



AB 928 Voices of Support
College Presidents



"At a time when streamlined access to transfer pathways to a college degree are more important than ever, we owe it to our students to be bold in our efforts to ensure California's transfer process is intentionally designed to place them on a path to success. At Bakersfield College, we are expanding the scope of the Program Pathways Mapper tool to make visible to our students the pathway to baccalaureate completion via the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). I wholeheartedly support the Campaign's call to further strengthen the ADT program by establishing statewide coordination and goal setting to close persistent racial equity gaps in transfer outcomes, fundamentally transforming our transfer process to be student-centered."

Dr. Sonya Christian
President
Bakersfield College



"The Associate Degree for Transfer has been a powerful tool for Long Beach City College to help our students. We have seen much success with ADTs at LBCC because not only does it put students on a solid pathway to transfer, but it's also important that they know that they have a guaranteed spot within the CSU system. LBCC also saw a great increase in ADTs among our Black, Latinx and Pacific Islander students. The Associate Degree for Transfer is making college dreams a reality for thousands of our LBCC students. Additional efforts put forth by our state legislature to streamline transfer could help a generation of community college students."

Dr. Mike Muñoz
Interim Superintendent-President
Long Beach Community College District



"AB 928 is a sensible next step in our ongoing effort to enhance the ability of California's community college students to achieve a bachelor's degree. At a time when efficient and timely access to transfer is especially critical to our student's ability to weather and recover from the financial storm of the COVID-19 pandemic, our charge must be to fundamentally transform our transfer process to better serve all of our students."

Dr. David Viar
Superintendent/President
Glendale Community College



“Two of my proudest moments at Berkeley City College were being designated a Hispanic Serving Institution and being honored by the Campaign for College Opportunity for our work in awarding the Associate Degree for Transfer to Latinx students. We know that leading with equity must be more than just enrolling a diverse student body, we have to be intrusive in the way we serve and guide our students to the finish line. That’s why the ADT is such a critical piece of our success at Berkeley City College. The ADT gives us a platform from which we can build intrusive supports while taking the guesswork out of transfer for our students, allowing them to focus on being students. It’s time that our entire community college system place a premium on the ADT if we are serious about transforming transfer. It is time to build on the success of the ADT so more students can reach their college dreams.”

Dr. Angélica Garcia
President
Berkeley City College



"At Compton College, our focus on dual enrollment and the Associate Degree for Transfer has resulted in numerous student success stories. In the 2019-2020 academic year, 143 ADTs were awarded, and we will continue to see an increase in the number of students who were awarded an ADT. But we still have work to do. Despite recent growth in the ADT program and progress under the California Community Colleges Vision for Success, persistent racial equity gaps remain across our state. Far too often, California's Black and Latinx students are taking longer to achieve their transfer goals. The need for a systematic, intersegmental approach to creating accessible and direct transfer paths is clear. As educational leaders, we have to reimagine our transfer process to be student-centered and coordinated with each of our higher education partners."

Dr. Keith Curry
President/CEO
Compton College