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Dear Students and Parents,

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I would like to take this time to share some interesting and exciting information with you regarding Florida Graduates. This information is a summary from the Department of Economic Opportunity. I believe that you will find this information very important as you plan for graduation or for next year's course registration.

The first chart gives you information on the number of students that completed their post-secondary training and the median first-year earnings. For example the number of Associate of Science (A.S.) degree completers was 64,537 with a median first-year earnings of \$43,880. The number of Associate in Arts (A.A) Degree completers was 279,194 with a median first-year earnings of \$28,128. The number of Bachelor's Degree completers was 282,857 with a median first-year earnings of \$35,156. As the chart indicates, career and technically oriented credentials are associated with relatively high early career wages.

We are fortunate in Levy County that we have strong Career and Technical Education Programs that provide students with the skills and credentials necessary to enter into post-secondary A.S. degree programs. The articulation agreements we have with the College of Central Florida and Santa Fe College provide college credit for high school course work, and the industry certifications available give students the opportunity to earn more college credit and higher wages upon entering the workforce.

I encourage you to take time to read the attached two page summary of the 2017 Department of Economic Opportunity Security Report.

Sincerely,

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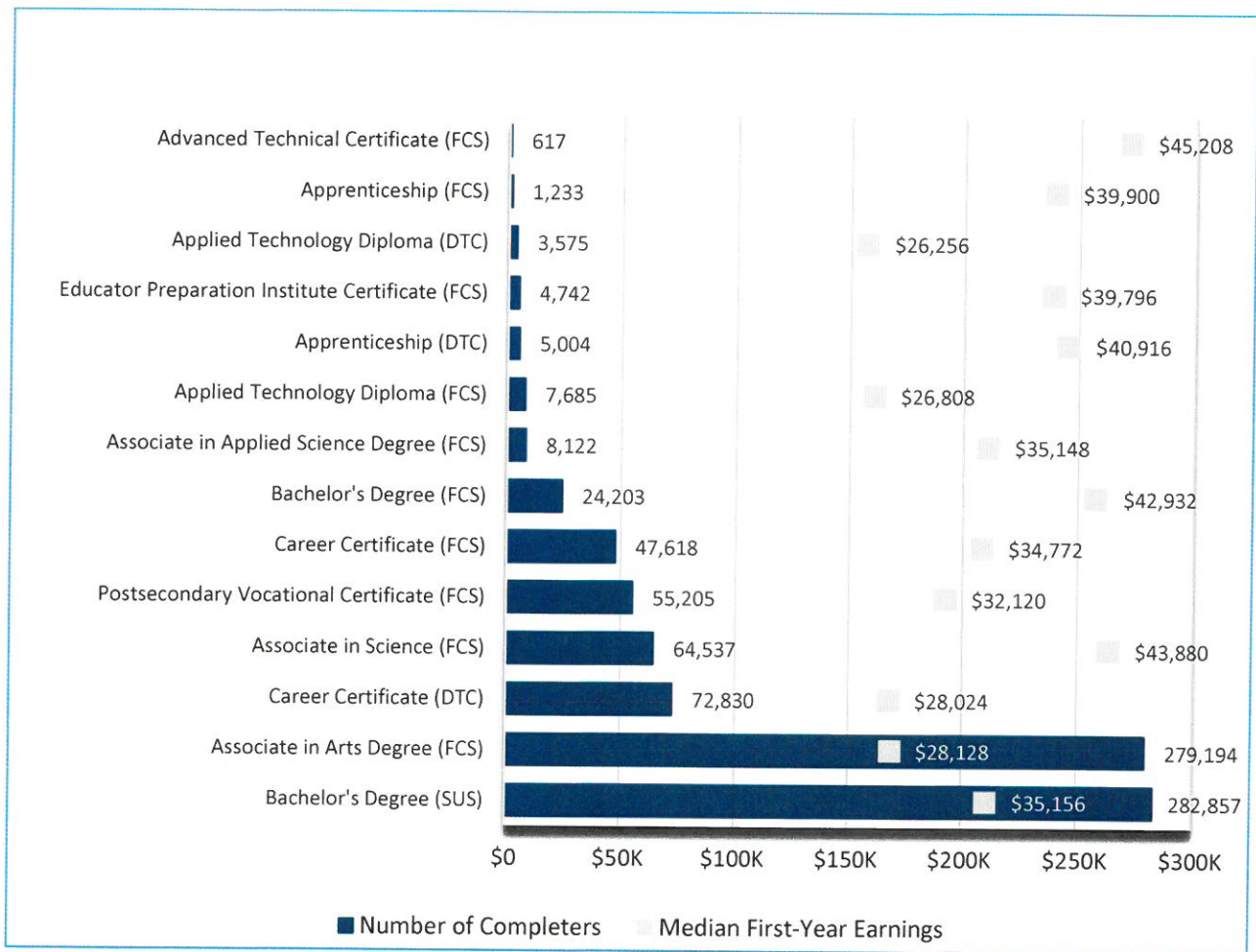
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to graduate them ready for college and career success.*

