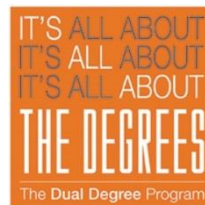


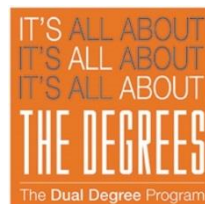
# WHEN 2+2 IS NOT ENOUGH: KEY FACTORS TO CREATING A SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP

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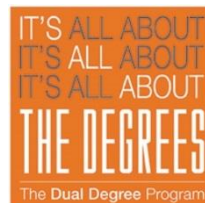


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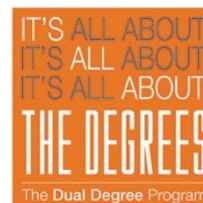
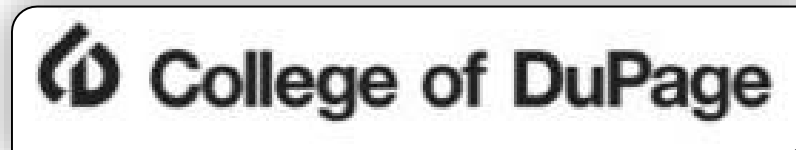
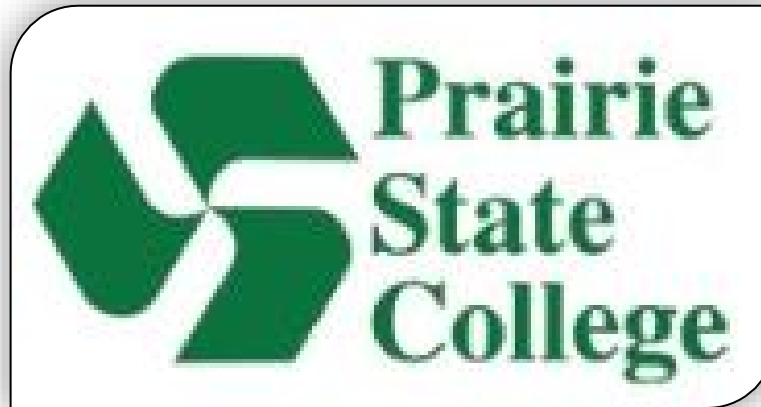


# GSU DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (DDP)

- Partnership between GSU and 17 partner community colleges
- Makes the transfer process as seamless as possible
- DDP students earn two (TWO=DUAL) degrees, Associate and bachelor's
- DDP students SAVE MONEY and SAVE TIME

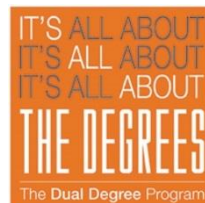


# DDP PARTNERS



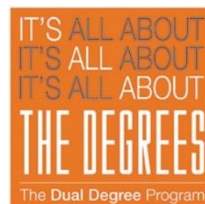
# DDP REQUIREMENTS

- Between 12-45 college-level credit hours
- Enroll full-time
- Good academic standing
- Complete a DDP enrollment form
- Meetings with DDP Transfer Specialist
- Complete Associate degree before transfer



# REQUIREMENTS – LESSONS LEARNED

- Adjusting credit hour eligibility maximum from 21 to 45 credits
- Need dedicated university staff to run the program and be the participants' advocate at the university, i.e. GSU DDP Transfer Specialist, at PSC campus
- Kresge grant with GSU commitment to sustain the program



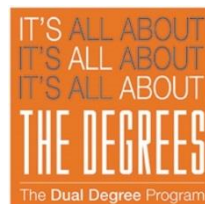


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# DDP BENEFITS

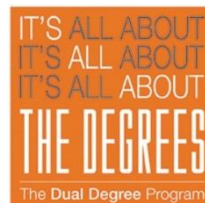
- Guaranteed admission to GSU, application fee waived
- DDP Transfer Specialist will help map out academic path and share the “how to” of applying to a university
- Locked-in GSU tuition starting in the term of DDP enrollment
- Eligible to compete for the 50 GSU Promise Scholarships or the 13 DDP Honors Scholarships
- Discount for on-campus housing
- Individualized support from peer mentors
- Become a part of GSU community and utilize services





