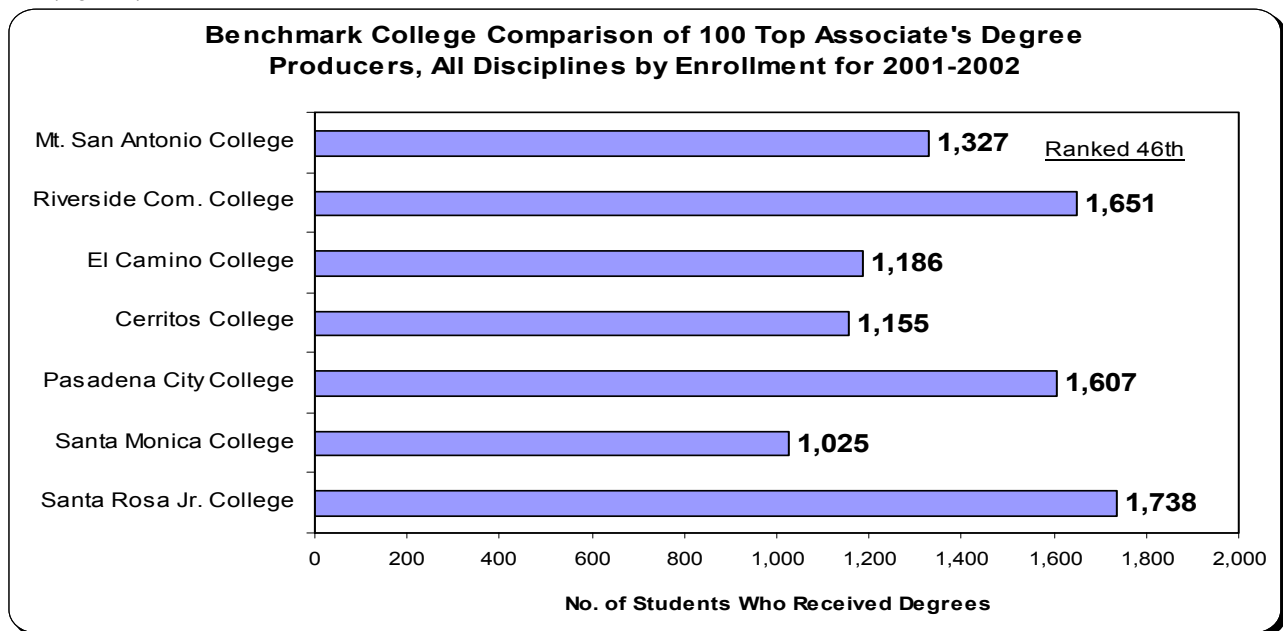


## TOP 100 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PRODUCERS FOR 2001-02

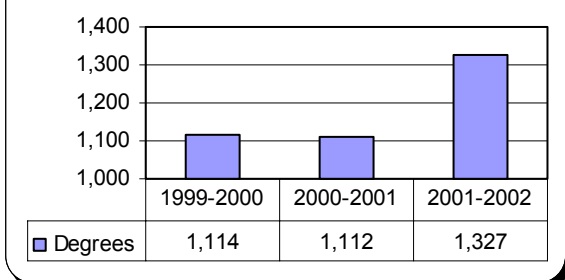
Each June the *Community College Week* publishes the 100 top associate's degree producers from across the nation using data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). These colleges represent institutions who were Title IV eligible for financial aid. For 2001-2002, Mt. SAC ranks 9<sup>th</sup> among institutions awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students, 12<sup>th</sup> among institutions awarding associate degrees to Asian American students, 12<sup>th</sup> among colleges awarding associate degrees to minorities, and 46<sup>th</sup> in awarding associate degrees overall.

The following graphs compare Mt. SAC's associate degree numbers with six currently used benchmark colleges: Riverside Community College, El Camino College, Cerritos College, Pasadena City College, Santa Monica College, and Santa Rosa Jr. College. Although Long Beach City College is considered one of Mt. SAC's benchmark colleges, no data was available for comparison.

(Figure 1)



**Three-Year Comparison of Mt. SAC Degrees, All Disciplines**



(Figure 2)

According to the NCES study, Mt. SAC awarded over 200 more associate degrees to students in 2001-02 than it did in the previous two years.

