Honors Report: 2019-20
Data from 2018-19 and 2019-20
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Context

The Honors Program is available to students at San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges. In the Honors Program, students explore course topics in greater depth and breadth than in regular courses. Students can participate in the Honors Program through either **Honors Contracts** or **Honors Courses.**

- **Honors Contract:** A student enters into a mutual agreement with the professor of a regular course; the student completes the regular coursework in addition to additional objectives, readings, and assignments.
- **Honors Course:** A course in which all enrolled students receive Honors credit. Honors courses vary by discipline, but all increase the range and depth of the learning experience by stimulating strong critical thinking skills, generating lively discussion, facilitating student collaboration, and teaching advanced research and writing skills.

Students may enroll in Honors Contracts, Honors Courses, or both types of courses; similarly, faculty may teach one or both types of courses.

Focus of Analysis

This report includes Honors Program headcount, enrollment, faculty, and section counts, in addition to outcomes (Success, Completion, and GPA) for 2019-20, with some comparisons made to 2018-19. Information is provided by term in some places.

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Summary

In 2019-20, there were 2,158 students enrolled in the Honors Program. Across the colleges, the majority of these students were enrolled in an Honors Contracts (60%), with 35% enrolled in Honors Courses, and 5% enrolled in both types of courses. The composition of Honors students varied among the colleges: City College and Miramar College Honors students were primarily in Honors Contracts, while nearly two-thirds of Honors students at Mesa College were in Honors Courses. *See page 9 for headcount by student type by college.*

Figure 1. Composition of 2019-20 Honors Students, by College
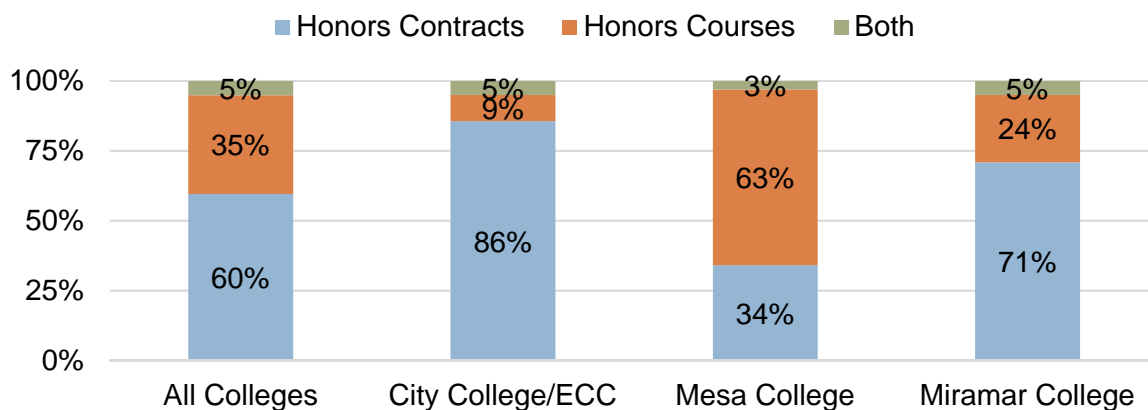
Slight decrease in Headcount in 2019-20

There was a 6% decrease in the number of Honors students from 2018-19 to 2019-20. Preliminary data from 2020-21 indicates there will likely be a decrease of greater than 40% in that year. Between 2016-17 and 2019-20, the proportion of students in Honors Contracts, Honors Courses, and both types of Honors courses remained relatively stable, with a slightly smaller proportion of students in Honors Contracts only in 2019-20 (60%) compared to prior years (65%-69%).

