



SPECIAL ALERT

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TO: County and District Superintendents
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: 2020-21 Race to Submit Winners

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020-21 Race to Submit statewide campaign, aimed to increase the number of 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, 2019, and the March 2, 2020 Cal Grant deadline; encouraging a friendly competition between California public high schools to increase 2020-21 FAFSA/CADAA submissions.
- The 2020-21 [Race to Submit Dashboard](#) tracked submissions of Grade Point Averages (GPAs) and completion rates of FAFSAs/CADAA 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 winners will be invited to a virtual award ceremony to recognize their high school's accomplishment. Further details on the award ceremony will be communicated shortly.

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 the lives of California students. The Commission looks forward to celebrating the 2020-21 winners and encourages all superintendents, presidents, and school counselors to prepare for the upcoming 2021-22 Race to Submit for the continued success of your students.

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Enclosure: 2020-21 Race to Submit Leaderboard Winners

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