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## **Update from the California Student Aid Commission**

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TO: County and District Superintendents

**High School Counselors** 

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SUBJECT: 2022-23 Race to Submit Winners

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022-23 Race to Submit statewide campaign, designed to increase the number of public high school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA). The Commission hereby recognizes the high schools with the highest completion rates in the state of California.

- The campaign took place between October 1, 2021, and the April 1, 2022, extended Cal Grant deadline and encouraged a friendly competition between California public high schools to increase 2022-23 FAFSA/CADAA submissions.
- The 2022-23 <u>Race to Submit Dashboard</u> tracked submissions of Grade Point Averages (GPAs) and completion rates of FAFSAs/CADAAs for scoring purposes. This scoring recognizes the importance of satisfying both components for students to receive Cal Grant High School Entitlement award consideration.
- Winners represent the top three high schools across eight tiers based on student population. For purposes of the Race to Submit competition, the Commission used the certified census enrollment data as reported by the California Department of Education, which may differ from current enrollment counts.
- The Commission will recognize and celebrate the 2022-23 winners at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual California College Affordability Summit held online on April 20-21 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Registration for the Summit is free and all schools are encouraged to participate.

The Commission thanks all public high schools that participated in this year's Race to Submit, and honors high school counselors, teachers, and administrators for positively impacting California students. We encourage all superintendents, presidents, and school counselors to prepare for the upcoming 2023-24 Race to Submit to ensure the continued success of your students.

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Enclosure: 2022-23 Race to Submit Leaderboard Winners

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