*Source:* Border, V. M. H. (2003, June 23). *100 Top Associate's Degree & Certificate Producers. Community College Week.*

## Percentage by Ethnicity

Table 1 compares the ethnicity and non-resident alien status of the benchmark colleges. For each category (column), the highest percentage is highlighted. The highest percentage of Whites received their degrees from Santa Rosa Jr. College when compared to other colleges in Table 1. Cerritos College graduated the largest Hispanic and Native American populations; Santa Monica College awarded the highest Non-Resident Alien degrees; Pasadena City College provided the most Asian associate awards; and El Camino College presented the highest number of African American degrees.

(Table 1) **Benchmark College Comparison of 100 Top Associate's Degree Producers All Disciplines, Percentage by Ethnicity, 2001-2002**

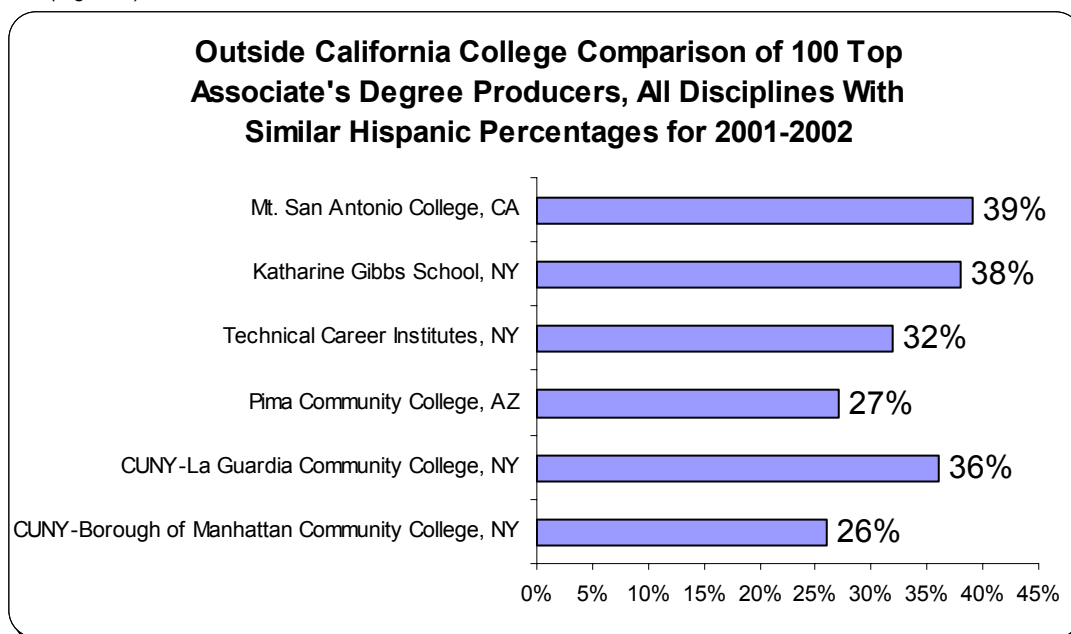
Institution	White	Non-R Alien	Unknown	African Amer.	Asian	Native Amer.	Hispanic
Mt. SAC	25%	4%	3%	5%	22%	1%	39%
Riverside Com.	47%	2%	7%	8%	7%	1%	27%
El Camino	28%	7%	8%	13%	15%	1%	28%
Cerritos	15%	2%	17%	6%	12%	2%	46%
Pasadena City	18%	10%	7%	5%	32%	0%	28%
Santa Monica	24%	37%	0%	8%	11%	1%	19%
Santa Rosa	74%	1%	5%	1%	7%	1%	11%

**NOTE:** Long Beach City College data was not available.

## Nationwide Hispanic Percentage

Looking beyond Mt. SAC's benchmark colleges and beyond the State of California, five other colleges had similar percentages of Hispanic graduates as did Mt. SAC (see Figure 3). Four of the colleges are from the New York area. Although Mt. SAC had the highest Hispanic percentage for 2001-2002 of the out-of-state institutions mentioned below, Miami-Dade Community College in Florida ranked number one in the nation for awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students.

(Figure 3)



Source: Border, V. M. H. (2003, June 23). *100 Top Associate's Degree & Certificate Producers*. *Community College Week*.

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