**Embracing Access and Diversity**

*The Florida College System enrolls a diverse student population.*

For the 2014-15 academic year, the Florida College System (FCS) enrolled large proportions of prior year high school graduates who identified as black or Hispanic, providing an important starting point for earning a degree or certificate. Among prior year high school graduates who are Hispanic and who entered the postsecondary sector, 72.5 percent (18,360) enrolled in a FCS institution. Of the 2013-14 black high school graduates who continued their education at a college, university, or technical center, 68 percent (11,564) entered the FCS in 2014-15. The proportion of white (25,079) and “other” minority (3,243) high school students who enrolled in a Florida college after high school graduation was 57.6 percent and 53.6 percent, respectively.

According to *Community College Week’s* “Top 100 Associate Degree Producers,” eleven FCS institutions placed in the top 100 colleges in the nation for the number of associate degrees awarded to African American students while eight colleges ranked on the top 100 list for associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students. Overall, eleven of the 28 colleges placed among the top 100 colleges nationwide for the number of associate degrees awarded to minority students. The Florida College System is prepared to serve the state’s growing higher education needs.

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