

College Academy at Broward Community College

An example of dual enrollment at a community college

College Academy (CA) at Broward Community College was specifically designed to serve high achieving students who prefer an alternative to the traditional high school. CA is a joint venture between the Broward County School Board and the trustees of Broward Community College (BCC), and both contribute to the program either financially or through in-kind donations of services and space. The goal of the program is to graduate students with a college-ready diploma as they concurrently work toward an associate's degree from BCC. CA supplements the thriving 15-year-old dual enrollment program at BCC that serves approximately 1,500 students from the Broward County district yearly.

CA is located on the campus of BCC. Juniors and seniors are selected to attend based upon both their academic ability and their maturity in handling the increased freedoms and demands for personal time management. The school population in 2002-03 was 287 students who were 66.2% female, 33.8% male, 50% White, 22% Black, 22% Hispanic, 4.1% Asian, 1.2% multiracial, and .07% Native American. Students attend regular BCC classes in the morning and CA classes in the afternoon; all BCC classes and almost all CA classes give students credit for high school and toward their associate's degree. CA faculty are available during the mornings for students to receive extra help or advisement.

Initial results from CA are promising and demonstrate that CA is achieving its goals. All of the first graduating class (Class of 2003) earned a high school diploma with 95.5% also earning an associate's degree from BCC. Of these students, 98.2% were accepted to colleges and universities with 93.6% being accepted to Florida colleges and universities. Almost all of the students (90.1%) earned a Bright Future Scholarship, a lottery-funded scholarship program based up students' GPA and test scores. In this graduating class, 19 students earned Florida Academic Scholarships, covering 100% of their tuition cost at a Florida postsecondary institution, and 81 students received a Florida Medallion Scholarship, covering 75% of the tuition cost.

For more information on The College Academy, please visit: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/collegeacademy>

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