# BENEFITS – LESSONS LEARNED

- Expanded scholarship options
  - Honors Scholarship allocation
  - Promise stipend for undocumented students
  - Chicago Star Scholarships
- Student Transition Assistants
- Curriculum lock-in in process
- DDP Male Success Initiative program



# DDP CORDING CEREMONIES-2015



# DDP BY THE NUMBERS-JANUARY, 2016

Average GPA of DDP  
transfers at GSU

3.3

Average # of semesters  
to graduate from GSU

4

# of DDP transfers to GSU

403

DDP students at  
partner colleges (pipeline)

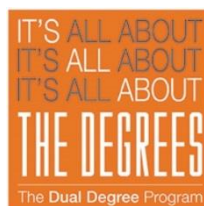
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# of DDP GSU  
graduates

125

Graduated, still enrolled at GSU, or transferred...

91%



# DDP's MOST SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP



Dual Degree Program

## **DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM AGREEMENT PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE AND GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010, by and between Prairie State College (PSC) and Governors State University (GSU).

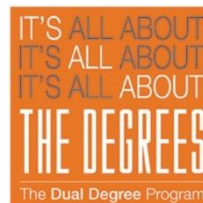
WHEREAS, the parties wish to ensure the completion of the associate's degrees and seamless transfer of students from Prairie State College's associate's degree programs to Governors State University's bachelor's degree programs; and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to accomplish these goals by offering degree-seeking students the opportunity to be enrolled in the "Dual Degree Program" or the "DDP";

NOW, THEREFORE, Prairie State College and Governors State University agree as follows:

