



SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Outreach Workgroup**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) invites you to participate in the Commission's newly established workgroup intended to improve financial aid outreach to Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students, families and organizations serving these students.

A recent report by The Campaign for College Opportunity entitled [State of Higher Education in California: Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Report](#) identified recommendations for improving access to postsecondary education for AANHPI students, including the need for financial aid. The Commission is interested in working collaboratively with stakeholders on ways to meet the needs of these students, including how to increase access to information about financial aid opportunities and how students and families can obtain assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application. This workgroup aligns with the Commission's efforts to increase awareness of the California Dream Act Application for all students and families who meet the requirements.

If you are interested in joining the Commission's AANHPI Workgroup, please contact Minna Tran at minna.tran@csac.ca.gov. Please include any comments or questions you may have about outreach to this mailbox. Once workgroup participants have been identified, a meeting date will be established and a notice will be sent to the interested parties.

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