Figure 2. Headcount of Honors Students, by Student Type
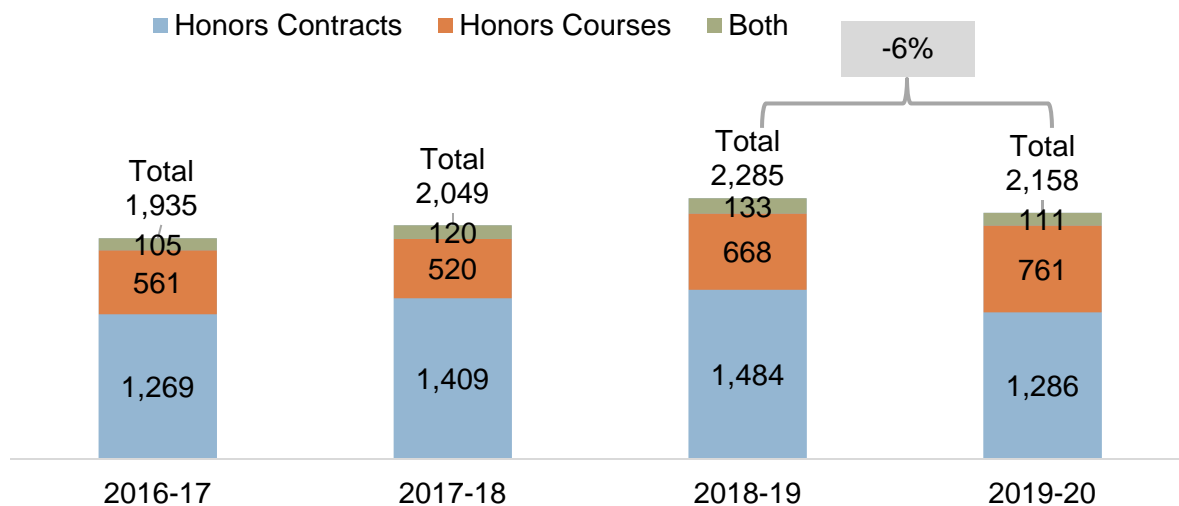
2019-20 Honors Contracts

In 2019-20, 1,397 students enrolled in 2,044 Honors Contracts. The most common subjects were English, Fine Art, Math, Personal Growth, and Communications. *See page 10 for Honors Contracts enrollments by subject and college.*

Figure 3. 2019-20 Top 5 Honors Contracts Enrollments by Subject

	English	Fine Art	Math	Personal Growth	Communications
Enrollments	611	189	138	91	79
% of all Contracts	30%	9%	7%	4%	4%
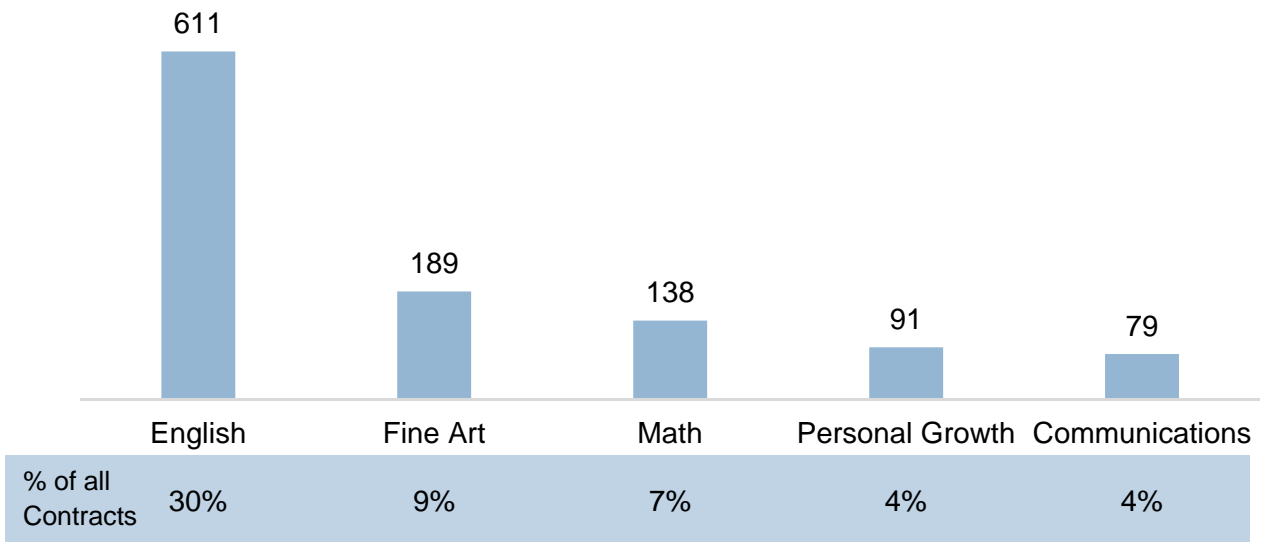
2019-20 Honors Courses

