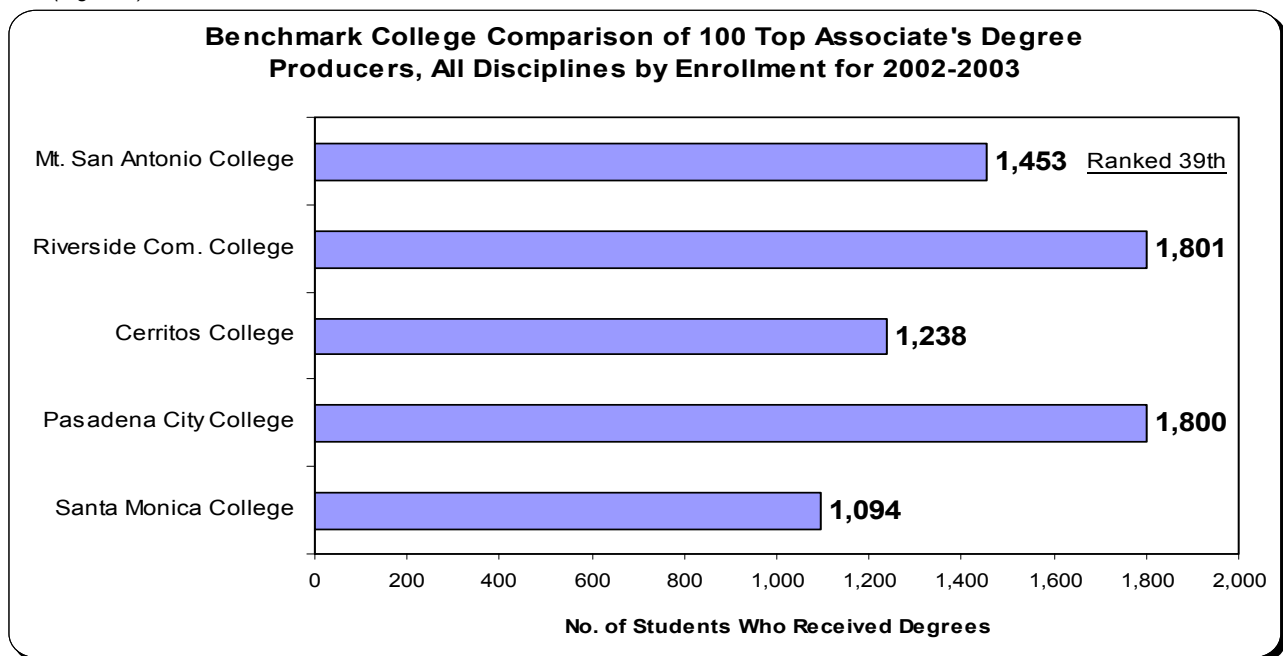


TOP 100 ASSOCIATE DEGREE PRODUCERS FOR 2002-03

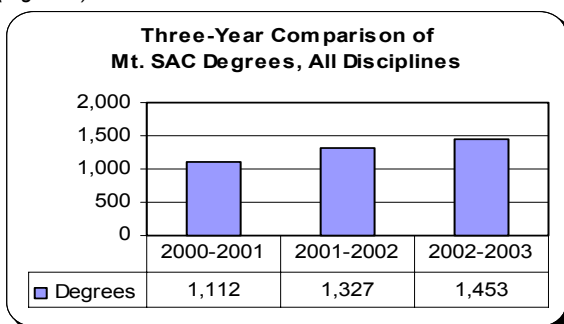
Each June the *Community College Week* publishes the 100 top associate's degree producers from across the nation using data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). These colleges represent institutions who were Title IV eligible for financial aid. For 2002-2003, Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) ranks 11th among institutions awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students, 11th among institutions awarding associate degrees to Asian American students, 11th among colleges awarding associate degrees to minorities, and 39th in awarding associate degrees overall (an improvement from 46th last year). Program level data is provided in *INSIGHTS*, Vol. 14, No. 2.

