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Information Item

Executive Director's report



Executive Director's Report June, 2015

Dear Commissioners,

Over the last 12 years, I have had the privilege of leading the work and staff of the California Student Aid Commission. At the core of our mission is making college possible for students who, without the knowledge of the availability of financial aid and how to apply, would not go to college. A recent report by the *New America Foundation* reinforced what many of us know to be true, that **one of the major drivers in deciding whether and where to go to college is money.**

On May 5, 2003, I came to work at the California Student Aid Commission with a direction from the Commissioners to set a new course. During my tenure, I have worked to transition the Commission into a governmental body that is student-focused--on how to help students and their families, particularly those without the knowledge of the college-going process, navigate the college financial aid process. The recent enactment of Senate Bill 1644 provided **a new guarantee of Cal Grant aid for those students who met the academic and financial requirements for first-time college freshman and those students who enroll in a community college first and transferred before the age of 24.**

Although SB 1644 was implemented in 2001, the Legislature was disappointed by the lack of growth in the first two application years following the passage of the Entitlement legislation. Soon after coming to the Commission, a \$25 million dollar comprehensive outreach plan was enacted to reinvigorate our training and outreach efforts to high schools and community colleges, particularly focused on first generation college students. What we learned from our investment was that students not only needed "college knowledge" about the process of college eligibility and application but also the importance of timely application and follow-up in order to successfully enroll in college.

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What follows in this last report as executive director, is a briefing of the current partnership efforts of the Commission. While the Commission is a small agency, it accomplishes great things because of its members and staff who believe in the power of partnering with others who share the same goal---helping students achieve their college goals.

The “magic” that occurs when students are informed and assisted in the financial aid process is that they see for themselves that college is possible. Without the thousands of California counselors, teachers, financial aid officers, outreach staff and community members who work with the Commission, access to college would not be possible. I want to acknowledge the work of these unsung heroes as they annually make a difference in the lives of countless students across California.

Our primary partnerships with high schools, colleges and universities, financial aid and outreach community, non-profit organizations and groups, as well as foundations, have succeeded to improve FAFSA and Cal Grant completion rates for thousands of California students. These partnerships and work are at the essence of why a California Student Aid Commission needs to be supported and exist.

Access to an affordable and quality higher education needs to remain a policy priority for our State. Our youth must be educated and trained to assume the jobs and leadership positions in our state and country. A civil democracy needs to include the participation of all of our residents. Equal educational opportunity continues to remain a challenge. The Cal Grant Program is a program that works in removing finances as a barrier to attending and completing college and career training. While there is much more work to do in improving our program and processes, the Commission has been successful in providing educational opportunity for over a million students during my tenure. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of that change and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

My life has been blessed because of the many people who have helped me as teachers, counselors and mentors. I have stated many times that, without the Cal Grant Program, I would not have graduated from Loyola Marymount University. At the time of my college enrollment, the Cal Grant covered about 95 percent of my tuition. Federal and institutional aid covered my indirect costs of attending college. I was able to enroll in graduate school shortly after graduation because I had little debt.

Having applied to college with a 2.75 GPA, I had little chance of being recognized with a merit scholarship. I had potential but I needed both academic and financial support to succeed in college. My personal situation is no different than thousands of students today, who have the potential to succeed in college but need financial and student support services to achieve their goals and thrive. I graduated from Loyola Marymount University receiving the Marian award, the most outstanding female graduate of the Class of 1979, because the State of California through the Cal Grant Program provided the opportunity. There are many capable students in our high schools who deserve that same opportunity.

The investment in my education improved the life of my entire immediate family. My two youngest siblings went on to graduate from college. We are now part of the middle-class repaying the investment through our tax revenue and the contributions we have made because of our education.

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I strongly urge the Commission to continue this work and to support our efforts to improve the reach of the Cal Grant and other Commission programs that provide educational opportunity for our students.

CALIFORNIA STUDENT OPPORTUNITY & ACCESS PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS

This year, the Governor proposed the continuation of the Commission’s two major outreach programs, Cal-SOAP and Cash for College. This funding replaces federal funds that are no longer available for this purpose after 2014-15.

The California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) through intersegmental consortium, provides financial aid outreach and tutoring services to disadvantaged, low-income K-12 students and increases their access through information about college and career education. Cal-SOAP also assists the matriculation of community college students to four-year institutions. There are currently 14 Cal-SOAP consortia operating in 16 locations.

The majority of the Commission’s Cal-SOAP programs work with the Cash for College (CFC) program to provide college financial aid application assistance each year. Many of the Cal SOAP projects serve as the regional coordinators for CFC.