In 2019-20, 872 students enrolled in 43 sections of Honors Courses. The most common subjects were English (11 sections), Fashion (4), Sociology, Psychology, and Math (3 sections each). See pages 11-12 for Honors Course sections by college and subject.

Demographics

In 2019-20 Honors students across the three colleges were 61% female and 39% male. **Latinx students were over-represented** (44% of Honors students, compared to 39% of non-Honors students), and **White students were under-represented** (24% of Honors students, compared to 29% of non-Honors students). The over-representation of Latinx students was particularly pronounced at City College/ECC, where Latinx students comprised 62% of the Honors program compared to 49% of the college population. *See 7-8 for demographic data by college.*

Faculty

370 faculty taught Honors Contracts, Honors Courses, or both in 2019-20. The majority of these faculty taught Honors Contracts only (338, or 91%). 14 faculty taught only Honors Courses, and 18 taught both types of courses.

Outcomes

2019-20 Honors outcomes have remained largely positive, with 83% of enrollments resulting in a C or better, compared to 72% of non-Honors enrollments. The average Honors GPA was 3.07, compared to 2.44 for non-Honors enrollments. Success rates were higher in Honors Contract enrollments (90%) than in Honors Courses (69%). This pattern was consistent across the colleges. *See pages 14-15 for Honors program outcomes.*

Figure 4. 2019-20 Honors Completion and Success Rates
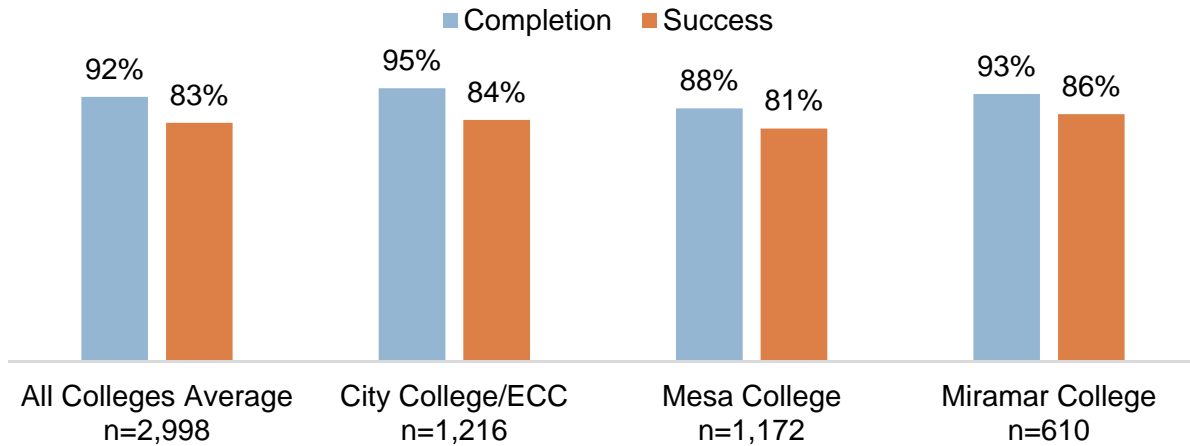
Outcomes by Ethnicity

Asian students were the most successful group (91%), followed by White students (86%). Latinx and Multi-ethnicity students were the least successful, although it should be noted that all groups of Honors students were more successful than their non-Honors peers.

