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93 Percent of Latino AVID Grads Planned to Enroll in College

Annual Results Show Latino Achievement

SAN DIEGO –AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) has long been a proven college readiness system that has helped narrow the achievement gap. This year's annual senior data collection continues to show the trend in helping Latino students make academic gains. In 2008-09, 52 percent of students identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino.

While enrolled in high school, 76% of the Hispanic and/or Latino AVID seniors took at least one AP or IB Course compared to the overall cohort at 63%; And, 66% took at least one AP or IB exam compared to 51% for the overall cohort.

Additional highlights from the 2009 AVID senior class include:

Of the 9,614 AVID seniors who self identified as Hispanic and/or Latino,

- 89% completed a college preparatory sequence of courses,
- 66% completed a FAFSA,
- 87% took the SAT, ACT, or both.

Further,

- 87% applied to a four-year college,
- 75% were accepted to a four-year college,

- 59% expected to attend, with another
- 35% expecting to attend a two-year college.

As group, 93% expected to attend a post-secondary college or university!

All these results closely mirror the overall AVID senior cohort for 2008-2009.

The senior data is self-reported. This year, nearly 82 percent of AVID's 22,880 seniors participated in the data collection (i.e., turned in completed data surveys).

ABOUT AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, is a fourth grade through high school system to prepare students in the academic middle for four-year college eligibility, and is currently implemented in nearly 4,500 sites in 45 states, Washington, DC and 16 countries/territories. Currently, AVID serves approximately 400,000 students. For more information, visit www.avidonline.org.

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