Central Coast Cal-SOAP Consortium (Santa Maria, CA)

(Serving N. Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties)

- Guadalupe Union School District
- Lompoc Unified School District
- Lucia Mar Unified School District
- Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
- Santa Maria-Bonita School District
- Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
- Allan Hancock College
- Cuesta College
- Cal-Poly State University
- University of California (UC), Santa Barbara
- Northern Santa Barbara County
- Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria Valley
- City of Santa Maria, Recreation & Parks Department

Central Coast Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 356,968	Allan Hancock College	19,460	15	2001	\$ 300,000

Central Valley Cal-SOAP Consortium (Tranquility, CA)

(Serving Fresno County)

- Firebaugh Las-Deltas Joint Unified School District
- Kerman Unified School District
- Mendota Unified School District

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- Golden Plains Unified School District
- W. Hills Community College, N. District Center
- Fresno City College
- California State University (CSU), Fresno
- UC Merced
- Fresno Pacific University
- AVID, Region VII
- Educational Talent Search Program

Central Valley Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 710,690	CSU Fresno	4,287	19	1999	\$ 370,000

East Bay Cal-SOAP Consortium (Oakland, CA)
(Serving Alameda and West Contra Costa Counties)

- Oakland Unified School District
- West Contra Costa Unified School District
- Berkeley High School
- St. Elizabeth High School
- Contra Costa College
- Peralta Community College District
- CSU East Bay
- University of California (UC), Berkeley
- Holy Names University
- Mills College
- St. Mary's College of California
- East Bay Asian Youth Center

East Bay Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 460,801	\$ 980,376	East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions, Inc.	4,987	17	1979	\$ 673,683

Solano Cal-SOAP Consortium (Berkeley, CA)
(Serving Solano County)

- Same Consortia Members as East Bay Cal-SOAP

Solano Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 421,913	East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions, Inc.	2,450	13	1979	\$ 628,833

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Long Beach Cal-SOAP Consortium (Long Beach, CA)

(Serving Los Angeles County)

- Long Beach Unified School District
- Whittier Union High School District
- Compton Unified School District
- Lynwood Unified School District
- El Camino College, Compton Education Center
- Long Beach City College
- Rio Hondo College
- CSU Dominguez Hills
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Long Beach - Educational Opportunity Center
- Long Beach Job Corps
- Youth Opportunity Center
- GLOW

Long Beach Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 556,119	CSU Long Beach	2,235	15	2004	\$ 300,000

Los Angeles Cal-SOAP Consortium (Los Angeles, CA)

(Serving Los Angeles County)

- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Bassett Unified School District
- Montebello Unified School District
- El Monte Union High School District
- Alhambra Unified School District
- San Gabriel Unified School District
- Paramount Unified School District
- Garvey School District
- East Los Angeles Community College
- East Los Angeles College South Gate Educational Center
- Los Angeles Trade Tech College
- Rio Hondo College
- CSU Los Angeles
- CSU Los Angeles, University Auxiliary Services, Inc.
- Families in Schools
- Parent Involvement Center/Montebello Unified School District
- The East Los Angeles Community Union (TELACU)

Los Angeles Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 580,866	\$ 970,466	CSU Los Angeles, Auxiliary Services Inc.	21,863	25	1997	\$ 850,000

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Merced Cal-SOAP Consortium (Merced, CA)

(Serving Merced and Madera Counties)

- Merced County Office of Education
- Merced Union High School District
- Chowchilla Union High School District
- Delhi Unified School District
- Dos Palos/Oro Loma Joint Unified School District
- Le Grand Union School District
- Los Banos Unified School District
- Merced College
- CSU Stanislaus
- UC Merced

Merced Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 539,927	Merced County Office of Education	20,565	25	1999	\$ 363,130

Northcoast Cal-SOAP Consortium (Eureka, CA)

(Serving Humboldt and Del Norte Counties)

- Arcata School District
- Del Norte County Unified School District
- Eureka City School District
- Ferndale Unified School District
- Fortuna Elementary School District
- Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District
- McKinleyville Union School District
- Northern Humboldt Unified School District
- Pacific Union Elementary School District
- South Bay Union School District
- College of the Redwoods
- Humboldt State University
- Humboldt Area Foundation
- Humboldt County Office of Education

Northcoast Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 338,161	\$ 436,785	Humboldt County Office of Education	4,608	49	1996	\$ 500,526

Sacramento Cal-SOAP Consortium (Sacramento, CA)

(Serving Sacramento, Colusa, Sutter and Yuba Counties)

- Elk Grove Unified School District
- Sacramento County Office of Education
- Twin Rivers Unified School District

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- Live Oak Unified School District
- American River College
- Folsom Lake College
- Sacramento City College
- UC Davis
- CSU Sacramento
- Capital Region AVID Center
- Breakthrough Sacramento/Sacramento Country Day School
- East Nicolaus Joint Union High School District
- Sacramento City Unified School District
- San Juan Unified School District
- Williams Unified School District
- Yuba City Unified School District
- Yuba College
- CSU Chico
- Sacramento Region Community Foundation

Sacramento Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 520,760	\$ 577,524	Sacramento County Office of Education	11,398	35	1996	\$ 455,834

