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Student Aid Welcomes New Member of Executive Leadership Team

“Commission’s new Chief Deputy Executive Director showcases commitment to college affordability”

SACRAMENTO, Calif., September 23, 2020 – The California Student Aid Commission is pleased to announce that it has selected its new Chief Deputy Executive Director. The Commission has appointed Catalina Mistler to serve in this crucial role.

Catalina has been an invaluable member of the CSAC team for 37 years and 13 years as a member of the Executive Management team overseeing the Program Administration and Services Division (PASD). She has been instrumental in developing new programs, most notably the Chafee Grant for Foster Youth program and the California Dream Act Application for undocumented students.

As Program Administration and Services Division (PASD) Chief, she has managed the day-to-day operations that ensure all eligible students receive their financial aid awards in a timely fashion and has maintained relationships with K-12 and higher education institutions. Beyond her deep financial aid and operations expertise, she is a compassionate leader who has a strong pulse on the needs of employees.

“Catalina Mistler's years of experience and deep expertise at the Commission is unmatched. She is the perfect leader to step in without missing a beat during the COVID-19 crisis. She will ensure that financial aid is available to college students whose lives have been turned upside down and are struggling to pay for college”, said Marlene Garcia, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission.

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