



2015 -2016 REPORT



Dr. Darnna Banks
2004 Mountain View College graduate

RISING STAR

Investing in Student Success

Created in 1999, the Rising Star Program provides incentive and encouragement for high school students to stay in school, graduate and continue on to college.

Rising Star awards up to \$4,000 in tuition and books at any of the seven Dallas County Community Colleges to eligible Dallas County high school seniors who graduate with a "B" average or better and demonstrate economic need.

This supports approximately 60% of expenses to earn an associate degree.

Through the Rising Star Program, students can:

- + Earn associate degrees.
- + Become certified in one of over 100 career programs offered at the colleges of DCCCD.
- + Earn college credit to transfer to a four-year college.

Providing Personalized Support and Removing Financial Barriers



Recipients succeed through personalized support offered by the Rising Star offices at each of the seven DCCCD colleges.



The seven colleges of DCCCD provide recruiting, marketing and case management of Rising Star students to increase their chances of successful completion or transfer to a university.



Rising Star serves as a "funder of last resort" to students in financial need. Students must first apply for federal financial aid before Rising Star compensates with funds to help cover the cost of college.



Leading the Way

Through the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Rising Star is known around the world.

It serves as a model scholarship program in seven countries throughout Africa, in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.



Every dollar donated to Rising Star is used for its intended purpose — tuition and books for students.



“Rising Star gave me the confidence to do well in school. It helped me to believe in myself.”

- Ramiro Sanchez
2015 Eastfield College graduate, future nurse



About 2,600

Rising Star students are enrolled each fall and spring semester.

14,500

Students have been served since Rising Star's inception.



“Getting a Rising Star scholarship not only provided me with financial help, but also fulfilled a need to be recognized for what I’d achieve.”

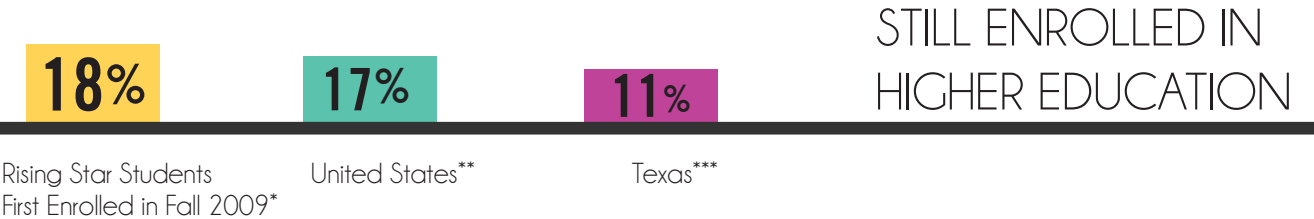
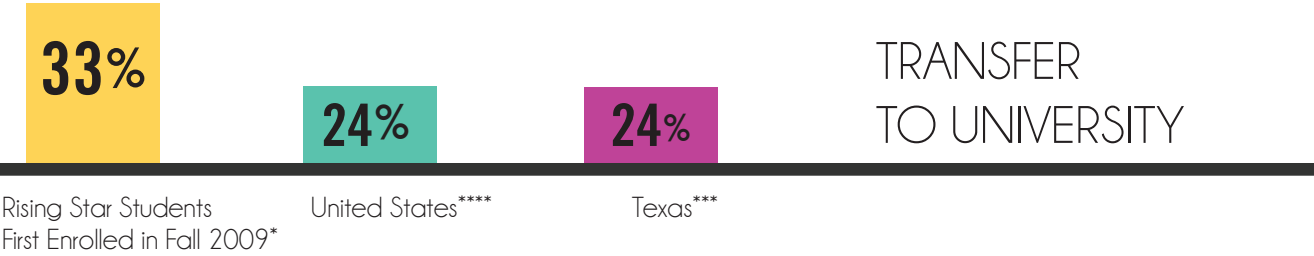
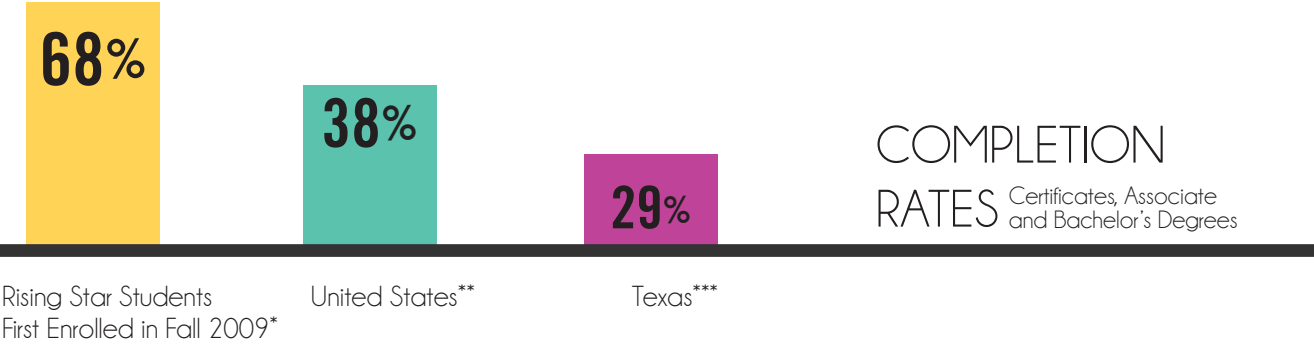
- Aishah Davis