(Includes North Valley Counties and Funding of \$216,340)

San Diego Cal-SOAP Consortium (San Diego, CA)

(Serving San Diego and Imperial Counties)

- Grossmont Union High School District
- Imperial County Office of Education
- San Diego County Office of Education/AVID
- San Diego Unified School District
- Sweetwater Union High School District
- Cuyamaca College
- Grossmont College
- Imperial Valley College
- Palomar College
- San Diego City College
- San Diego Community College District
- San Diego Mesa College
- San Diego Miramar College
- CSU San Marcos
- San Diego State University
- San Diego State University, Imperial Valley
- UC San Diego
- Alliant International University
- National University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- University of San Diego
- Wahupa Educational Talent Search (ETS)

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San Diego Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 884,325	\$ 1,339,111	UC San Diego	17,436	62	1979	\$ 1,250,000

San Francisco Cal-SOAP Consortium (San Francisco, CA)

(Serving San Francisco County)

- San Francisco Unified School District
- City College of San Francisco (CCSF)
- CSU San Francisco
- UC San Francisco
- University of San Francisco
- Richmond District Neighborhood Center
- Japanese Community Youth Council

San Francisco Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 333,149	Japanese Community Youth Council	825	5	2000	\$ 335,000

San Jose Cal-SOAP Consortium (San Jose, CA)

(Serving Santa Clara County)

- Alum Rock Union Elementary School District
- East Side Union High School District
- San Jose Unified School District
- Evergreen Valley College
- San Jose City College
- De Anza Community College
- Foothill Community College
- Mission Community College
- West Valley Community College
- San Jose State University
- The Regents of the University of California at Santa Cruz
- San Jose State Foundation, MESA Program
- San Jose State Foundation, GEAR UP

San Jose Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 421,304	\$ 879,015	The Regents of the University of California on behalf of UC Santa Cruz	3,170	8	1996	\$ 620,511

Santa Barbara Cal-SOAP Consortium (Santa Barbara, CA)

(Serving Southern Santa Barbara County)

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- Santa Barbara Unified School District
- Carpinteria Unified School District
- Bishop Garcia Diego High School
- Santa Barbara City College
- UC Santa Barbara
- CSU Channel Islands
- Westmont College
- Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara
- United Boys and Girls Clubs/Santa Barbara County
- Community Action Commission/Santa Barbara County
- Santa Barbara Police Activities League
- 2nd Story Associates (Housing Authority/City Santa Barbara)
- Girls, Incorporated of Carpinteria
- City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department

Santa Barbara Cal-SOAP Consortium						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 437,889	\$ 536,247	Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County	5,720	12	1984	\$ 642,833

South County Gilroy Cal-SOAP Consortium (Gilroy, CA)

(Serving Santa Clara and San Benito Counties)

- Aromas-San Juan Unified School District
- Gilroy Unified School District
- Morgan Hill Unified School District
- San Benito High School District
- Gavilan Community College
- CSU Monterey Bay
- UC Santa Cruz
- Santa Clara University
- Silicon Valley Education Foundation

South County Gilroy Cal-SOAP Consortium						
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\$ 311,339	\$ 1,982,431	Gilroy Unified School District	31,086	18	2003	\$ 465,000

South San Joaquin Cal-SOAP Consortium (Bakersfield, CA)

(Serving Kern, San Bernardino and Santa Barbara Counties)

- Arvin High School
- Bakersfield High School
- Foothill High School
- Frazier Mountain High School
- Golden Valley High School
- Highland High School

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- Kern Valley High School
- Maricopa High School
- Mira Monte High School
- Rosamond High School
- Shafter High School
- South High School
- Taft Union High School
- Tehachapi High School
- Trona High School
- West High School
- Bakersfield College
- Taft College
- CSU Bakersfield
- UC Merced - Kern County
- UC Merced - Santa Barbara - AEOP
- University of La Verne - Kern County Campus
- Kern High School District
- Early Assessment Program
- Migrant Region V

<i>South County Gilroy Cal-SOAP Consortium</i>						
*2014/15 Baseline Funding	2014/15 Match	Fiscal Agent	2014/15 Projected Students & Parents Served	Elementary, Middle & High Schools Served	Project Est.	2006/07 Baseline Funding
\$ 276,316	\$ 1,297,151	CSU Bakersfield	30,295	16	2000	\$ 366,000

CALIFORNIA CASH FOR COLLEGE (CFC) PROGRAM 2014

Cash for College (CFC) provides financial aid workshops to assist low-income students with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act application, and the Cal Grant GPA verification form as well as providing follow-up on the completion of the FAFSA and financial aid process.

