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Fullerton College Honored for Excellence in Transfer

FULLERTON (June 7, 2016) – Fullerton College received a statewide commendation for increasing the number of students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) during the 2014-2015 academic year. The Campaign for College Opportunity and the California Business Roundtable recognized the college on June 2 at a ceremony in Sacramento.

Fullerton College conferred 552 Associate Degrees for Transfer in 2014-15, ranking it sixth 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 honored to be among the top transfer institutions in the state of California,” said Fullerton College President Greg Schulz. “The ADT degrees are intended to make transferring as efficient as possible for our students moving on to a California State University campus.”

California’s ADT program, established by the STAR Act in 2010 – authored by Secretary of State Alex Padilla when he was in the Senate – cuts through redundant requirements that created unnecessary hurdles for students seeking to transfer from a community college to a CSU campus. The majority of the 2.3 million students who enroll in California community colleges say they intend to transfer to a four-year university to receive a bachelor’s degree, but only 4 percent transfer annually.

As detailed in [Keeping the Promise: Going the Distance on Transfer Reform](#), a strong framework for improving transfers has been built since the bill’s enactment. The number of ADT earners has nearly doubled annually, coordination between CSU and

community colleges has improved, and more students have benefitted from the admissions guarantee to a CSU campus.

“Tonight we are so pleased to honor transformative campus leaders who have paved the way to ensure that ALL students have a path to reach their college dreams. Their tireless dedication to strengthening the path into and through college will benefit generations to come,” said Michele Siqueiros, president of the Campaign for College Opportunity.

Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable and co-host of the Sacramento event concluded the evening by thanking the night’s honorees for all they do to strengthen California’s businesses.

Sixteen colleges and universities honored for excellence in transfer included:

San Diego Mesa College	Citrus College	Cabrillo College
Orange Coast College	Sierra College	Glendale Community College
Moorpark College	Grossmont College	CSU Fullerton
Diablo Valley College	Southwestern College	CSU Long Beach
Pasadena City College	Bakersfield College	CSU Sacramento
Fullerton College		

Secretary of State Alex Padilla accepted the “Champion of Higher Education” award for authoring the original legislation creating the Associate Degrees for Transfer and for remaining committed to full implementation of the new degree program. Dolores Huerta, civil rights and labor leader, was awarded a “Champion of Higher Education” award for her tireless work to improve college opportunity for underserved communities.

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