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California State University Campus to Host College Readiness Event

CSU Sacramento holding Feria de Educación for students and families

Sacramento, CA (2018) – The Sixth Annual Feria de Educación, a community education fair, will be held 10am-3pm at California State University Sacramento on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) joins other community sponsors to bring this college readiness event to Northern California.

The event includes free workshops conducted in Spanish and English about college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, career options, and more. Families of first-time college students are especially encouraged to attend to learn about all the options for higher education that are available to them. This event is open to everyone and will highlight community resources that support college readiness.

“The Feria de Educación is a wonderful resource for the greater Sacramento region,” said Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission. “To be able to partner with Sac State, Univision, and many other organizations in Sacramento, along with all of the area schools who come to provide information and volunteer is just one example of how we all work together to make higher education affordable and available to all students in California.”

As part of the Feria, the Commission coordinates a Cash For College workshop to provide students and their families with information about applying for financial aid. Volunteers will be available to assist families with completing the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Although federal aid through the FAFSA is not available to undocumented students, state aid may be available and students will be encouraged to complete the CADAA.

The Commission provides approximately \$2.2 billion annually to eligible California students to further their education. The gateway for many students to higher education is completing the financial aid applications and learning how affordable college can be for them.

Each year, tens of thousands of students and families across California participate in the Feria de Educación events that are held to prepare for college success. Check out the program guide here: https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2018_final_feria_program.pdf and for more information about this free, community event, click here: <https://www.csus.edu/president/feria.html>.

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The California Student Aid Commission is the state's policy leader in the administration of financial aid for higher education, making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. California Student Aid Commission serves the needs of not only today's college students but tomorrow's students, guiding them through the application process. Information and tools are available online for the parents of tomorrow's college and career technical students, a fully staffed call center answers questions and the California Student Aid Commission provides workshops and funds grants to organizations that provide access opportunities for students who are first in their family to attend institutions of higher education. For more information on how the California Student Aid Commission serves to educate, inform, and support students, their educational institutions, and the professionals who assist them please visit our website at <https://www.csac.ca.gov> or follow us on [Twitter](#) @castudentaid and [Facebook](#) <https://www.facebook.com/CSAC.StudentAidCommission/>.