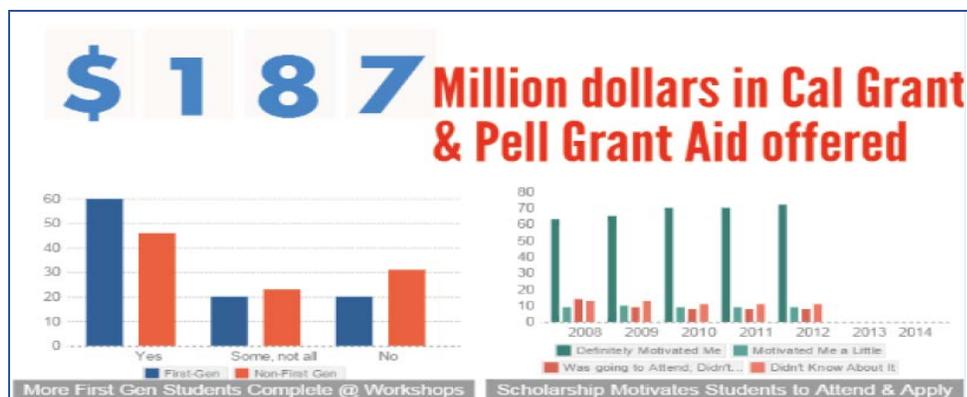
This year, CFC provided:

- ❖ 800+ application workshops
- ❖ California high schools, campus, community sites in 300+ cities & towns in 81% of counties in seven geographical regions
- ❖ 42,200 low-income & first-generation students and 30,000 parents

CFC Results:

- 9 out of 10 CFC High School Seniors apply for federal aid.
- 8 out of 10 CFC High School Seniors apply for Cal Grants.
- 7 out of 10 CFC High School Seniors qualify for at least one type of federal or Cal Grant aid.

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The CFC also leveraged federal Pell and Cal Grant dollars for college enrollment. The above chart shows the amount of aid provided to CFC workshop participants and the impact the workshops have on college affordability.

MAJOR PARTNERSHIPS

Steps to College

For the past three years the Commission has joined with the Consulado General De Mexico en Sacramento, University of California, Cien Amigos, numerous community groups, and English and Spanish language media partners to present *Steps to College* "Pasos a la Universidad," the largest college and university fair in northern California dedicated to meeting the needs of low-income Latino students including those from rural and migrant families who live in the 24 counties served by the Counsel General of Mexico in Sacramento. Over 5,000

students and parents have benefitted from these events, including tens of thousands of dollars raised for student scholarships. Campus admissions representatives from 46 higher education institutions participate in the day-long activities held at the Mexican Consulate in Sacramento. The achievements of *Steps to College* has gained momentum and now Consulates in San Jose, San Diego, Fresno and Los Angeles have contacted the Commission with requests to support local efforts to replicate the highly successful model. *Steps to College* begins by developing a broad-based community/higher education steering committee. The day's activities includes bilingual workshops such as: Cash for College FAFSA and California Dream Act (CADA) application assistance; Planning for College; Financial Aid and the California Dream Act; Immigration and Deferred Action for early Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and campus tours. Over 300 student and adult volunteers contribute to the production of *Steps to College*.

First in the World

Because 81% of teens use some type of social media and 95% are active online, the Commission, and several of its Cal-SOAP programs, have partnered with the U. S. Department of Education funded "First in the World" grant project spearheaded by the University of Southern California. The purpose of the project is to implement and evaluate an innovative role- playing game-based intervention designed to boost college-going outcomes in high schools

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throughout California. The key project innovation is in meeting students where they spend time—in online and game spaces—by using games, technology, and social media tools to motivate, educate, and support students in applying to college and for financial aid. Through a random-control trial and case studies from selected sites, researchers will explore the effects of game-based learning on students' college-going efficacy, college knowledge, FAFSA/CADA completion, and college enrollment.

The Pullias Center for Higher Education at the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education recently received a \$3.2 million grant from the United States Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education through their *First in the World (FITW)* Program. The Commission assisted in preparing and supporting USC's grant application. The new investment will enable the Pullias Center to drastically expand the reach of its online college access game, *Mission: Admission*, created in collaboration with USC's Game Innovation Lab. Key development partners include game designers from FutureBound, a company that grew out of a collaboration between the USC Pullias Center and Game Innovation Lab, and social media experts from MTV's Get Schooled Foundation. Dissemination and implementation will be facilitated through a partnership with the California Student Aid Commission and their Cal-SOAP affiliates.



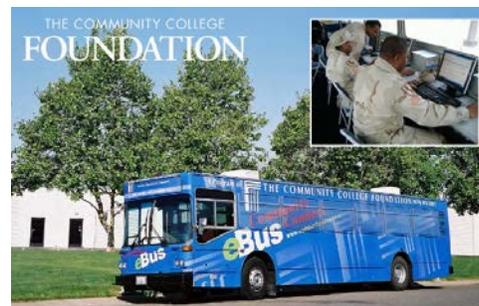
The goal of the federal First in the World grants, totaling \$75 million nationwide, is to enable the United States to assume primacy once again in college-going and postsecondary graduation. A core belief in the United States throughout the country's history has been that education plays a major role in enabling people to move out of poverty. These grants are a continuation of that idea and are in alignment with the Commission's mission.