Figure 5. 2019-20 Honors Success Rates, by Ethnicity
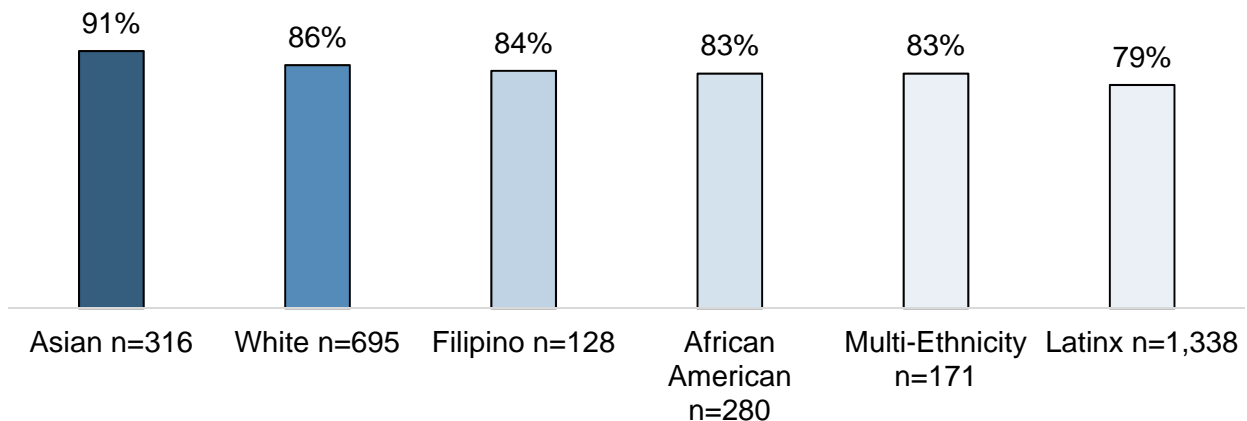
Fast Facts

Table 1. Term and Academic Year Fast Facts: Student Headcount

	Campus	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	2019-2020 Academic Year
Headcount: Total	City College/ECC	527	430	798
	Mesa College	549	487	944
	Miramar College	330	206	478
	All Colleges	**1,387**	**1,104**	**2,158**
Headcount: Contract Students	City College/ECC	475	386	723
	Mesa College	249	165	351
	Miramar College	245	165	363
	All Colleges	**959**	**699**	**1,397**
Headcount: Entire Honors Classes	City College/ECC	78	47	115
	Mesa College	310	332	622
	Miramar College	100	44	139
	All Colleges	**486**	**423**	**872**
Sections: Entire Honors Classes	City College/ECC	3	3	6
	Mesa College	14	16	30
	Miramar College	5	2	7
	All Colleges	**22**	**21**	**43**
Faculty: Contract	City College/ECC	89	82	125
	Mesa College	112	102	162
	Miramar College	61	45	73
	All Colleges	**261**	**229**	**356**
Faculty: Entire Classes	City College/ECC	5	3	6
	Mesa College	14	15	21
	Miramar College	5	2	5
	All Colleges	**24**	**20**	**32**

Note 1. Student and faculty counts include those who participated/taught in both contracts and Honors Courses. A student or faculty who attended/taught both an Honors Contract and an Honors Course is counted once in each category.
Note 2. Academic year student and faculty counts are unduplicated across terms.
Note 3. All Colleges student and faculty counts are unduplicated across colleges.
Note 4. Includes students enrolled as of end-of-term. Excludes students whose only enrollment was in a cancelled class.

Headcount

Headcount is the unduplicated count of students. Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 Includes students enrolled as of end-of-term; Spring 2021 includes students who enrolled as of census. Excludes students whose only enrollment was in a cancelled class.

