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### **30 Dual Credit Students Receive Associate Degrees at Cisco College**

*Abilene/Cisco, Texas - May 2, 2022* - Thirty Dual Credit students received their associate degrees at Cisco College this spring. This is the largest group of Dual Credit students to receive their associate degrees through Cisco College to date.

“We are very proud of these students,” said Tianay Bralley, Director of Dual Credit at Cisco College. “They have worked really hard finish to 60 hours of college work, complete their degrees, and graduate from high school as well.”

The Abilene campus of Cisco College served more than 1,100 Dual Credit students during the Spring 2022 semester.

“All the time I hear parents say that they wish they had known about Dual Credit sooner, Bralley said. “They love that their kids can earn an associate degree while still in high school, as well as the reduced tuition for Dual Credit students.”

She added that “it saves the parents a lot of money, since some high schools cover the tuition.”

Dual Credit allows high school students to earn college credit and high school credit at the same time. Currently, Cisco College partners with 40 regional high schools to deliver a quality college education for a fraction of typical college and university tuition costs. As Bralley explained, this can significantly reduce the overall cost of obtaining a higher education. The College is now in discussions with other schools to open up more partnerships.

Many students have the opportunity to complete an associate degree while still in high school. Dual Credit students have the ability to transfer dual credit courses to most higher education institutions and reduce the time required to complete an undergraduate degree.

Since it began offering Dual Credit in 2007, Cisco College has served nearly 25,000 Dual Credit students and has maintained a standard of providing high school students rigorous and meaningful coursework that prepares them for success in college, Bralley said. This head start puts Dual Credit students at an advantage, she said, since it is shown that earning college credits while in high school increases the likelihood that a student will complete high school and enroll in and persist in college.

For more information about Dual Credit opportunities at Cisco College, visit the Abilene campus or [www.cisco.edu](http://www.cisco.edu), or contact the Office of Dual Credit by phone at 325-794-4510 or 325-794-450, or via email at [tianay.bralley@cisco.edu](mailto:tianay.bralley@cisco.edu) or [julie.paredes@cisco.edu](mailto:julie.paredes@cisco.edu).

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### ***About Cisco College***

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.