2001 Mountain View College graduate,
product manager for an international
language training company

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Community College Completion Rates

(Over 6-Year Period)



*Duplicated

** Source: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Signature Report 10. Completing College: A National View of Student Attainment Rates – Fall 2009 Cohort. November 2015. <https://nscresearchcenter.org/signaturereport10/>

***Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. 2015 Texas Public Higher Education Almanac. <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A44B548A-E50C-8417-E09BF83FC11EA1EF>

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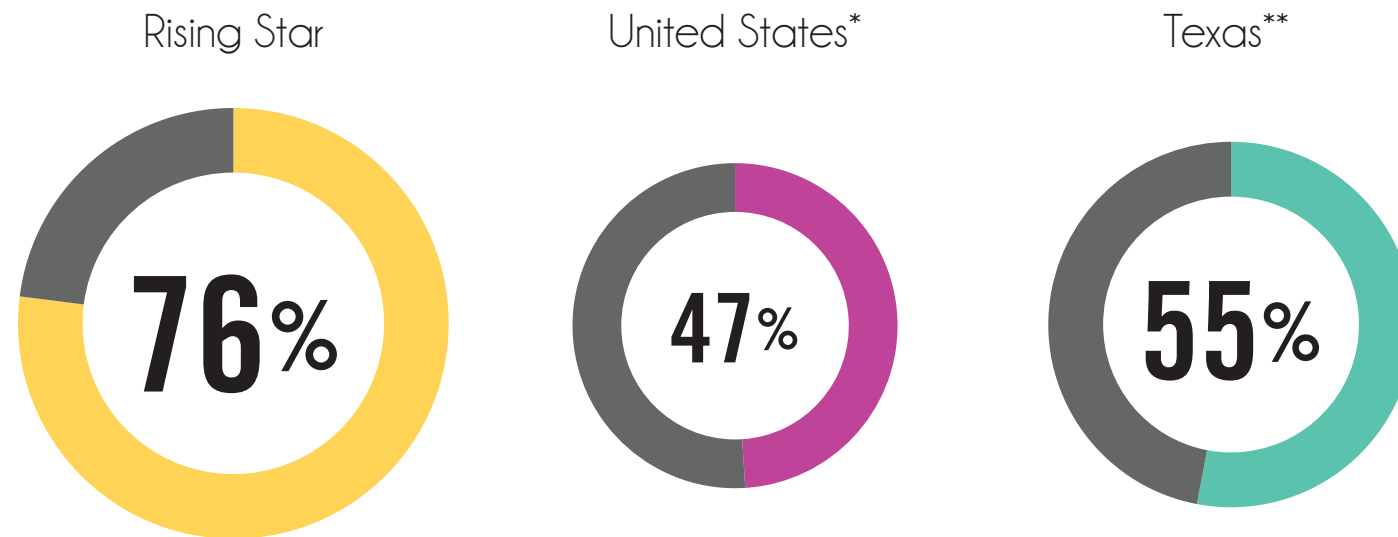


Rising Star students outperform retention and completion rates among community colleges each year.