Table 2. Annual Unduplicated Headcount of Honors Students by College

Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
City College/ECC	768	798	30	4%
Mesa College	972	944	-28	-3%
Miramar College	611	478	-133	-22%
All Colleges	**2,285**	**2,158**	**-127**	**-6%**

Table 3. Annual Unduplicated Headcount of Honors Students by Gender

Campus	Gender	2018-19		2019-20	
		Count	%	Count	%
City College/ECC	Female	481	63%	527	66%
	Male	287	37%	269	34%
	Non-binary	0	0%	1	0%
	Unreported	0	0%	1	0%
Mesa College	Female	569	59%	555	59%
	Male	403	41%	388	41%
	Non-binary	0	0%	0	0%
	Unreported	0	0%	1	0%
Miramar College	Female	358	59%	265	55%
	Male	253	41%	212	44%
	Non-binary	0	0%	1	0%
	Unreported	0	0%	0	0%
All Colleges	Female	1,368	60%	1,306	61%
	Male	917	40%	849	39%
	Non-binary	0	0%	1	0%
	Unreported	0	0%	2	0%

Table 4. Annual Unduplicated Headcount of Honors Students by Ethnicity, All Colleges

	Ethnicity	2018-19		2019-20	
		Count	%	Count	%
All Colleges	African American	154	7%	167	8%
	Asian	217	9%	227	11%
	Filipino	95	4%	94	4%
	Latinx	995	44%	958	44%
	Multi-Ethnicity	157	7%	134	6%
	Native American	11	0%	6	0%
	Pacific Islander	14	1%	9	0%
	Unknown	30	1%	41	2%
	White	612	27%	522	24%
	Total	**2,285**	**100%**	**2,158**	**100%**

Differences in representation of 3% or more between Honors students and non-Honors students are highlighted in the table above.

Groups that were **over-represented** among Honors students by 3% or more are **highlighted in green**.

Groups that were **under-represented** among Honors students by 3% or more are **highlighted in red.**

Table 5. Annual Unduplicated Headcount of Honors Students by Ethnicity, by College

	Ethnicity	2018-19		2019-20	
		Count	%	Count	%
City College/ECC	African American	56	7%	88	11%
	Asian	30	4%	33	4%
	Filipino	17	2%	16	2%
	Latinx	497	65%	497	62%
	Multi-Ethnicity	29	4%	32	4%
	Native American	3	0%	4	1%
	Pacific Islander	4	1%	5	1%
	Unknown	9	1%	15	2%
	White	123	16%	108	14%
	Total	**768**	**100%**	**798**	**100%**
Mesa College	African American	79	8%	66	7%
	Asian	102	10%	119	13%
	Filipino	32	3%	36	4%
	Latinx	368	38%	372	39%
	Multi-Ethnicity	73	8%	60	6%
	Native American	5	1%	0	0%
	Pacific Islander	3	0%	1	0%
	Unknown	14	1%	20	2%
	White	296	30%	270	29%
	Total	**972**	**100%**	**944**	**100%**
Miramar College	African American	23	4%	14	3%
	Asian	94	15%	87	18%
	Filipino	48	8%	47	10%
	Latinx	152	25%	109	23%
	Multi-Ethnicity	60	10%	45	9%
	Native American	3	0%	2	0%
	Pacific Islander	8	1%	3	1%
	Unknown	10	2%	7	1%
	White	213	35%	164	34%
	Total	**611**	**100%**	**478**	**100%**

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Table 6. Annual Unduplicated Headcount of Honors Students by Honors Type and College

Honors Student Type	Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
Honors Contracts	City College/ECC	667	683	16	2%
	Mesa College	445	322	-123	-28%
	Miramar College	436	339	-97	-22%
	All Colleges	**1,484**	**1,286**	**-198**	**-13%**
Honors Courses	City College/ECC	80	75	-5	-6%
	Mesa College	464	593	129	28%
	Miramar College	138	115	-23	-17%
	All Colleges	**668**	**761**	**93**	**14%**
Both Types	City College/ECC	21	40	19	90%
	Mesa College	63	29	-34	-54%
	Miramar College	37	24	-13	-35%
	All Colleges	**133**	**111**	**-22**	**-17%**

Enrollment

Enrollment is the count of students enrolled in a course. Enrollments are duplicated, meaning that a student who is enrolled in two courses is counted two times. Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 Includes valid enrollments as of end-of-term; Spring 2021 includes students who enrolled as of census. Excludes enrollments in cancelled classes.

