



YEAR IN SUMMARY

2017-2018



Our Students*



9,368
STUDENTS SERVED

*Student Data from Fall 2017



1,675

First Time
in College students



1,666

Dual Credit students



Average
age

22

78%

Part-time

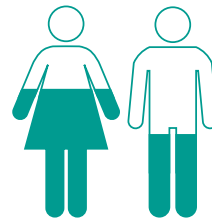


21%

Full-time

59.4%

Female



40.6%

Male

*Source for all data provided above: CBM001



Average
class size

23.6
students

*Source: Fall 2017 CSO Avg. Class Size Rubric from District



5,830 students received
\$9,498,781*

in federal grants and scholarships

*For Fall 2017

MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire, empower, and educate our community for leadership and success

CORE VALUES

Students First	Respect for All
Community-engaged	Collaboration
Can Do Spirit	Data-informed

COMMUNITY ACCESS



Chartered in 1983 as the only higher education institution located on the South side of San Antonio



Serve more than 9,000 students from Bexar and surrounding counties each semester

Recognitions



TOP 1% OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES BY ASPEN INSTITUTE

Palo Alto College was named one of only 10 community colleges in the country eligible to compete for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. The colleges were selected from a pool of nearly 1,000 public two-year colleges nationwide to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize, which is awarded every two years and recognizes institutions with outstanding achievements in four areas: learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings; and high levels of access and success for minority and limited-income students.



CATCH THE NEXT RECOGNIZED AS EXAMPLE OF EXCELENCIA

Palo Alto College's Catch the Next, Inc. Dream Catchers Program (CTN) was named a finalist for the 2017 Examples of Excelencia award from Excelencia in Education, a national organization that focuses on Latino student success in higher education. The annual Examples of Excelencia awards recognize programs that use evidence-based practices to improve educational achievement for Latino students in higher education from each of four categories: associate degree programs, baccalaureate programs, graduate programs, and community-based organizations. After a review of 160 nominations from 25 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico, Excelencia announced that Palo Alto's College CTN was among the 19 finalists across all categories and one of five finalists in the Community-Based Organization category for 2017.



PAC AWARDED TWO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANTS

Palo Alto College was awarded two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants in the 2017-2018 academic year – the first NSF awards in the College's history. A \$650,000 grant from the S-STEM (Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program will provide academic scholarships for experiential STEM research opportunities and increase the number of students in Biology and Biosciences programs who transfer and graduate with a bachelor's degree in a STEM field. A second \$225,000 grant from NSF's Advanced Technological Education program will create an educational pipeline for Logistics and Supply Chain Management from high school to Palo Alto College to transfer institutions by establishing a dual credit programs with three high schools where students will be able to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and transfer to complete a bachelor's degree.

Highlights



CAST STEM

In partnership with Southwest ISD and the Centers for Applied Science & Technology (CAST), Palo Alto College will be home to the second school in a network of industry-led, career-themed high schools in San Antonio—CAST STEM, which will offer pathways in advanced manufacturing, engineering, energy and power, and global logistics. The school is slated to open with 200 ninth graders in Fall 2018 at Southwest Legacy High School. In their third year, students will move to Palo Alto College in the future Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence facility, funded through the 2017 general obligation bond approved by voters for the Alamo Colleges District.



EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The first cohort from Palo Alto College's original four early college high school (ECHS) partners – Frank L Madla Early College High School, Southside A.C.E.S. Early College High School, S.T.E.M. Early College High School, and ZECLA Early College High School – graduated from Palo Alto College with an associate degree. Of the 233 ECHS seniors, 204 had completed the college credits needed to earn their degree in the 2017-2018 academic year.



NATIONAL EXCELLENCE

From over 40 applications submitted, Palo Alto College was selected as one of three institutions to receive a 2018 Lee Noel-Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Award. The Lee Noel-Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Awards program was established in 1989 to honor the retention achievements of regionally accredited postsecondary institutions throughout North America. Award-winning programs, like Palo Alto College, serve as models of retention excellence and offer other institutional leaders opportunities to emulate these programs on their own campuses.



TRICENTENNIAL PARTNER

Palo Alto College served as an official community partner during San Antonio's year-long Tricentennial celebration with two special opportunities: PACfest, an official Fiesta® San Antonio event since 2003, and the Oral History Archive, a digital collection of stories gathered by students in Peter Myers' HIST 1302. Additionally, the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department dedicated over 30 trees to Palo Alto College as part of its "Tree-centennial" program at Palo Alto College in honor of San Antonio's 300th anniversary.