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Citrus College Named to Record Number of National Publication's Top Producer Lists

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Glendora, Calif.--Citrus College has once again been named one of the nation's top degree and certificate producing two-year institutions by *Community College Week*.

Every year, the bi-weekly magazine releases a special report featuring the top 100 degree and certificate producing two-year institutions in the nation. The report consists of 44 different categories, including associate degrees awarded to minorities, associate degrees awarded by discipline, and the total number of two-year certificates awarded.

This year, Citrus College was included on seven of the 44 lists, the most since the magazine began publishing the report in 2003.

"As always, it is truly an honor to be recognized by *Community College Week*," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Our consistent inclusion on their Top 100 lists serves as a tremendous source of pride for Citrus College."

Using data gathered from the 2014-2015 academic year, *Community College Week* ranked Citrus College fifth out of the top 100 institutions in awarding associate degrees in multi/interdisciplinary studies. In the previous year, it was ranked number 14 in the same category.

Citrus College also moved from number 30 to number 17 in awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students; from number 41 to 26 in awarding associate degrees in parks,

recreation, leisure, and fitness studies; and from 52 to 32 in awarding associate degrees to minority students.

Citrus College retained its position as number 76 out of the top 100 institutions in terms of awarding associate degrees to Asian-American students. It was also ranked 47 in awarding associate degrees in practical nursing and 71 in awarding associate degrees in all disciplines.

“The faculty, staff and students of Citrus College have worked together to remove barriers that impede student success,” Dr. Perri said. “Our impressive progress validates the college community’s commitment to student completion. It is rewarding to know that our students are receiving the resources they need to accomplish their goals.”

According to *Community College Week*, their annual top 100 lists are compiled using statistics provided by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics. Citrus College’s placement on the list was based off of the 2,533 associate degrees it awarded during the 2014-2015 academic year.

“Citrus College is incredibly proud to be recognized as one of the top community colleges in the country,” said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “This is an outstanding accomplishment that was made possible through collaboration, innovation, and the pursuit of excellence. We will continue to enhance our programs and services to ensure that the needs of our students are always met.”