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**RE: California State University Report: Assembly Bill 1016, Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act**

This report provides fall 2020 admissions, enrollment and graduation rate outcomes for California State University (CSU) applicants who have previously earned an associate degree for transfer (ADT). Data continues to show the ADT program is instrumental in supporting undergraduate degree completion for California students while meeting state workforce demands for highly skilled, job-ready graduates.

In fall 2020, transfer students entering the CSU with an ADT increased to more than 31,500, representing a majority of the CSU's new fall community college transfers for the first time since the inception of the ADT program. Students who applied to the CSU with an ADT and met admissions requirements and submitted a completed application were offered admission to at least one CSU campus. More than two-thirds of admitted ADT students ultimately enrolled at a CSU campus, with 56 percent of these students enrolling in a "similar pathway," i.e., a major that has been deemed similar or related to their ADT by

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faculty at their CSU campus. Graduation rates among ADT students are similarly strong. As of fall 2020, 54% of students who transferred to the CSU in 2017 with an ADT graduated in two years and 79% graduated in three years.

(Information about the transfer model curricula that are accepted at each CSU campus by concentration/major can be found at <https://tmc.calstate.edu>.)

Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the ADT program has been central to Graduation Initiative 2025, the CSU's flagship effort to close equity gaps, eliminate barriers and help more students – particularly students of color, first-generation students and students from low-income backgrounds – earn the lifelong benefits of a college degree. As the number of students entering the CSU with an ADT has more than doubled over the last five years, two- and three- year degree completion rates have remained strong as the program has scaled, contributing to the CSU's record number of degrees awarded this year. While the ADT may not be the only or preferred transfer model for all students who seek to transfer to the CSU, the ADT program clearly has been instrumental in supporting transfer access, streamlined degree requirements and, ultimately, student success.

This report fulfills requirements of California Education Code Section 66749.5 to publish data related to the admission, enrollment and graduation of students with an ADT who apply and/or enroll at the CSU, including admission and enrollment data for those redirected to a campus other than that indicated in their application. This data can be found at: [https://www2.calstate.edu/data-center/institutional-research-analyses/files/Fall/CSU%20Applications%20and%20Admissions/2010-2019/CSU\\_Applications\\_Admissions\\_and\\_Graduation\\_of\\_ADT\\_earners\\_2016\\_2020.xlsx](https://www2.calstate.edu/data-center/institutional-research-analyses/files/Fall/CSU%20Applications%20and%20Admissions/2010-2019/CSU_Applications_Admissions_and_Graduation_of_ADT_earners_2016_2020.xlsx).

The reporting requirement is excerpted as follows:

Education Code Section 66749.5

(b) The California State University shall submit two reports to the Legislature on campus acceptance of transfer model curricula by concentration, on or before December 1, 2016, and on or before December 1, 2017, respectively.

(c) (1) The California State University shall annually, commencing December 1, 2016, publicly post available data on all of the following:

(A) The number of students admitted with an associate degree for transfer.

(B) The proportion of students with an associate degree for transfer who graduate from the California State University within two or three years.

(C) The number of students with an associate degree for transfer who applied to a campus of the California State University and were redirected to another campus than that indicated in the application.

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(D) The number of students described in subparagraph (C) who ultimately enrolled at a California State University campus.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations at (916) 445-5983.

Sincerely,



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**The total number of students (unduplicated) with an associate degree for transfer applied, admitted and enrolled at CSU, Fall 2020**

	Total Applications Received	Admitted and on ADT Pathway	Admitted not on ADT Pathway	Total Admitted	Enrolled and on ADT Pathway	Enrolled not on ADT Pathway	Total Enrolled
Associate Degree for Transfer Earners	48,660	21,310	24,403	45,713	17,588	13,964	31,552

**The total number of students (unduplicated) with an associate degree for transfer (excluding redirected applications) applied, admitted and enrolled at CSU, Fall 2020**

	Applications Received	Admitted and on ADT Pathway	Admitted not on ADT Pathway	Total Admitted	Enrolled and on ADT Pathway	Enrolled not on ADT Pathway	Total Enrolled
Associate Degree for Transfer Earners	45,950	21,258	23,427	44,685	17,560	13,828	31,388

**The total number of students (unduplicated) with an associate degree for transfer who applied to a campus of the California State University and were redirected to another campus than that indicated in the application, Fall 2020**

	Applications Received and Redirected	Admitted and on ADT Pathway	Admitted not on ADT Pathway	Total Admitted	Enrolled and on ADT Pathway	Enrolled not on ADT Pathway	Total Enrolled
Associate Degree for Transfer Earners	2,710	52	976	1,028	28	136	164

**The total number of students with an associate degree for transfer who graduated from the California State University within two or three years, Fall 2017**

	Admitted and on ADT Pathway	Graduated within one year (Headcount)	Graduated within two years (Headcount)	Graduated within three years (Headcount)	Graduated within three years (%)	Still Enrolled after three years (Headcount)	Still Enrolled after three years (%)
Associate Degree for Transfer Earners	9,442	44	5,101	7,478	79%	680	7%