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## **HOWARD COLLEGE AMONG TOP 50 FASTEST GROWING COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**BIG SPRING** – Howard College hit the #20 spot on the 50 fastest growing community colleges in the country for the 2,500 – 4,999 category as reported in the latest issue of Community College Week.

Community College Week is an independent source of in-depth information for and about two-year colleges. The publication regularly provides analyses of critical academic trends and issues as well as vital statistics such as "The Special Report on The Fastest-Growing Community Colleges."

"With both Spring and Fall semesters setting enrollment records at Howard College, I know we are on the right track for success," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President of Howard College. "Although our records here at Howard College may not be on the 'world record level', I believe they do mean that more people are seeking out higher education and that is good for our entire 13 county service area."

The Spring 06 and Fall 07 semesters at Howard College respectively broke enrollment records, due in large part to the increase seen at the Howard College San Angelo campus.

Fall 07 brought forth an increase of 307 students in the San Angelo campus alone which is greatly represented by the concurrent or dual credit programs.

"With a great partner like San Angelo ISD, our numbers here in San Angelo have definitely increased," said LeAnne Byrd, Provost at Howard College San Angelo. "Our concurrent program just exploded this year and helped us meet some of our enrollment goals."

"Although this is not our funding base year, I am extremely proud of the growth we are seeing across our district and know this will have a positive effect on our communities," added Sparks.

For more information on Howard College, visit [www.howardcollege.edu](http://www.howardcollege.edu). To view the complete report, visit [www.ccweek.com](http://www.ccweek.com).