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

(Figure 1)



(Figure 2)



According to the NCES study, Mt. SAC awarded 126 more associate degrees to students in 2002-03 than it did in the previous academic year.

Source: Border, V. M. H. & Brown, P. C. (2004, June 21). *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 and African Americans received their degrees from Riverside Community College when compared to other colleges in Table 1. Cerritos College graduated the highest percent Hispanic population; Santa Monica College awarded the highest percent Non-Resident Alien degrees; and Pasadena City College provided the highest percent Asian associate degree awards.

(Table 1) **Benchmark College Comparison of 100 Top Associate's Degree Producers All Disciplines, Percentage by Ethnicity, 2002-2003**

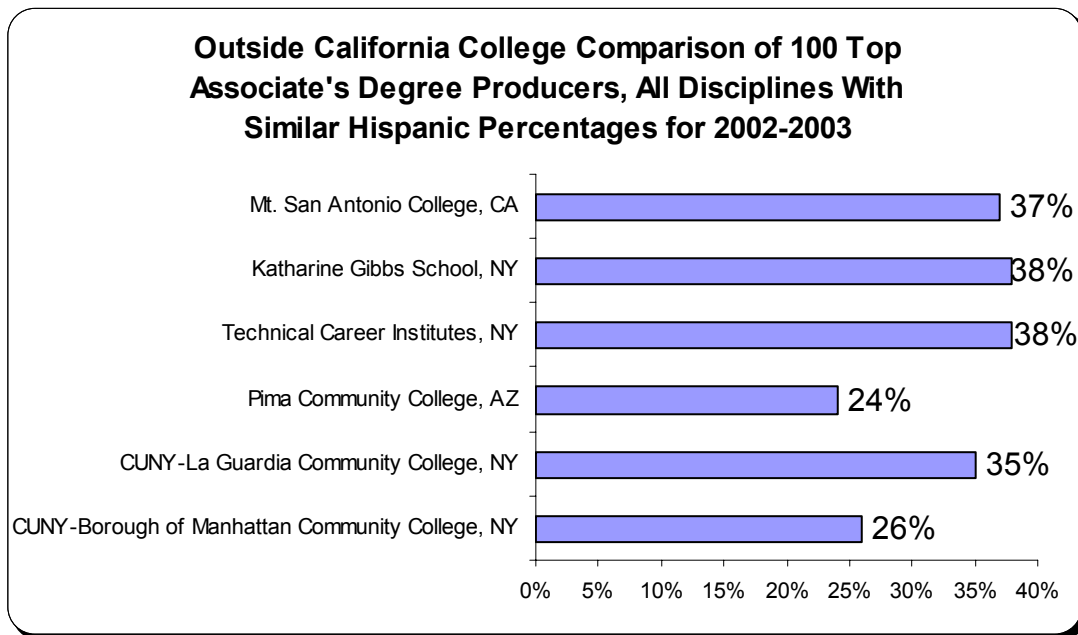
| Institution | White | Non-R Alien | Unknown | African Amer. | Asian | Native Amer. | Hispanic |
|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Mt. SAC | 28% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 22% | 1% | 37% |
| Riverside Com. | 46% | 2% | 5% | 9% | 7% | 1% | 29% |
| Cerritos | 14% | 2% | 17% | 4% | 13% | 1% | 48% |
| Pasadena City | 16% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 31% | 1% | 27% |
| Santa Monica | 27% | 30% | 0% | 8% | 11% | 1% | 22% |

NOTE: El Camino College, Santa Rosa Jr. College, and Long Beach City College data were 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. Miami-Dade College, a four-year institution in Florida, ranked number one in the nation for awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students (59%).

(Figure 3)



Source: Border, V. M. H. & Brown, P. C. (2004, June 21). *100 Top Associate's Degree & Certificate Producers*. *Community College Week*.

