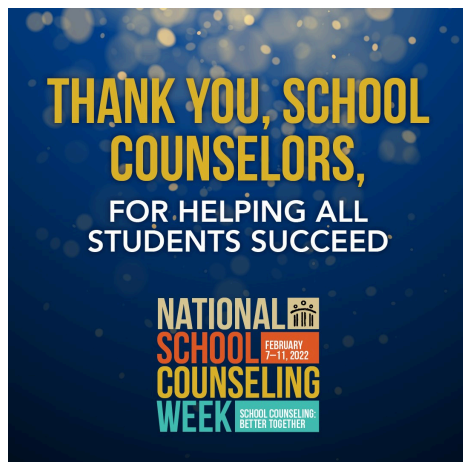


PROGRAM UPDATES



The Cal-SOAP team would like to recognize all of the amazing counselors from our partner districts for National School Counseling Week! Thank you for all you do to impact the lives of students daily. We thank you for your support and are excited to celebrate you!

Summer Algebra Institute – Looking for Host Sites!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO EXPRESS INTEREST!

The CSU Summer Algebra Institute (SAI) is a four-to five-week in-person and virtual math enrichment program for rising 8th – 12th grade students that is spearheaded by the CSU Chancellor's Office. Participants will learn skills and techniques to improve their knowledge of mathematics and quantitative reasoning and prepare them for post-secondary education. Cal-SOAP is looking for partner districts that would be interested in serving as host sites for the program. Interested districts and sites can submit this form: <https://bit.ly/CSUSBSAI2022>

College Signing Day!

We're Celebrating College Signing Day! We welcome your school and community to celebrate your students at the 66er's Stadium on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022! We will recognize Seniors who have committed to a Post-Secondary Decision, such as College, University, Military Service, Trade School and more! There will also be a College Fair for students to attend throughout the event.

All grade levels are welcome to participate and celebrate our Seniors and explore college and career opportunities for their future.

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/CalSoapSigningDay> by February 28th, 2022



🎓 Cal-SOAP is RECRUITING! 🎓

The Cal-SOAP team is in search of college students looking to support high school students with their college and career goals. Student Success Coaches are responsible for conducting college and career readiness workshops, assisting students with developing college and career plans, and supporting completion of financial aid and college applications. **Specialized positions to support foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness available as well!*

- Interested applicants may apply here: <https://bit.ly/SSC-APP>

🏆 College Cash Cup Update 🏆

RIALTO UNIFIED maintains their lead in February with a 35% submission rate for financial aid applications! Apple Valley Unified breaks the tie for second place with 34% submitted, with Victor Valley Union taking third place at 33% 🔥 The challenge closes on March 2nd, 2022! Just under three weeks until we have our final winner for the first ever College Cash Cup! 🏆

🏁 Race to Submit Dashboard:


You can track your district's progress using the Race to Submit dashboard! This dashboard tracks submission and completion of FAFSA and CADAA applications at each school site. Cal-SOAP will be providing updates on the competition through the Cal-SOAP digest. See the link below to access the dashboard and keep an eye on the competition:

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

Race to Submit 10-29-21	Submitted	Complete
Apple Valley Unified	34	32
Barstow Unified	27	23
Hesperia Unified	28	26

Morongo Unified	15	15
Oro Grande Unified	8	7
Rialto Unified	35	31
Snowline Unified	26	23
Upland Unified	17	15
Victor Unified	33	31
Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified	28	26
SB County	34	31
State	32	29

Cash for College:

With JUST a couple of weeks left, let Cal-SOAP help you boost those financial aid completion rates! Request a Cash for College Workshop with the Cal-SOAP staff. . Booking with us ensures that Cal-SOAP takes care of the logistics for the CSAC workshop management system, sign-in sheets, surveys and more:  <https://calendly.com/calsoapsbcc/cash4college>

**Please note that workshops submitted directly to the CSAC Workshop Management System are NOT received by our staff. To ensure our staff are present at your event, please submit requests through our booking link.*

Virtual Cash for College Workshops in February!

Need to refer students for some quick support? We have two virtual Cash for College events left this year. See [here](#) for details! Students can register to attend at <https://bit.ly/cashforcollege2021-22>

- Wednesday, February 16th, 2022, at 6:00 PM
- Saturday, February 26th, 2022, at 9:00 AM

STUDENT/FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES:

[The 10th Annual Pre-Medical & Pre-Health Conference](#)

Sat, February 19, 2022: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM PST

This conference is for all students, advisors, and parents interested in learning about the healthcare professions and for those who care about making a difference in their communities! The Pre-Medical & Pre-Health Conference, organized by the Medical and Pre-Health Student Society (MAPSS), targets students from all colleges and universities interested in pursuing a career in health care.

Quest Bridge College Prep Scholars

The deadline is Thursday, March 24.

Applying to college can seem daunting, and the prospect of paying for it can seem even more overwhelming. *But it doesn't have to be.* The College Prep Scholars Program equips high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to apply to top colleges.

Wells Fargo Scholarship Program for People with Disabilities

Deadline to apply: February 18, 2022 3:00 pm CT or when 700 applications have been received

Wells Fargo has developed this scholarship program to help people with disabilities obtain their education or training necessary to succeed in the career path of their choice.