The FAFSA Completion Challenge

Even with the Cal-SOAP and Cash for College programs there are still clear gaps in the Commission's reach to students with greatest financial needs. Cal-SOAP consortia are severely limited in their service capacity due to a lack of funding.

It is important that the Commission leverage its existing statewide partnerships to extend its reach to other local programs that seek to help students complete the college enrollment process.

Not everyone can get to a Cash for College workshop to receive assistance in completing a FAFSA, particularly those living at or below the poverty level. Over 492,000 low-income households in California use federal rental assistance to rent modest housing at an affordable cost; at least 73 percent have extremely low incomes (30 percent of area median income or less). Nearly all households using federal rental assistance include children. The average annual income of a resident of public housing is \$16,464 in California, making these children likely to be eligible for federal and state college financial aid assistance. That is



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precisely why a partnership with the Community College Foundation, Community Connect eBus, a 40-foot converted former city bus that is now a mobile 14-station computer lab, complete with multiple work stations, onboard copier, printers and fax machine, and secure broadband internet via cellular with satellite back-up, is so valuable. A consortium of housing authorities or “projects” have reached out requesting pilot projects for FAFSA completion.

Currently, there are few statewide opportunities at this time for the Commission to work alongside high school counselors to inform students about the Cal Grant and other state aid programs. The Commission’s high school counselor trainings are limited in scope. There is a tremendous need to focus on the *high need/low service* locations in the 17 counties identified as having the highest-poverty and lowest-FAFSA submission rates. This is the reason why the Commission’s partnership with the Get Schooled Foundation, which offers interactive online activities including real-time FAFSA text messaging, games, social media technology, and prizes, rewards and incentives for students and schools, is so important.



To access the FAFSA hotline, which was “live” 24/7 during financial aid application season, students could text “FAFSA” to 335577 to ask questions in English or text “Dinero” to 335566 to ask questions in Spanish. Selected Cal-SOAP staff volunteered to serve as experts to respond to students’ texts. Students were told their questions would be answered within 24 hours, but most questions were answered within less than 60 minutes. There were close to 7,000 texts exchanged between FAFSA experts and California parents and students during the two month period.

California College Challenge: Get Schooled Partnership with the California Student Aid Commission

Beginning in January 2015, Get Schooled and the Commission hosted the second annual California College Challenge – engaging a totally of 66 high schools around FAFSA and California Dream Act (CADA) completion. The results were phenomenal: Overall, in 66 high schools that enrolled the Get Schooled/Student Aid Commission College Challenge, there was an 11% increase in FAFSA completion rates from 2014 to 2015 moving from a 66% FAFSA completion rate in 2014 to a 73% FAFSA completion rate in 2015.

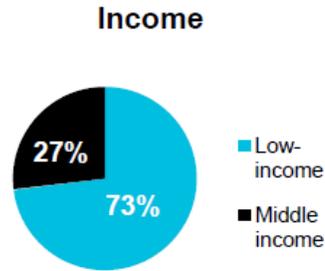
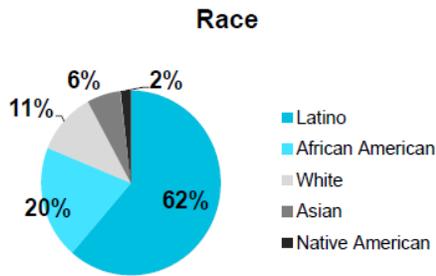
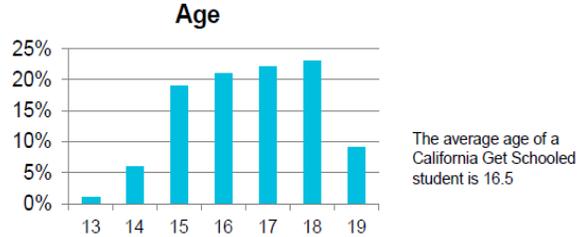
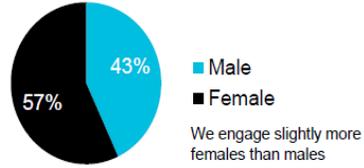
During the 2015-16 school year, more than 43,000 California students were active on Get Schooled, including 15,000 in the Challenge itself. The California students active on Get Schooled ranged in age from 13-19 with an average age of 16.5. About one-third of all students active with Get Schooled this school year were seniors.



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GET SCHOOLED CALIFORNIA STUDENTS

THERE ARE CLOSE TO 80,000 STUDENTS FROM CALIFORNIA WITH GET SCHOOLED ACCOUNTS



Here is a listing of the Commission’s current partnerships.

