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18 CSU Campuses Among Nation's Top 100 in Awarding Bachelor's Degrees to Hispanics

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(May 17, 2005) -- Eighteen California State University campuses are listed in the May issue of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* as being among the annual "Top 100," a national list of colleges and universities that conferred the most bachelor's degrees upon Hispanics, according to the latest report by the National Center for Education Statistics.

California State University campuses consistently rank among the very top in the nation in this area. In addition, 12 CSU campuses were in the top 100 in awarding master's degrees nationwide.

"The CSU, the largest and most diverse university system in the nation, continues to be a leader in serving the culturally rich ethnic population of the state," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed "We are proud that we remain the university of choice for so many talented and hard-working Hispanic students"

CSU campuses in the Top 100 in awarding bachelor's degrees are Fullerton (#5), Los Angeles (#6), Northridge (#7), San Diego (#9), Long Beach (#10), Fresno (#17), San Bernardino (#21), Pomona (#22), Dominguez Hills (#27), San Jose (#33), Sacramento (#39), San Francisco (#40), San Luis Obispo (#49), Bakersfield (#65), Stanislaus (#68), Chico (#77), East Bay (#82), and San Marcos (#93).

Campuses in the Top 100 in awarding master's degrees are Los Angeles (#9), Dominguez Hills (#21), San Diego (#25), Long Beach (#26), San Jose (#30), Fullerton (#35), Northridge (#39), San Bernardino (#44), San Francisco (#49), Fresno (#53), Sacramento (#66), and Bakersfield (#94).

National rankings such as these typically focus on student demographics that favor larger, urban universities, which exclude several of CSU's smaller, rural, newer and specialized campuses—California Maritime Academy, CSU Channel Islands, CSU Monterey Bay, Humboldt State University, and Sonoma State University.

CSU campuses were among the top 10 nationally in awarding degrees in a range of academic fields, with especially strong showings in Home Economics (10 of 11), Protective Services (5 of 11), Hispanic Studies (4 of 10), Public Administration (4 of 10), Agriculture (3 of 10), Area Studies (3 of 10), Business and Marketing (3 of 10), and Visual and Performing Arts (3 of 10).

The CSU graduating class of 2004 included 11,435 Hispanic bachelor's degree recipients among the 27,040 students of color graduating.

The California State University is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses,

some 400,000 students and 42,000 faculty and staff. Since the system was created in 1961, it has awarded more than 2 million degrees. The CSU is renowned for the quality of its teaching and for the job- ready graduates it produces. Its mission is to provide high-quality, affordable education to meet the ever- changing needs of the people of California. With its commitment to excellence, diversity and innovation, the CSU is the university system that is working for California. See: www.calstate.edu.

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