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(850) 245-0413**Florida's Community Colleges are Top Producers of Nation's Associate's Degrees for Fifth Year in a Row**

TALLAHASSEE – For the fifth consecutive year, Florida's community colleges rank as the nation's most successful producers of Associate degrees. According to Community College Week's annual report for 2007 conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, community colleges in Florida continue to lead America's more than 1,200 community colleges in a number of Associate degree categories. Degrees awarded during the 2005-06 academic year were compiled for the 2007 Top 100 report through the National Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set's Completion Survey (IPEDS).

Associate's Degrees are defined as Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees conferred during the 2005-06 academic year. During 2005-06, 44,994 Associate's degrees were conferred in Florida. Community colleges in Florida lead in the number of Associate's degrees for the following categories:

- Total number of Associate's Degrees
- Degrees awarded to African American Students
- Degrees awarded to Hispanic Students
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences Degrees
- Nursing Degrees

Florida's institutions and their national rankings in these categories are as follows:

Total Associate's Degrees	Total Associate's Degrees Earned by African American Students
1. Miami Dade College	1. Miami Dade College
3. Valencia Community College	4. Broward Community College
4. Broward Community College	11. Palm Beach Community College
5. Palm Beach Community College	12. Florida Community College at Jacksonville
7. Florida Community College at Jacksonville	15. Tallahassee Community College
11. St. Petersburg College	21. Valencia Community College
23. Hillsborough Community College	37. Hillsborough Community College
24. Tallahassee Community College	58. St. Petersburg College
27. Brevard Community College	Total Associate's Degrees Earned by Hispanic Students
36. Santa Fe Community College	1. Miami Dade College

59. Daytona Beach Community College	7. Valencia Community College
70. Pensacola Junior College	9. Broward Community College
71. Seminole Community College	26. Palm Beach Community College
76. Indian River Community College	45. Hillsborough Community College
81. Edison College	Total Associate Degrees in Health Professions & Related Clinical Sciences
Total Associate Degrees in Nursing	2. Miami Dade College
1. Broward Community College	5. Broward Community College
3. Miami Dade College	7. St. Petersburg College
5. Florida Community College at Jacksonville	9. Florida Community College at Jacksonville
9. Palm Beach Community College	14. Palm Beach Community College
10. St. Petersburg College	26. Hillsborough Community College
12. Valencia Community College	27. Valencia Community College
16. Hillsborough Community College	41. Edison College
20. Edison College	
43. Manatee Community College	
49. Pasco-Hernando Community College	

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