## Measuring the Economic Success of Florida's Graduates

The Measuring the Economic Success of Florida's Graduates report provides students, parents, and others with information on graduates of Florida's public higher education institutions, including the State University System (SUS), Florida College System (FCS) and District Technical Centers (DTC).<sup>1</sup> The chart below shows the number of graduates and first year earnings for a range of higher education credentials awarded recently in the state.

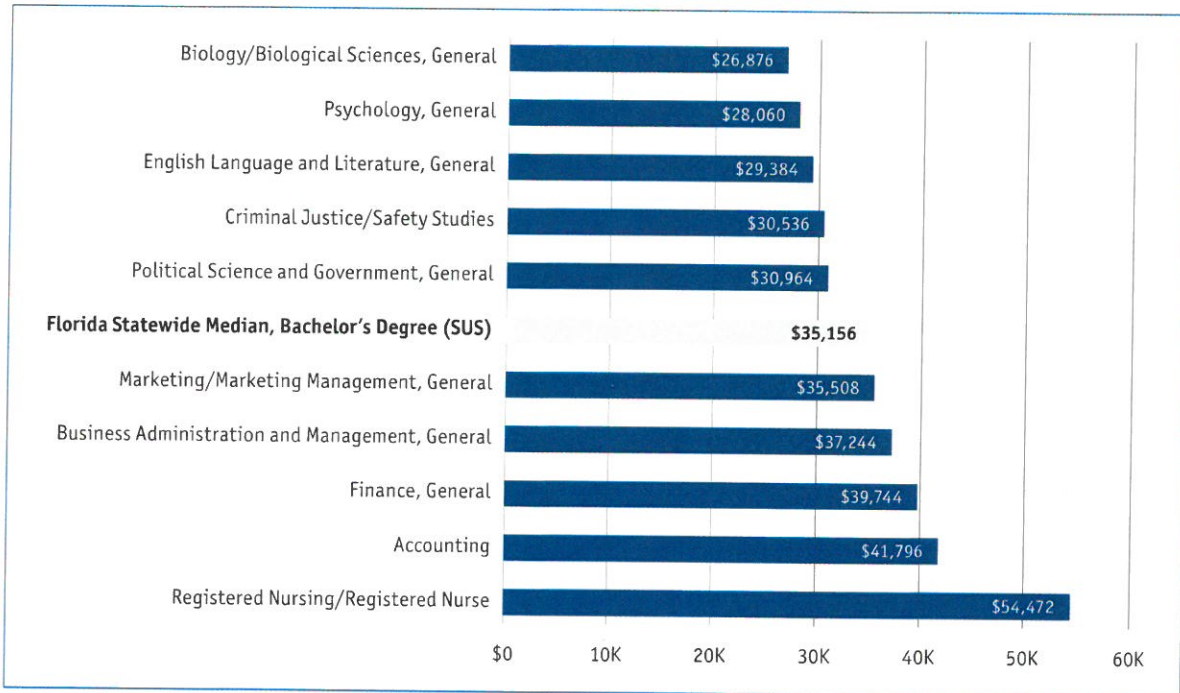
**Number of Postsecondary Academic Credentials Awarded and Median First-Year Earnings  
Academic Years 2010–11 Through 2014–15**



There are a variety of differences across credentials, but many career and technically oriented credentials are associated with relatively high early career wages.

<sup>1</sup> The data source for information in this summary report is the Florida Department of Education's Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP).

## Median First-Year Earnings of Graduates From Ten Large Bachelor's Degree Programs



Although each graduate's success reflects a variety of factors – such as their background, the local job market, and where they choose to live – [www.beyondeducation.org](http://www.beyondeducation.org) and the Measuring the Economic Success of Florida's Graduates report provide valuable information for students and parents to consider when exploring education and career choices.