



# ASSIST E-News

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## Upcoming Activities

Data  
Submission Due  
Dates:

*CC Optional Spring  
09 Semester  
Registration File*  
4/30

*CC Optional 06-07  
Dual Enrollment  
Cohort File*  
7/31

*Optional CC  
Perkins Cohort File*  
8/15

*UV Spring 09 End-  
of-Semester Files*  
8/14

ASSIST 2010  
Spring Meeting:  
*April 1*  
followed by AZAIR  
*on April 2*

## ASSIST Updates

### ASSIST/AZAIR Spring Meetings

Held in conjunction with 20<sup>th</sup> AZAIR Conference, the ASSIST Spring meetings on April 2 at Rio Salado's Conference Center in Tempe drew 31 participants, the second highest attendance on record. Eleven of the 13 participating ASSIST institutions were represented at the meetings.

### ASSIST Annual Users Meeting

At the Users session, two presentations were made; the first focused on a "battle" of the tools and features offered by Hyperion Brio and Microsoft Access to access, analyze, and present ASSIST data.

Both tools were noted for their strength in particular tasks; Hyperion Brio scored high on data access and Access rated higher for data analyses. Both are considered equal in data presentation capabilities although Excel is considered by many to be the superior presentation tool.



Caped Crusaders **Tracy Salter** battling for "H" (Hyperion Brio) and **Del Dawley** for "A" (Access) are refereed by **Nancy Dickson**.

# Arizona State System for Information on Student Transfer

The second presentation at the Users meeting featured the process and results of the statewide transfer rate workgroup, the New-to-Higher Education Cohort table, and the transfer queries.

Individual institutional transfer rates for the new-to-higher education cohorts starting in 2001-2002 have been tracked for six years, providing every institution with a baseline. The queries, results, tables and charts are available for cohorts through 2004-2005.

The screenshot displays the Hyperion Performance Suite web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Browse', 'BROWSE', 'SEARCH', 'PREFERENCES', 'EXIT', and 'HELP'. The left sidebar shows a tree view of 'ASSIST Reports' with sub-items: 'ASSIST Standard Reports', 'Community Colleges', 'AZ WESTERN Standard', and 'Transfer Rates'. The main content area is titled 'Transfer Rates' and features a 'Subscribe' button and a 'By Name' search box. Below this, there is a list of four reports, each with a star icon, a title, a date and time, and a PDF icon:

- 1. Transfer Rate Summary -- Statewide**  
Feb 5 2009 9:59 AM
- 2. Transfer Rate Summary -- AWC**  
Jan 28 2009 1:12 PM
- 3. Data Availability for Transfer Rates -- AWC**  
Jan 28 2009 1:11 PM
- 4. Transfer Rate Query with Graphs -- AWC**  
*Contains summary of four new to higher ed cohorts with three to six year transfer rates and graphs. Is already processed.*

If you have any questions on how to access your institution's transfer rate reports, please contact us at [assist-q@asu.edu](mailto:assist-q@asu.edu). Individual MCCCDC college transfer rate queries and reports are available from the district office.

Many thanks to our presenters this year: *Tracy Salter, Maricopa Community College; Del Dawley, Pima Community College; Nancy Dickson, ASSIST; Melinda Gebel, ASSIST; and Mary Schaal, Arizona Western College.*

## ASSIST Web Logins Simplified

If you use the Hyperion web ASSIST interface you will be happy to learn... the double logons are GONE! In the past, we were prompted for our userid and password when we initially logged on and then we were prompted again if we built or ran a query. The second prompt has been removed thanks to a technical discovery by Nancy. Now you can log on and query to your heart's content with no interruptions.

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### ASSIST Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee discussed a number of issues including a draft of the ASSIST Utilization Report being submitted to the APASC Evaluation Subcommittee, possible modifications to the ASSIST Security Agreement, the development of other statewide transfer measures and reports, and updates on initiatives by various organizations and public and private funding involved with promoting the collection of quality statewide data.

### ASSIST Training and General Presentations

ASSIST staff would love to work with you in small groups or one-on-one to develop new queries, extend old ones, or learn techniques you have seen but haven't learned yet. With limited travel budgets, consider combining a couple hours of ASSIST training in our Tempe office with another required meeting here in the Valley. Although ASSIST "road trips" such as our April 15<sup>th</sup> general ASSIST presentation to nearly 20 [Central Arizona College](#) administrators are likely to be more limited in the coming fiscal year, please let us know what your needs are.

## Recent Developments

### FY 09-10 File Submission Calendar Posted

The ASSIST File Submission Calendar has been updated for the upcoming fiscal year. It is available at:  
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If you are planning on using ASSIST to comply with the State of Arizona Dual Enrollment Reporting requirements, please be aware that you may need to submit a separate dual enrollment cohort file if your institution's annual and course file submissions do not populate the necessary fields.

A handout developed for last spring's Dual Enrollment Reporting presentation is available upon request to [assist-q@asu.edu](mailto:assist-q@asu.edu). It may be a good refresher for this biennial report and for those joining their current institution after the first reporting cycle in Fall 2007.

### Athlete Type Codes Expanded

Two new athletic codes have been added to the CC Athlete Type Code table. Half Marathon is now 16 and Marathon is 17. The data documentation for the CC Student table has been updated to reflect these changes and is available at:

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