- Have an identified disability (defined as someone who has, or considers themselves to have, a long-term or recurring issue that impacts one or more major life activity)
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- Be a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll or who is already enrolled in full-time or half-time (at least 6 credits per term) undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States for the entire 2022-2023 academic year

Maude and Alexander Hadden Scholarship

Deadline: February 28, 2022

The Maude and Alexander Hadden Scholarship is open to high school seniors seeking higher education at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States. The scholarship committee will consider character, financial need, scholastic achievement (at least a 3.5 GPA), objectives, volunteerism, potential for leadership and good citizenship. Awards of up to \$4,000 will be provided.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Explore Solar System and Beyond: Comets

Event Date: Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. EST

Comets are ancient members of the solar system that have fascinated people for thousands of years. Learn about the high-tech NASA missions giving us new information about comets. Explore NASA STEM activities to engage students, plus gain access to instructional slideshows, videos, and links to even more standards-aligned resources ready to use in the classroom or at home.

Aeronaut-X: X-Plane Glider Design Challenge

Event Date: Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. EST

Get an overview of the X-glider Design Challenge, where students apply the engineering design process to create X-plane gliders. Participants will review the history of X-planes and NASA aeronautical research, and learn about the future of NASA aeronautics innovation. For decades

NASA has been studying aircraft noise to reduce noise emissions. Learn about NASA's newest X-plane, the X-59 Quiet SuperSonic Technology (QueSST) and NASA's research on quiet supersonic flight.

[Explore Earth – Real NASA Data for Real Learning with MyNASADData](#)

Event Date: Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. EST

Join us for an overview of resources from the My NASA Data website. These resources use authentic data to explore topics ranging from climate system interactions to ocean ecology to forest fires. Use of the Live Access Server for data analysis will also be discussed. This webinar addresses the Next Generation Science Standards ESS2 and ESS3.

[Methods of Motivation: Ideas to Consider when Helping to Motivate Children](#)

Feb 16, 2022 12:00 PM in Pacific Time (US and Canada)

This webinar provides insight into how parents and teachers can help motivate children to start a task, complete a task, and persist with a task when encountering obstacles. Special focus will be given to understanding why children might vary in their levels of motivation.

[NASA STEM – Explore Earth Systems: The Importance of Water](#)

Event Date: Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. EST

Explore NASA Earth science resources for solving problems and creating project-based learning opportunities for students. Participants will review lessons for field trip observations of water sources with NASA's "Water Walk Field Trip" and "River Walk Field Trip" educator guides. Lessons will include calculating stream flow, reviewing satellite studies of watersheds and modeling a catchment basin. We will focus on experiential learning strategies.

[To the Moon!](#)

Event Date: Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. EST

Human beings are returning to the Moon for the first time since 1972! This time we are going differently. We will learn how and why our mission has changed markedly. The Artemis missions will take astronauts further, farther, and faster than ever before. Join our specialist as we celebrate the dawn of the next age of space travel.

[Science Update – A Deep Dive Into the X-57 Maxwell](#)

Event Date: Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. EST

Join NASA EPDC at Texas State University and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) for a free 60-minute webinar highlighting NASA's all electric airplane the X-57 Maxwell. Subject matter expert Claudia Sales, who works at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in California, will share her knowledge on the X-57 program. Participants will learn about the aircraft and the systems needed for electric propulsion, NASA's design and testing processes, and the science behind the X-57.

[NCAN WEBINAR - LEVERAGING PEER LEADERSHIP TO ENGAGE AND RECONNECT STUDENTS](#)

March, 2nd 2022: 2:00 p.m. EST

Leveraging Peer Leadership to engage and reconnect students: In the midst of a seemingly endless pandemic, the need for "connection," "belonging," and "purpose" is crucial to student success. Join Peer Forward to discuss how their organization is working with students across the country and internationally to equip them to address these issues.

All Hands on Deck: It Takes All Stakeholders' Contributions for Successful SEL Implementation

Mar 8, 2022 03:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

In creating and sustaining a caring learning environment, the integration of research-based strategies, practices, and procedures should be evident within the entire school community. This webinar focuses on data that provides insights into how different stakeholders (students, educators, families) perceive SEL. Further, the webinar connects this information to valuable strategies for sharing SEL lessons and activities with these groups. Join ACT's Alex Casillas, Principal Research Psychologist, and Nola Daley, Research Scientist, for this live Zoom engagement opportunity.

FUNDING/OTHER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES:

STEMapalooza

Opens February 22, 2022 @ 8 a.m.

STEMapalooza is a virtual STEM experience for ALL of San Bernardino and Riverside County 4th - 8th grade students, hosted by San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Alliance for Education and contributing partners. The purpose of STEMapalooza is to provide students with exciting STEM learning experiences that expose students to STEM careers, the essential skills those careers require, and the pathways that lead to them. This free virtual experience will feature engaging keynote speakers, STEM activities, career exploration, industry tours, and informative videos from local industry professionals, STEM-related high school pathways, and STEM-related postsecondary programs.

STEMapalooza will have new content available each day from February 22nd - 25th, however, you will have access to the platform until mid-March. This means you and your students can still access all the on-demand content until mid-March.

ARTICLES AND RESEARCH OF INTEREST:

New Updates to College Scorecard Make Tool More Useful for Students and Families With Data About College Costs, Graduation Rates, and Post-College Earnings

The U.S. Department of Education released updates to the College Scorecard that make the tool more useful for students and families weighing college options. The tool also includes new and updated information that may be beneficial to school counselors, college access providers, researchers, and other critical stakeholders.

[Are California schools failing students of color?](#)

Emily Hoeven - Cal-Matters

California education leaders are confronting an urgent challenge: helping schools — and students — bounce back from a pandemic that continues to exact a disproportionate toll on communities of color and widen longstanding learning and achievement gaps.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022: College Signing Day

Inland Empire 66ers Stadium - <https://bit.ly/CalSoapSigningDay>

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Virtual Cash for College

<https://csusb.zoom.us/j/82672375230>

Tuesday, March 15th, 2022: Cal-SOAP Governing Board Meeting

Do you have an event, activity or opportunity that you would like featured in the digest? Please



submit opportunities [here](#).