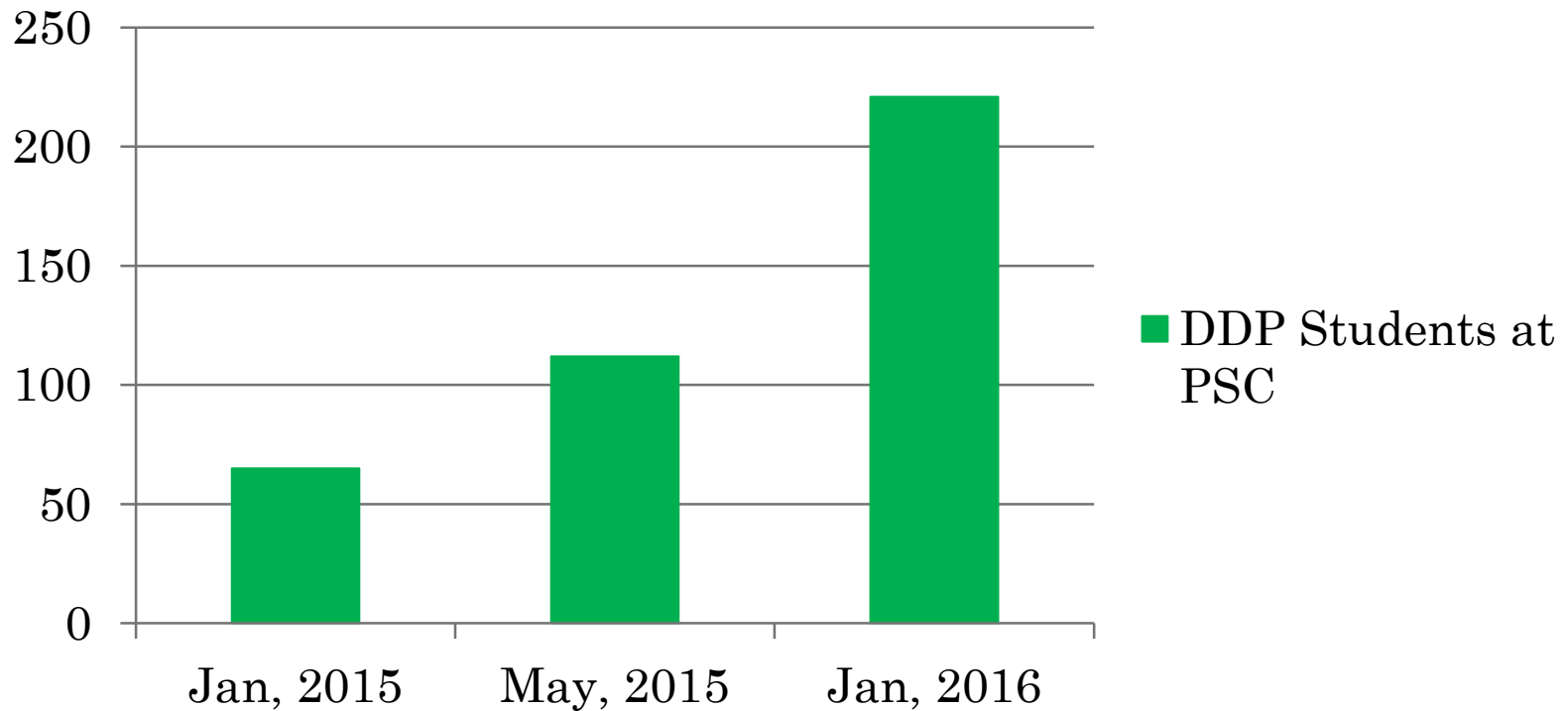
### **1. Program Structure**

The parties agree to admit students in the Dual Degree Program pursuant to the following guidelines:



# DDP-PSC PIPELINE ENROLLMENT

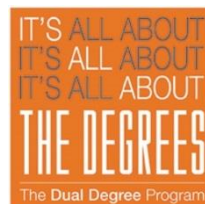
## DDP Students at PSC





# DDP-PSC TRANSFERS AT GSU

	All partners:		PSC		
	# Transfers	Overall Aver. GPA	Total	Graduated	Aver. GPA
Cohort #1 (SU/FA12)	43	3.44	18	14	3.29
Cohort #2 (SP13)	26	3.45	7	5	3.02
Cohort #3 (SU/FA13)	70	3.32	16	12	3.43
Cohort #4 (SP14)	40	3.46	6	1	3.49
Cohort #5 (SU/FA14)	82	3.44	13	1	3.36
Cohort #6 (SP15)	25	3.15	4	0	3.32
Cohort #7 (SUFA15)	74	3.11	19	0	3.02
Cohort #8 (SP16)	43	N/A	11	0	N/A
Totals	403	3.3	94	33	3.28
% of overall DDP transfers			23%		

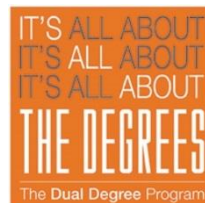


# KEY FACTORS FOR SUCCESS WITH PSC

- Transfer Specialist, Transfer Specialist, Transfer Specialist
  - Self-starter, excellent at outreach
  - Collaborative and friendly
  - Rule follower
- Freezing tuition early
- Dedicated scholarships
- Role of GSU and the Liaisons
  - Train specialist well right from the start, give them the tools to do their job and then get out of their way

# KEY FACTORS FOR SUCCESS WITH PSC

- Support from all levels at PSC
- Integrated to become a part of us
  - Office space, Website, Student forms, Datatel, modified HR file, Direct referrals
- Initial roll out of program plus sustaining its prominence
- Building on already good relations between GSU and PSC
- Unexpected outcome – all PSC/GSU transfers benefit



# OVERALL LESSONS LEARNED

- Appropriate referrals, and eligibility requirements
- Persisting in the midst of rapid change
- Be prepared to modify the program – look for feedback going both directions
- Take your Liaison to lunch

# QUESTIONS?

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