community college in continuous operation in California. The college enrolls in excess of 24,000 students. There are 315 full-time faculty and approximately 480 adjunct faculty, who are supported by 285 classified employees and 43 managers. Dr. Rajen Vurdien is the President.

As one of five institutions of higher learning in the city of Fullerton, the college is an integral part of a complex higher education system. Fullerton College is committed to quality education in all areas of study, ranging from transfer-level courses to career certificate programs. These programs, coupled with a full complement of student support services and excellent faculty, virtually ensure student success. *Fullerton College – Elevating Excellence*.

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