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## Inaugural Higher Education Event in Sacramento Rescheduled

Commission co-sponsors a Black College Expo™ at Sac State January 26, 2019

Sacramento, CA (2018) – The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) and the National College Resources Foundation (NCRF) in partnership with California State University, Sacramento (Sac State) have secured a new date for the first Black College Expo<sup>™</sup> to be held in Sacramento, on January 26, 2019.

Due the fire in Butte County, Sac State made the decision to cancel the Black College Expo, originally scheduled on November 17, 2018. The university had closed its campus and cancelled classes and all outdoor activities during the week leading up to the event.

"After working closely with our partners, we are excited to announce the new date for the Expo," said Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission. "More than 1,500 students had signed up to attend this first-ever event in our region and we wanted to be sure that Sacramento area students would have the opportunity to benefit from this great resource."

This free event will be held at Sac State from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will allow students to meet with representatives from several universities and colleges and learn about scholarship and financial aid. The Commission and Sacramento Cal-SOAP will be providing a Cash for College workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. that assists students with completing and filing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to obtain access to state, federal and institutional financial aid.

In addition, students will have access to more than 40 universities offering free applications, accepting enrollment, and offering scholarships. The event includes seminars on preparing for college, SAT and ACT preparation, as well as a Commission presentation about the Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement program.

Also, Sac State will be offering a campus tour in the afternoon and students should arrive before 1:00pm to join the tour. Students should bring with them high school transcripts along with ACT or SAT scores and remember to submit an essay for a NCRF "Win DOLLARS for college" scholarship.

The Black College Expo<sup>™</sup> celebrates a college-going culture by encouraging and promoting the importance of higher education for all students.

You can find more information here: <u>https://www.csac.ca.gov/event/black-college-expo-sacramento</u>

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