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### **Number of Associate Degrees for Transfer Awarded Nearly Doubles in California Community Colleges Over the Past Year**

*Streamlined transfer pathway guarantees admission to California State University*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Associate Degree for Transfer program, a joint venture between the California Community Colleges and the California State Universities (CSU) systems, is showing rapid and marked success as it continues to grow. The number of degrees awarded through the program in 2014-2015 is nearly double the number of degrees awarded the year before.

Data released by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office shows that 20,644 students earned Associate Degrees for Transfer in the 2014-15 academic year compared to 11,448 degrees awarded in 2013-14.

“We are thrilled by the growing success of the Associate Degree for Transfer program, said California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris. “This program offers students an affordable path to a four-year degree, without compromising the quality of education. Because of the time and money saved through this program, it’s a win-win for both students and the state of California.”

The [Associate Degree for Transfer](#) program, now in its fourth year, provides community college students with guaranteed admission to the CSU system and priority admission to a CSU campus. Once admitted, students complete an additional 60 units to earn a bachelor’s degree. There are currently more than 1,900 associate degrees for transfer offered in a wide variety of subject areas.

The two higher education systems have also made it easier for students to chart their path to a bachelor’s degree with a new search tool on the program’s website [www.adegreewithaquarter.com](http://www.adegreewithaquarter.com). The tool allows students to search degree disciplines offered at different community colleges and identify CSU campuses as potential transfer destinations for earning bachelor’s degrees in the same discipline.

*The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CACommColleges>, or <https://twitter.com/CalCommColleges>.*

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