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Over 40 California Community Colleges Excel in Equitable Course Placement
California Community Colleges honored for being leading campuses in implementation of AB 705, legislation to improve student access and success in transfer-level English and math coursework, featuring equitable course placement champions Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis and Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin.

(Los Angeles, CA) – Today at 4pm PST, the Campaign for College Opportunity will recognize over 40 California Community Colleges at the inaugural [*Excellence in Placement*](#) award ceremony. Community college campuses will be honored for implementing landmark placement policy AB 705, championed by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and signed into law in 2017. Additionally, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis will receive an honor for championing equitable course placement. Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin will join the celebration for remarks and to award colleges for their achievements.

Prior to AB 705, the [vast majority](#) of incoming community college students were being placed into remedial math and English courses that ultimately discouraged and derailed students on their college journeys. Over a [decade of research](#) has shown that students' likelihood of earning a degree decreases when they start college in remedial courses.

“At a time when community colleges have seen serious declines in student enrollment, we should be supporting students on the best pathway to achieve success and earn a degree. When our colleges enroll students in transfer-level English and math within their first year, they’re making progress toward their degree from the start! The result is that students save time and money, have fewer obstacles to earning a degree, and the economic standing of our communities and California is strengthened,” said Michele Siqueiros, president of the Campaign for College Opportunity.

AB 705 has proven to be highly consequential for increasing access to transfer-level coursework, maximizing student success, and closing racial/ethnic equity gaps. By starting in transfer-level English, completion rates have [tripled for Black students](#) and [more than doubled for Latinx students](#). In math, completion rates have [quadrupled for Black students](#) and [Latinx students](#). Many colleges are also being recognized with equity designations for supporting Black and Latinx students to access and succeed in transfer-level math and English.

Honorees

Campuswide Transfer-Level English Enrollment – California Community Colleges supporting 100% of their students to enroll directly into transfer-level English coursework.

Allan Hancock College	Moreno Valley College
Butte College	Palomar College
College of the Canyons	Pasadena City College
Clovis Community College	College of the Redwoods
Coastline Community College	College of San Mateo
Columbia College	Santa Ana College
Contra Costa College	Santiago Canyon College
Cuyamaca College	Skyline College
Foothill College	West Hills College Coalinga
Fullerton College	

Campuswide Transfer-Level English Success - California Community Colleges supporting students to complete transfer-level English within one year of initially enrolling in an English course.

San Diego Miramar College
De Anza College
Saddleback College

Campuswide Transfer-Level Math Enrollment - California Community Colleges supporting 100% of students to enroll directly into transfer-level math coursework.

Porterville College
Feather River College
Pasadena City College

Campuswide Transfer-Level Math Success - California Community Colleges supporting students to complete transfer-level math within one year of initially enrolling in a math course.

De Anza College
Foothill College
Diablo Valley College

Equity Designation: Latinx Transfer-Level English Enrollment - California Community Colleges supporting 100% of Latinx students to enroll directly into transfer-level English.

Allan Hancock College	Palomar College
Butte College	Pasadena City College
College of the Canyons	College of the Redwoods
Clovis Community College	College of San Mateo
Coastline Community College	Santa Ana College
Contra Costa College	Santiago Canyon College

Cuyamaca College
Foothill College
Fullerton College
Moreno Valley College

Skyline College
West Hills College Coalinga
College of the Siskiyous
Columbia College

Equity Designation: Latinx Transfer-Level English Success - California Community Colleges supporting Latinx students to complete transfer-level English within one year of initially enrolling in an English course.

Southwestern College
Lake Tahoe Community College
Mendocino College
Solano Community College
Woodland Community College

Equity Designation: Black Transfer-Level English Enrollment – California Community Colleges supporting 100% of Black students to enroll directly in transfer-level English.

Moreno Valley College
Pasadena City College
Coastline Community College
College of the Canyons
Contra Costa College
Fullerton College
Palomar College
Clovis Community College
Cuyamaca College
College of San Mateo
Allan Hancock College
Foothill College
Butte College

College of the Sequoias
Santa Barbara City College
Reedley College
West Los Angeles College
College of the Siskiyous
Berkeley City College
Folsom Lake College
Bakersfield College
Irvine Valley College
Hartnell College
Yuba College
Cerro Coso Community College

Equity Designation: Black Transfer-Level English Success – California Community Colleges supporting Black students to complete transfer-level English within one year of initially enrolling in an English course.

Hartnell College
Santa Barbara City College
College of San Mateo
Palomar College
College of Alameda

Equity Designation: Latinx Transfer-Level Math Enrollment - California Community Colleges supporting 100% of Latinx students to directly enroll into transfer-level math.

Pasadena City College
Porterville College
Feather River College

Equity Designation: Latinx Transfer-Level Math Success - California Community Colleges supporting Latinx students to complete transfer-level math within one year of initially enrolling in a math course.

West Hills College Coalinga
College of the Siskiyous
Mendocino College

Equity Designation: Black Transfer-Level Math Enrollment – California Community Colleges supporting 100% of Black students to enroll directly into transfer-level math.

Pasadena City College
Orange Coast College
College of the Sequoias

Equity Designation: Black Transfer-Level Math Success – California Community Colleges supporting Black students to complete transfer-level math within one year of initially enrolling in a math course.

Cuesta College
College of the Sequoias
Cerro Coso Community College
Norco College

“We applaud the over 40 community colleges being recognized for their achievement in supporting students to access and succeed in transfer-level coursework – many of which are being recognized in several categories. These colleges are changing the trajectories of thousands of students across California for the better. We urge our state and college leaders to continue removing barriers for students and further close racial/ethnic equity gaps for students through proposed legislation AB 1705 by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin,” concluded Siqueiros

Learn what honoree campuses shared about receiving their awards [here](#).

To learn more about how the honorees are selected, [click here](#).

A recording of the ceremony will be available [here](#).

Follow live updates on the event [here](#).

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