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Citrus College Students Transfer to UC, CSU in Record Numbers

GLENDORA, Calif. –A record number of Citrus College students have transferred to the University of California (UC), according to a report recently issued by the system’s Board of Regents.

A total of 131 Citrus College students transferred to and enrolled in UC institutions during the 2014-2015 academic year. This is an increase of more than 30 percent from the 2013-2014 academic year, as well as an increase of more than 80 percent over the past decade.

“Citrus College is thrilled to be ranked 37 out of California’s 113 community colleges in terms of transferring students to the UC system. This is a significant jump from our ranking as number 50 last year,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. “This impressive progress validates the incredible time and effort the college community has invested into making the institution a ‘College of Completion.’ It is rewarding to know that our students are receiving the opportunities and resources they need to achieve academic success.”

The 2014-2015 academic year also saw a record number of Citrus College students transferring to California State University (CSU) institutions. A total of 693 students transferred to the CSU system, an increase of nearly 20 percent from the previous year.

Much of this increase can be attributed to the associate degrees for transfer that were implemented statewide four years ago. A collaborative effort of the California Community Colleges and the CSU systems, associate degrees for transfer provide community college students with guaranteed admission to the CSU system and priority admission to a CSU campus.

According to a press release recently issued by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, the number of transfer degrees awarded in California during 2014-2015 is nearly double the number awarded the year before.

At Citrus College, the number of associate degrees for transfer increased from 399 in 2013-2014 to 500 in 2014-2015. This number is even more impressive when comparing it to the 39 degrees awarded to the first cohort of Citrus College students in 2012.

In addition to breaking institutional transfer records, Citrus College students also received a record number of associate degrees and certificates of achievement during the 2014-2015 year. These success rates reflect the college community’s commitment to college completion.

“Three years ago, Citrus College’s trustees joined faculty, staff, and administrators in signing a pledge to increase the number of students who complete college. Since that time, the entire college community has worked together to remove barriers that impede student success,” said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “We are incredibly proud that this collaboration and innovation has established Citrus College as a leader in higher education, earning the institution a national reputation for academic excellence.”