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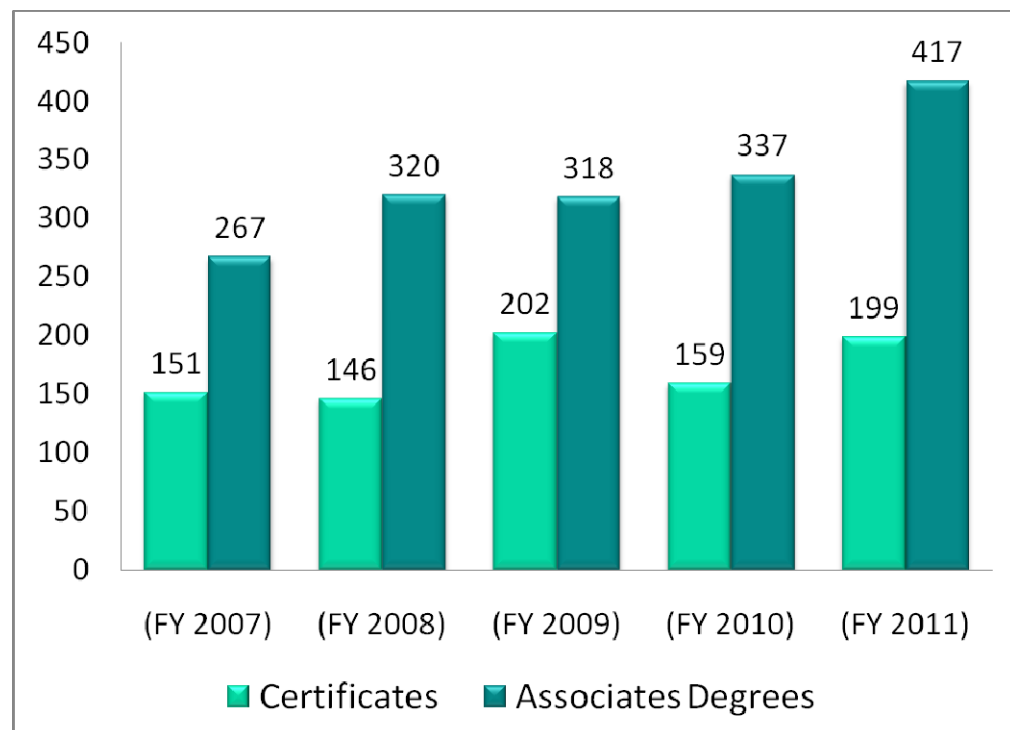
Number of Awards Conferred Increases

One of the stated goals of Achieving the Dream is to increase the number of degrees and certificates awarded to students.

Temple College's initial report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the 2010-2011 school year listed 616 total associate degrees and certificates awarded. This represents a 47% increase compared to a 19% increase in enrolment.



In addition to the degrees and certificates awarded, the 2010-2011 report included 417 core curriculum completers. The Core Curriculum is defined as the curriculum in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduates of an institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an academic undergraduate degree. For many students, completing the core is often the first step toward completing a degree.



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Coaches Schedule Visit

Temple College will host our Achieving the Dream Coaches on November 9 and 10, 2011. The coaches will visit with the college president, the ATD steering committee, the core committee, and the data team in order to assess our progress and help us identify potential barriers to success. The coaches will also attend 1 or 2 strategy meetings to offer their support and advice.

Charlotte Biggerstaff, a Higher Education Consultant out of Austin Texas, serves as the lead coach for Temple College. She has served as an ATD coach since 2000. Linda Hagedorn, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs and professor at Iowa State University, serves as the data coach for TC. Dr. Hagedorn's research focuses on college student success. She is especially interested in issues pertaining to underrepresented student groups, and equity.



Achieving the Dream 2012 Strategy institute

The 2012 Strategy Institute will be held this year in nearby Dallas on February 28 through March 2. At the encouragement of our ATD coaches, Temple College staff members submitted two proposals for breakout sessions. Craig Collins, Professional Development Coordinator and Computer Information Systems faculty member, and Carey Rose, Division Director for Student and Enrollment Services submitted a proposal about *Zero Week* activities. Dr. Mark Smith, Vice President of Educational Services, and Rebecca Richter, Institutional Research Analyst, submitted a proposal on the *Continuous Orientation* strategy.

Retention Alert Meets to Discuss Setting Benchmarks

The 2011-2012 school year marks the beginning of the Retention Alert strategy as an official intervention for the Achieving the Dream initiative. The college purchased the software program last fall and has spent the past year learning the ins and outs of the process. The Retention Alert committee met in September to discuss next steps and to decide on an evaluation method. Using course retention information from select users, the team hopes to establish baseline data from courses taught by early adopters. The team also plans to gather qualitative data starting with an initial survey of faculty to determine use, non-use, benefits and barriers. Qualitative data will be collected from users to share with other faculty members. Case workers will also be surveyed to identify implementation issues.