Partner	Contribution	Impact
Get Schooled	California College Challenge.	80,000 students engaged from 1,200 middle and high school. \$50,000 in contributions to CA schools.
Various Media Outlets	Airtime, production, column inches.	Over 3 million viewers. 1,200 direct viewers call-ins, 800 live online stream Q & A, and emails.
CASFAA and CCCSFSAAA	Annual CASFAA Day at the Capitol Provides articles for quarterly newsletter, annual keynote speeches, workshops, committees.	30-50 financial aid administrators participate in Commission organized presentations, panel discussions.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Community Affairs Division	Direct connection with California elementary, middle and high school students Money Smart for Young Adults: Financial Literacy Curriculum.	Up to 80,000 students are targeted for Financial Literacy campaign.
U.S. Selective Service System	Direct connection with California students including Dreamers. Website Click-Through button, addition of button to CADA. Inland Empire 66ers.	200,000 financial aid eligible students must complete a Selective Service registration to receive awards.

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Partner	Contribution	Impact
California Assembly	Annual Editorial feedback for Assembly and Senate “Funding Your Future” financial aid information brochure.	Up to 38 million Californians notified of the availability of the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship via direct mail.
California Assembly	Presentations for Assembly District Office Directors on Commission programs and services.	70 senior staff members representing 32 Assembly districts participated in Cal Grant presentation.
California Assembly and Senate	Prezi presentation to Assembly Ethnic Caucus staff on Commission programs and services.	30 staff participated in Cal Grant presentation.
California Assembly and Senate	Workshop presentations for joint Senate and Assembly “Maximizing Your Constituent Outreach” financial aid presentations.	200 staff representing Oakland, San Diego, Fresno, Los Angeles, and Sacramento regional legislative offices.
U.S. Congress	Workforce Investment Board Collaborative with Office of Congressmen John Garamendi.	600 community members in attendance. Provided 2 sets of Cal Grants/Scholarship workshops with Sacramento Cal SOAP.
California Assembly	Regional Cal Grant workshops for Assembly Member Nora Campos to support students displaced by ineligible campuses.	100 students received individual assistance.
California Assembly and Senate	Commissioner Moore, keynote speakers for presentation on State Capitol Steps for United Black Student Unions of California.	175 low- and middle-income students from Sacramento and Silicon Valley region received Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship information.
California Assembly and Univision	CA Dream Act and Cal Grant workshops and panels at Sacramento State University for the Feria de Education.	300 students and parents participated in the day-long activities.
U.S. Congress	Facilitated information for Congressman Kevin McCarthy regarding electronic GPA upload.	Developed rapport with Member’s office and responded to constituent inquiry.
California Assembly	Provided Assembly Member Jose Medina’s office with information about local Cash for College workshops.	Assembly Member attended Cash for College workshops, posted pictures on social media.
Los Angeles County	Provided keynote presentations for foster and probation youth in County custody transitioning into independent living.	300 foster and ward youth participated in keynote and/or Chafee and Cal Grant workshops.

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Partner	Contribution	Impact
Travis Federal Credit Union	Keynote speakers for annual Cal Grant Day university fair with educational institutions and unified school districts.	1,200 students participate in annual Cal Grant Day presentations.
Safe Federal Credit Union	Presenter for high school youth business academy for financial literacy.	30 student interns received Cal Grant program informational seminar.
U-CAN	Participated in college fair for students.	500 low-income and first-generation students participated in the college fair. Made Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship information available.
California Endowment	Participated in the “We Connect” conference at the Sacramento Convention Center.	500 community members attended the conference to receive information about the California Dream Act and Cal Grants.
Los Angeles Unified School District	Participate in annual November Cash for College community activities.	2,000 low-income and first-generation students.
Target Excellence	Participated in a series of financial aid informational seminars for low-income students.	350 students gained knowledge about college financial aid.
Yolo County	Collaborated with the Office of Education on the ST2REAM Alliance Career Pathway Trust Initiative.	California Department of Education grant opportunity for college and career transition focusing on high school students.
State Controller’s Office	Participation in statewide Financial Literacy Month activities and “Manage Your Money” Week.	Part of statewide coalition of state agencies and departments that provide public financial service.
State Fair	Participation in the Youth Day activities to support FAFSA, Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarship and other Commission program awareness.	Inclusion in the state’s first day of activities exclusively for youth.
Sacramento City College	Participation in the Alianza “Beyond the DREAM” conference.	Participation in panel and workshop for CA Dream Act students.
University of Southern California	Rossier School of Education, Collegeology Project and Digital Financial Literacy projects.	Participation in consultation to incorporate financial aid into online computer role playing games for low-income students to access college and financial aid.