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Community College Retention Rates



2,505

Total Students Enrolled



544

New Students Enrolled



1,961

Returning Students



95%

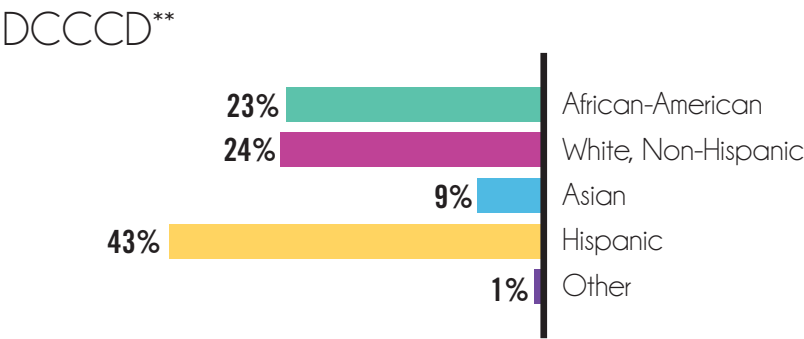
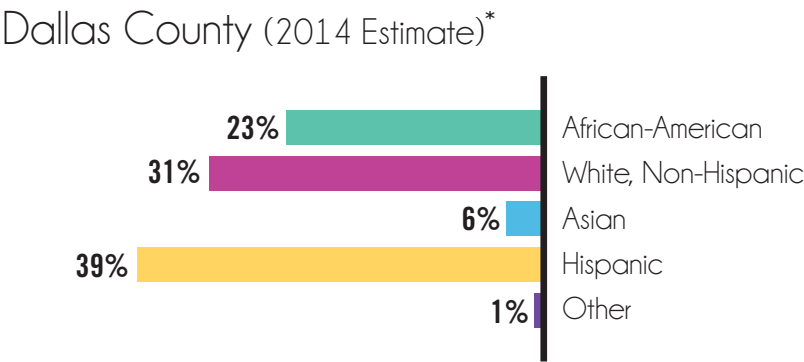
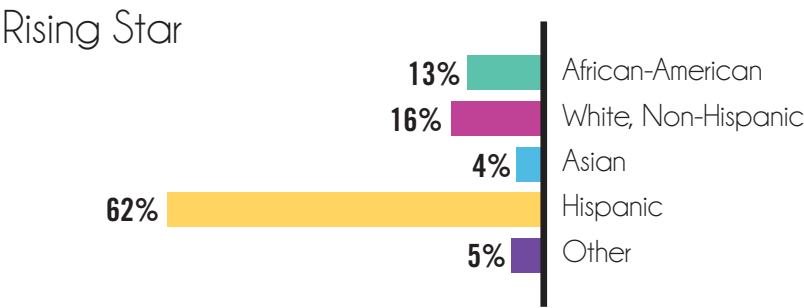
New Students Receiving
State/Federal Funds

*Source: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Snapshot Report: Persistence-Retention. Posted on April 22, 2015. <https://nscresearchcenter.org/snapshotreport-persistence/retention18/>

** Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Higher Education Accountability System for Closing the Gaps. One-Year Persistence Rate, Community Colleges. http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Accountability/SW_Success.cfm

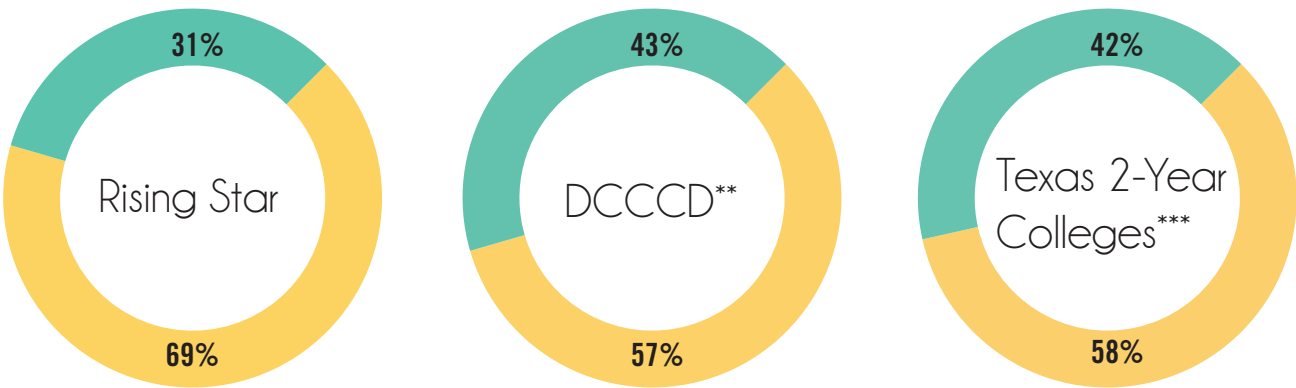
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Ethnicity

