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Statewide 2018 Race to Submit Winners Celebration

California Student Aid Commission recognizes schools with highest rate of student financial aid submissions

Sacramento, CA (2018) – Winners of a statewide campaign aimed at increasing the number of high school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will be recognized at an event to be held October 4, 2018, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Governor’s Council Room at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

School leadership from high schools throughout the state that participated in the campaign have been invited to attend the ceremony and each winning school will receive a banner to commemorate their accomplishments.

“We’re so excited to honor our schools – principals, teachers, counselors, and most importantly, *students* – who have worked hard to make the California dream of an affordable college experience a reality for everyone,” said Lande Ajose, Chair of the California Student Aid Commission.

“Teachers, counselors, and administrators are the unsung heroes in the effort to encourage students to pursue dreams of higher education,” said Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission. “Through the Race to Submit campaigns, the Commission is able to honor some of the people who provide students information about and access to financial aid programs that help bring those student dreams of college within reach.”

As the state’s higher education financial aid policy leader and administrator of the \$2.2 billion Cal Grant program, the Commission supports several outreach programs in addition to the Race to Submit, that provide information about financial aid and promotes higher education access to students, such as Cash for College events, the Steps to College event, and the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP).

The 2018 Race to Submit campaign took place from October 1, 2017 to March 2, 2018, during which time students could complete applications for the Cal Grant program. The campaign fostered a friendly competition among California public high schools and more than 2,000 participated.

Following are the California high schools with the highest FAFSA/CADAA completion rates based on seven categories of student population during the 2018 campaign:

LEVEL 1 - Student enrollment count less than or equal to 50

1. Creekside High, Sonoma
2. Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez Public Charter, Fresno
3. Crescent View South Charter, Fresno

4. Diego Hills Charter, San Diego
5. Calaveras River Academy, San Andreas

LEVEL 2 - Student enrollment count greater than or equal to 51 and less than or equal to 100

1. Oakland Charter High, Oakland
2. Contreras Learning Center-Academic Leadership Community, Los Angeles
3. Preuss School UCSD, San Diego
4. UCLA Community K-12, Los Angeles
5. Health Careers Academy, Stockton

LEVEL 3 - Student enrollment count greater than or equal to 101 and less than or equal to 200

1. California Academy of Mathematics and Science, Carson
2. Alliance Dr. Olga Mohan High, Los Angeles
3. Ednovate - USC Hybrid High, Los Angeles
4. Alliance Margaret M. Bloomfield Technology Academy High, Huntington Park
5. Alliance Susan and Eric Smidt Technology High, Los Angeles

LEVEL 4 - Student enrollment count greater than or equal to 201 and less than or equal to 325

1. Downtown Business High, Los Angeles
2. Benjamin Franklin Senior High, Los Angeles
3. San Diego International Studies, San Diego
4. Edward R. Roybal Learning Center, Los Angeles
5. Northridge Academy High, Northridge

LEVEL 5 - Student enrollment count greater than or equal to 326 and less than or equal to 500

1. Santa Clara High, Santa Clara
2. Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts, Los Angeles
3. Jurupa Valley High, Mira Loma
4. Fresno High, Fresno
5. Santa Paula High, Santa Paula

LEVEL 6 - Student enrollment count greater than or equal to 501 and less than or equal to 700

1. Citrus Hill High, Perris
2. Hector G. Godinez, Santa Ana
3. Sunnyside High, Fresno
4. La Quinta High, Westminster
5. Edison High, Fresno

LEVEL 7 - Student enrollment count greater than or equal to 701

1. Rancho Verde High, Moreno Valley
2. San Marcos High, San Marcos
3. Granada Hills Charter High, Granada Hills
4. Santiago High, Corona
5. Downey High, Downey

The 2019 Race to Submit Campaign launches on October 1, 2018 and will conclude March 2, 2019. You may follow the year-long tally of application counts on the Commission's website:

<https://webutil.csac.ca.gov/Dashboard/default.aspx>

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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/>.

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