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University of California, Merced	Data collection and data analysis partnership with the Center for Educational Partnerships for U.S. Department of Education individual student level FAFSA completion project and First in the World federal grant project.	Extraordinary district level support for student college preparation, including Superintendent, counselor, and involved Cal-SOAPs.
San Francisco City and County Unified School District	In conjunction with the White House Initiative, My Brother and Sister's Keeper to support improved educational outcomes for African American and Latino students in the unified school district.	School Board Resolution passed to support the initiative effort and inclusion of the Commission's Fund Your Future publication in SFUSD project targeting 4,000 students.
Sacramento State University	Panelist in the 24 th Annual African Diaspora Conference.	100 students, families, educators discussed college financial aid and the CA Dream Act.
Ed Trust West	Participated in AB 2160 press conference to support increased electronic GPA submission.	Numerous media articles and ultimate passage of the legislation.
National College Resources Foundation	Provided Cash for College workshops for families as part of Black College Expos facilitating FAFSA applications for over 200 families.	Exposure in Los Angeles, 20,000 students and parents and Oakland, 8,000 students and parents.
California Association of African American Educators	Participation in discussions regarding improving student involvement in college using science, technology, engineering and math programs. Speaker at workshop with 100 educators, program coordinators.	Provided financial aid workshop at National Society of African American Engineer conference, 8,000 students, parents, educators.
Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Program	Participation in workshops, keynote presentations, youth leadership forum, to improve Latino student outcomes.	Exposure to over 350 youth leaders from through California. Participation in press conference on the steps of the State Capitol. State Superintendent Tom Torlakson in attendance.
National Basketball Association, Sacramento Kings	Sacramento Kings Family Foundation, Community Assist Program participation. College Night activities focused on civic responsibility, education, health & wellness, youth and family. Media interviews, social media networking.	Three month long campaign with Sacramento Cal SOAP. Incentivizing FAFSA completion with 250 free game admissions and fan experiences for students and families representing 29 application sites.

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NextEd: Career GPS	Participation in college and career fair with Sacramento Chamber of Commerce leadership project with local superintendents.	3,000 students from northern California school districts. Distributed Fund Your Future, Cal Grant and CA Dream Act materials.
AT & T Pioneers Employee Volunteer Program	Keynote presentation to employee volunteer award banquet to discuss Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarship and College Access Tax Credit.	350 volunteers reached and numerous follow-up presentations and volunteers offering to participate in FAFSA completion trainings to support local students.
KtoCollege	Inclusion in the KtoCollege advisory board.	Increased exposure to unified school districts to support the needs of homeless youth to improve awareness of the Chafee and Cal Grant programs.
Young Invincible	Social media campaigns for Cash for College and Fund Your Future.	Exponentially increased social media traffic during Cash for College, Cal Grant Day at KCRA.
California Certified Public Accountants Institute	Inclusion in two panels for the Silicon Valley Regional California Financial Literacy Summit including Commission Chair Geiogoue.	Anticipated participation of 300 small business members, educators, CPAs, elected officials to discuss student loan issues and the College Access Tax Credit.
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Foundation	Participation in U.S. Department of Education sponsored “Helping Los Angeles Students Afford College” including Commissioner Siqueiros.	200 community members and local leaders gathered for a series of workshops and panel discussions.
Marmaduke Award for Excellence in high school counseling	Statewide award for one high school counselor, acknowledging effort in facilitating college matriculation for low-income and first-generation students.	Sharing information with unified school districts, principals, superintendents, counselors about the annual award.
University of Southern California and Univision	Commissioner Siqueiros, LA Chamber participation in Feria.	1,500 students and community members visited the Feria to receive information about the California Dream Act and Cal Grants.
California Department of Education	College and Career Transition Division, College Preparation and Postsecondary Programs Office.	Participation in statewide FAFSA Completion initiative.

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ScholarShare, Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education, Office of the Attorney General, Covered California	Various projects.	State Agency and State Department intercommunications to multiply impact.
Board of Equalization	Conference participation with Commissioner Arzate focused on Chafee Grants and additional conference focused on College Access Tax Credit.	Representatives from 1,500 agencies nonprofit agencies concerned with foster youth receive information on Chafee and Cal Grants.
California Native American Day	Participation in State Capitol event focused on Native Americans.	Opened discussions to support California Tribal College's qualification for Cal Grants.
Internal Revenue Service/American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and United Way of the Bay Area	Improved integration of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program with Cash for College program.	Successfully completed 5 location pilot of cross-trained VITA and FAFSA volunteers to document impact of cross-trained volunteers on FAFSA completion rates.
State Department of Information Technology	Developed mobile app for Geo-location of Cash for College Workshops.	Thousands of students, parents, and community members utilized the app.
California Community College Chancellor's Office	Partnered to develop layout and design for 2015 Fund Your Future digital magazine.	Cost savings and relationship building to update financial aid publication.

COMMISSION ACTIONS UPDATE

Below is an update of the actions taken by the Commission at its April 16-17, 2015 and May 28, 2015 meetings.

	ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION	STATUS UPDATE
1	<p>Commission Meeting Minutes</p> <p>On April 16th, the Commission approved the minutes of February 19-20, 2015, as presented.</p> <p><i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Scott and Geiogue Absent: Commissioners Doud, Sawyer and Solorio</i></p>	<p>The Commission Secretary has signed the minutes.</p>

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2	<p>Termination of Eligibility for Cal Grant Program Participation – Heald College</p> <p>On April 16th, the Commission approved the following staff recommendation:</p> <p>Upon verification of the student’s eligibility for payment, the Commission will review each student ledger and determine the amount owed to Heald and the amount that would be disbursed to the student based upon the application of the student’s Cal Grant award. Any Cal Grant funds owed to the student will be applied to the student’s outstanding student loans or directly to the student, where applicable. Any funds which are owed to Heald College will be held until the liability for the current program compliance reviews has been determined. Any financial liability from the program compliance reviews will be deducted from the funds being held and the remainder, if any, will be remitted to Heald.</p> <p><i>In Favor:</i> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Scott and Geioque Absent: Commissioners Doud, Sawyer and Solorio</p>	<p>The Commission terminated Heald College’s Cal Grant eligibility on April 12, 2015. The Program Compliance Office completed its reviews of Heald’s records to determine the amounts owed to the Cal Grant recipients. State Controller Office’s (SCO) audit staff also sampled 100 student files to ensure the accuracy of the requests.</p> <p>SCO authorized the release of the funds on June 11, 2015. Commission staff anticipates that disbursements to students will occur during the week of June 14th.</p>
3	<p>Standing Committee Charters</p> <p>At its April 16th meeting, the Commission adopted the proposed charters of the following Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Policy & Planning Committee Charter <p><i>In Favor:</i> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Scott and Geioque Absent: Commissioners Doud, Sawyer and Solorio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Impact Committee <p><i>In Favor:</i> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Scott and Geioque Absent: Commissioners Doud, Sawyer and Solorio</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>
4	<p>Competitive Cal Grant Program</p> <p>On April 16th, the Commission approved the following:</p> <p>Starting with the 2015-16 academic year,</p>	<p>An update on the Competitive Cal Grant Program is provided in Exhibit 18.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allow only student-initiated deferrals of Competitive Cal Grant awards; 2. Implement an appeal process to allow students to revive their withdrawn awards in the current year, if possible, or the next academic year, upon sufficient showing that, among other reasons, their inability to use their awards in the award year was due to circumstances beyond their control; and 3. Implement an administrative process that would count deferred awards in the year in which the awards are paid, rather than the year originally awarded. <p><i>In Favor:</i> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Scott and Geioque Absent: Commissioners Doud, Sawyer and Solorio</p>	
5	<p>State and Federal Legislation affecting Commission Programs</p> <p>At its April meeting, the Commission approved the slate of legislative bill positions as discussed and agreed upon by the LAB Committee at its April 9, 2015 meeting, and presented in the document entitled, "Updated Exhibit 20.1," with the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bifurcate the position on Senate Bill (SB) 15 (Block): Postsecondary Education: Aid: Incentive Grants as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. SUPPORT IN CONCEPT the portion of the bill that 1) increases the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually from 22,500 to 30,000; and 2) increases the maximum tuition award amount for Cal Grant A and B for students at private nonprofit post-secondary educational institutions to \$9,084 for the 2015-16 award year; and B. WATCH the remainder of the bill. 2) Amend the position on AB 1361 (Burke): Student Financial Aid Cal Grant Program: Veterans from SUPPORT/SPONSOR to SUPPORT. <p><i>In Favor:</i> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Scott</p>	<p>A letter representing the Commission's budget priorities was sent to the conferees of the Joint Legislative Budget Conference Committee on June 1, 2015. Commission staff attended all public Conference Committee meetings and Followed up directly with Conference staff on Commission budget items. A legislative update is also provided in Exhibit 11.</p>

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	<p>and Geiogoe Absent: Commissioners Doud, Sawyer and Solorio</p> <p>The Commission met again on May 28, 2015 and adopted the position to SUPPORT IN PART Assembly Bill (AB) 573 (Medina) - Higher education: campus closures: Corinthian Colleges, with the CAVEAT to SUPPORT the items related to the financial aid provisions only.</p> <p>In Favor: Commissioners Anton, Beltran, Conley, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoe Absent: Commissioner Ajose</p>	
6	<p>Report from Closed Session</p> <p>The Commission met in Closed Session on May 28, 2015, after which Executive Director Michel publicly announced her retirement, effective August 1, 2015. Upon reconvening of the Open Session, Chair Geiogoe reported that the Commission acted in Closed Session to appoint Chief Deputy Director Keith Yamanaka as Acting Executive Director, effective August 2, 2015, until a new Director is appointed.</p>	<p>Executive Director Michel and Chief Deputy Director Yamanaka continue to work toward a successful transition of leadership.</p>

I look forward to seeing you at the University of California, Berkeley on June 25-26, 2015.

Sincerely,

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