TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: 2018 Steps to College Event in Northern California

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the annual Steps to College Event hosted by the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento on Saturday, February 3rd from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 2093 Arena Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834.

Steps to College is a Northern California university fair featuring around 35 colleges and universities, college advising, and financial aid workshops, all of which are available in a bilingual setting.

We would like to encourage all students and families in Northern California to attend this event. It is a great opportunity for students to:

- Receive assistance filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act application (CADAA)
- Meet and consult with a financial aid advisor
- Explore booths with information from universities in California and Mexico
- Attend workshops to learn the next steps to secure financial aid funds after submitting a financial aid application

Early January the Commission sent over 29,000 email invitations to students who live within the 24 Northern California counties the Mexican Consulate serves. We encourage schools to motivate these students to attend the event so they can find out more about higher education. Students can register for the event at www.stepstocollegesac.org, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, please follow the registration link. If students are unable to attend this event they can find other financial aid workshops at https://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov/

Schools should inform their students who are interested in the FAFSA and CADAA workshops to bring all pertinent 2016 financial information. More information on what students should bring to the workshops can be found here: https://www.cash4college.csac.ca.gov/General/whatToBring?lang=English

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