Table 7. Annual Honors Enrollments by College

Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
City College/ECC	1,078	1,216	138	13%
Mesa College	1,354	1,172	-182	-13%
Miramar College	795	610	-185	-23%
All Colleges	**3,227**	**2,998**	**-229**	**-7%**

Table 8. Annual Honors Enrollments by Honors Type and College

Honors Type	Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
Honors Contracts	City College/ECC	926	1,070	144	16%
	Mesa College	780	509	-271	-35%
	Miramar College	600	465	-135	-23%
	All Colleges	**2,306**	**2,044**	**-262**	**-11%**
Honors Courses	City College/ECC	152	146	-6	-4%
	Mesa College	574	663	89	16%
	Miramar College	195	145	-50	-26%
	All Colleges	**921**	**954**	**33**	**4%**

Table 9. 2019-20 Honors Contracts Enrollments by Subject, listed by All Colleges Total Enrollments

Subject	City College/ECC	Mesa College	Miramar College	All Colleges Total
ENGL	387	118	106	611
ARTF	109	25	55	189
MATH	63	46	29	138
PERG	74	7	10	91
COMS	37	34	8	79
SPAN	38	3	35	76
PSYC	27	27	16	70
HIST	19	15	32	66
BIOL	8	17	38	63
SOCO	30	8	18	56
PHIL	22	18	13	53
CHIC	39	12	0	51
MUSI	1	7	38	46
FREN	43	2	0	45
ANTH	6	23	7	36
ANHL	0	32	0	32
CHEM	15	13	3	31
DJRN	28	0	0	28
HUMA	8	5	13	26
POLI	6	11	6	23
PHYS	10	6	5	21
ACCT	0	20	0	20
ITAL	19	0	0	19
CISC	0	6	11	17
DRAM	11	5	0	16
BLAS	8	7	1	16
TAGA	0	0	12	12
RTVF	12	0	0	12
GEND	11	0	0	11
HEAL	5	0	6	11
20 Subjects with >10 enrollments across the colleges	34	42	3	79
College Total	**1,070**	**509**	**465**	**2,044**

Sections

Section counts are provided for Honors Courses; Honors Contracts are not included. Data excludes cancelled classes.

Table 10. Annual Honors Course Sections Counts by College

Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
City College/ECC	6	6	0	0%
Mesa College	29	30	1	3%
Miramar College	10	7	-3	-30%
All Colleges	**45**	**43**	**-2**	**-4%**

Table 11. All Colleges Honors Course Sections, by Subject

Subject	2018-19	2019-20
ENGL	13	11
SOCO	4	3
FASH	3	4
MATH	3	3
PSYC	3	3
ARCH	1	2
ANTH	2	2
SPAN	2	1
ARTF	2	2
HIST	3	2
ECON	2	2
COMS	0	2
BLAS	1	1
HUMA	1	1
PHIL	2	2
CISC	0	1
GEND	0	1
BIOL	2	0
PEAC	1	0
Total	**45**	**43**

Faculty

Faculty counts are the unduplicated count of faculty. Excludes faculty whose only courses were cancelled.

Table 12. Annual Honors Faculty Count by College

Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
City College/ECC	145	126	-19	-13%
Mesa College	229	174	-55	-24%
Miramar College	89	74	-15	-17%
All Colleges	**457**	**370**	**-87**	**-19%**

Note. 2020-21 faculty not reported due to preliminary data. 2020-21 faculty will be reported next year.

The total annual count of Honors Contract or Honors Course faculty (available in Fast Facts, page 6) is the sum of the "___ Only" and Both values. For example, the 2019-20 All Colleges number of faculty who taught an Honors Contract is 356 (338 plus 18).

