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Expanding Transfer Pathways for California Community College Students

California community college students now have a clearer, more direct route to a bachelor's degree. National University (NU) and the California Community Colleges have announced a new statewide partnership that guarantees admission for students who complete an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), one of the first agreements of its kind between the system and a single private nonprofit university.

Under the agreement, students who earn an ADT in a related major are guaranteed admission to National University, can retain all earned credits, and enter with junior standing. That means less time, less uncertainty, and a smoother path forward.

California's 116 community colleges serve nearly 2 million students, with about three-quarters aiming to earn a bachelor's degree, making transfer support a critical piece of the equity puzzle. This partnership is designed to meet that need at scale, bringing consistency and clarity to a process that has historically been fragmented.

We look forward to seeing how partnerships like this continue to expand opportunities for California's community college students.

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