



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2015-16 High School Counselor Newsletter – Winter Edition**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the availability of a new quarterly newsletter on the Commission's website that aims to provide relevant and helpful information to high school counselors throughout the academic year.

- To access the newsletter, please hover over the High Schools tab on the Commission's website, www.csac.ca.gov. You will then click on the [2015-16 High School Counselor Newsletter](#).
- The latest Winter 2016 edition introduces the Commission's new Executive Director Lupita Cortez Alcalá and includes information on how to upload GPA submissions and the 2017-18 Earlier FAFSA changes regarding prior-prior year.
- The Fall 2015 edition covers relevant and up-to-date information such as Education Code 69432.9 (Assembly Bill 2160) which requires all public high schools to electronically submit grade point averages (GPA) information for all graduating grade 12 students to the Commission as well as Cash For College Workshops, Steps to College 2016 event, Operations Memos and Special Alerts, and more.
- This newsletter is a new addition to our current resources for high school counselors and we look forward to providing you with useful information and other valuable tools. We want to hear from you! Please provide feedback on the newsletter to Minna Tran at minna.tran@csac.ca.gov. Please feel free to suggest any topics that you would like covered in upcoming editions.
- In addition to the newsletter, the Commission is working on making information more accessible and better directed for high school counselors.

Commission staff hopes that this newsletter and future publications will be a good resource for high school counselors in assisting their students apply for financial aid. Please direct any questions regarding this Special Alert to minna.tran@csac.ca.gov.

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