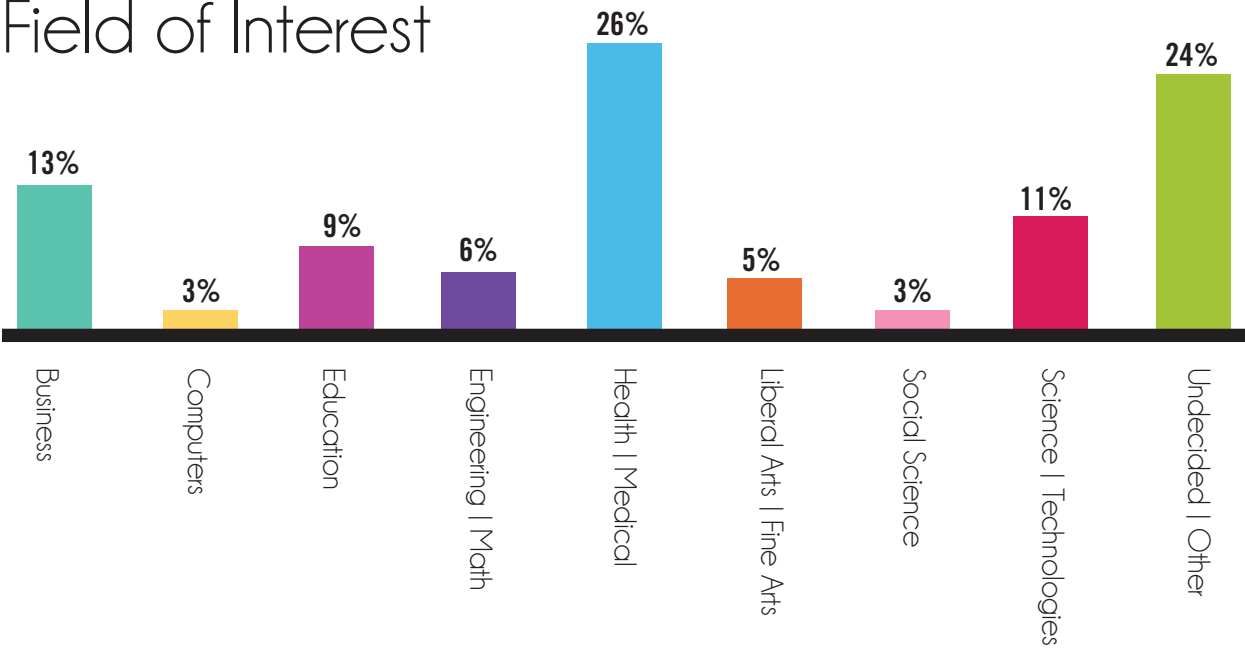


Gender

Male Female



Field of Interest



*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce. U.S. Census Bureau. QuickFacts. www.census.gov

**Source: Dallas County Community College District Office of Research (percentages reflect reported data only).

***Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Accountability System for Closing the Gaps. Participation – Key Measures, Community Colleges. (Fall 2014 head count). http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Accountability/CC_Participation.cfm?fice=445566



THANK YOU

Because of the constant support from citizens like you, we have transformed the lives of more than 14,000 deserving students in Dallas County who have achieved the dream of college education through the Rising Star Program.

With your continued help, we can reach our endowment goal of \$30 million for the Rising Star Program and make dreams possible for future generations.

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“Thank you for helping me become the person that I am today.”

- Dr. Darnna Banks

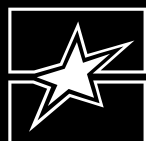
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2015 Latin American School of Medicine
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