Table 13. Annual Honors Faculty Count by Type and College

Honors Student Type	Campus	2018-19	2019-20	Difference	% Change
Honors Contracts	City College/ECC	138	120	-18	-13%
	Mesa College	207	153	-54	-26%
	Miramar College	82	69	-13	-16%
	All Colleges	**421**	**338**	**-83**	**-20%**
Honors Courses	City College/ECC	0	1	1	---
	Mesa College	5	12	7	140%
	Miramar College	1	1	0	0%
	All Colleges	**6**	**14**	**8**	**133%**
Both Types	City College/ECC	7	5	-2	-29%
	Mesa College	17	9	-8	-47%
	Miramar College	6	4	-2	-33%
	All Colleges	**30**	**18**	**-12**	**-40%**

Outcomes

Retention is the percent of students who remain enrolled in a course until the end of the term.
Success is the percent of students who earn an A, B, C, or Pass in the course.
Data includes valid enrollments as of end-of-term and excludes enrollments in cancelled classes.

Table 14. Annual Honors Outcomes

	Enrollment		Completion		Success		GPA	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
City College/ECC	1,078	1,216	97%	95%	87%	84%	3.37	3.14
Mesa College	1,354	1,172	92%	88%	84%	81%	3.39	2.96
Miramar College	795	610	94%	93%	86%	86%	3.39	3.16
All Colleges	**3,227**	**2,998**	**94%**	**92%**	**85%**	**83%**	**3.38**	**3.07**

Table 15. Annual Outcomes, Honors Courses

	Enrollment		Completion		Success		GPA	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
City College/ECC	152	146	93%	84%	74%	64%	3.04	2.31
Mesa College	574	663	85%	81%	74%	69%	3.15	2.40
Miramar College	195	145	86%	79%	74%	74%	3.09	2.62
All Colleges	**921**	**954**	**87%**	**81%**	**74%**	**69%**	**3.12**	**2.42**

Table 16. Annual Outcomes, Honors Contracts

	Enrollment		Completion		Success		GPA	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
City College/ECC	926	1,070	98%	97%	89%	86%	3.41	3.26
Mesa College	780	509	98%	98%	91%	96%	3.54	3.69
Miramar College	600	465	96%	97%	90%	89%	3.48	3.33
All Colleges	**2,306**	**2,044**	**97%**	**97%**	**90%**	**90%**	**3.47**	**3.38**

Table 17. Non-Honors Annual Outcomes

	Enrollment		Completion		Success		GPA	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
City College/ECC	64,617	65,560	87%	82%	70%	72%	2.75	2.25
Mesa College	108,060	104,519	87%	84%	72%	77%	2.79	2.43
Miramar College	65,882	62,201	90%	88%	78%	72%	2.97	2.66
All Colleges	**238,559**	**232,280**	**87%**	**84%**	**73%**	**72%**	**2.83**	**2.44**

Note. Includes valid enrollments as of end-of-term in non-honors courses. Excludes tutoring, drops, and never-attends.

Table 18. Annual Honors Outcomes, by Gender

	Enrollment		Completion		Success		GPA	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
Female	1,961	1,881	96%	94%	88%	86%	3.44	3.20
Male	1,266	1,113	92%	89%	81%	79%	3.30	2.87
Non-Binary	0	2	---	100%	---	100%	---	3.50
Unreported	0	2	---	0%	---	0%	---	0.00
Total	**3,227**	**2,998**	**94%**	**92%**	**85%**	**83%**	**3.38**	**3.07**

Table 19. Annual Honors Outcomes, by Ethnicity

	Enrollment		Completion		Success		GPA	
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20
African American	212	280	96%	93%	89%	83%	3.32	3.04
Asian	313	316	96%	95%	91%	91%	3.61	3.41
Filipino	132	128	92%	93%	81%	84%	3.18	3.10
Latinx	1,410	1,338	95%	92%	83%	79%	3.25	2.91
Multi-Ethnicity	216	171	92%	89%	87%	83%	3.47	3.01
Native American	15	6	93%	83%	87%	80%	3.27	3.00
Pacific Islander	17	17	100%	100%	94%	82%	3.24	3.24
Unknown	47	47	98%	89%	98%	72%	3.69	2.74
White	865	695	93%	92%	86%	86%	3.53	3.27
Total	**3,227**	**2,998**	**94%**	**92%**	**85%**	**83%**	**3.38**	**3.07**