PROGRAM UPDATES

🎉**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



We're Hiring: Cal-SOAP Needs Student Success Coaches!
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 37% submission rate for financial aid applications! Apple Valley Unified breaks the tie for second place with 36% submitted, with*

Victor Valley Union taking third place at 35%🔥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	36	33
Barstow Unified	28	25
Hesperia Unified	31	28
Morongo Unified	16	16
Oro Grande Unified	9	8
Rialto Unified	37	34
Snowline Unified	27	24
Upland Unified	18	16
Victor Unified	35	32
Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified	29	27
SB County	**36**	**33**
State	**33**	**30**

🤑 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**

- Saturday, February 26th, 2022, at 9:00 AM

STUDENT/FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES:

UC for Everyone

Wednesday, March 9th 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

UC will offer a free event for students and families who are interested in learning more about UC admission and campuses. The program theme is Destination UC: Fuel Your Future, and welcomes students in grades 9–11, or in their first year at community college. Students who have already applied should plan to attend campus events in April and May.

This event will help students discover what kinds of learning and engagement opportunities are available in and out of class. They will learn more about what current students are researching and why. Alumni will discuss their perspectives on why UC is a valuable investment. They will get tips on preparing for both freshman and transfer admission. Finally, they will hear from current students and parents about their experiences with UC. Campus admission staff will present, and each undergraduate campus will have admission representatives available to answer questions.

Scholarship America

Scholarship America works directly with students, parents, colleges, businesses and communities to help students fulfill their college dreams. Since it was founded in 1958, Scholarship America has distributed $4.5 billion to more than 2.8 million students … and counting.

UAspire Virtual Financial Aid Help Events

uAspire hosts free virtual events to walk students and families through the financial aid process and applications, provide resources and guidance, and answer questions. Each Session is on hour.

T-Mobile Changemaker Challenge

Deadline: March 31st 2022

Now through March 31, 2022 (9 PM PST), young people ages 13-18 located in the U.S. and Puerto Rico with bold ideas for driving digital empowerment, putting equity into action, and supporting a thriving planet, can enter the Changemaker Challenge. Fifteen winning teams will be selected to win up to $15,000 in seed funding, an all-expenses-paid trip to T-Mobile headquarters to participate in the three-day Changemaker Lab later this year (subject to change based on CDC COVID-19 safety recommendations). Additionally, each participant will receive ongoing mentorship and skills development.

FAFSA Walkthrough: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is required by all colleges nationwide to receive federal financial aid—federal grants, work-study, and loans.
Feb 17: 2 PM Mar 3: 3 PM, Mar 15: 2 PM, Apr 5: 2 PMApr 21: 2 PM

Next Steps Post-FAFSA: Know the steps to take after the FAFSA like reviewing your Student Aid Report and verification.

Feb 15: 2 PM PT, Feb 24: 3 PM, Mar 9: 3 PM, Mar 29: 3 PM; Apr 12: 3 PM, Apr 26: 3 PM

Financial Aid Offer Review: Make sense of financial aid offers from colleges and learn how to use uAspire's College Cost Calculator to compare the total costs of attending different colleges.

Feb 22: 2 PM, Mar 22: 5 PM, Apr 14: 3 PM, May 11: 3 PM, Jun 8: 2 PM PT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

EdSource Roundtable | Transferring into CSU and UC: Roadblocks and Solutions
Feb 23, 2022 12:00 PM

Too few community college students transfer to the state's public universities. Even fewer transfer within the expected two years. Although there has been progress to make the transfer process seamless, problems remain.

Join EdSource's Ashley A. Smith, Michael Burke and Anne Vasquez for a live, online discussion that will address the challenges and barriers facing community college students today as they attempt to transfer into the University of California and California State University systems.

What challenges do today's students still face and what more needs to be done? How can the three higher education systems better help these students today and in the future?

A Digital-First Approach to DEI: Scaling Impact Through Curated Communities
FEB 23, 2022, 3:00PM - 4:00PM ET

One of the most important questions any career services professional can ask themselves is “are we providing equitable access to our resources for every single student?” At the University of Washington, with a highly diverse community of nearly 50,000 students, the career services team has had to think critically about what it means to provide equitable access and how they can better leverage technology to improve access for historically underrepresented populations.

Join us to hear directly from Briana Randall, Executive Director of the Career & Internship Center at the University of Washington, where she will discuss UW’s digital-first approach to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) efforts. Briana will highlight how her team has

evolved its workflows to provide curated resources for students from unique backgrounds and identities, which have been instrumental in helping them scale support services for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, undocumented, and students with disabilities, just to name a few. By creating a digital space for these resources, one that is openly accessible and highly visible, they have been able to increase their utilization and ultimately their impact.

UC Webinar Series
UC is delighted to partner with the California State University (CSU) system to bring you a series of three webinars to promote transfer student access and success. Each webinar will focus on a different component of transfer preparation and opportunities and will have presenters and chatters from both UC and the CSU.

2/23/22 Community College 12 noon
Unidos en Comunidad: Serving Latinx students in the UC system

3/09/22 Community College 12 noon
UC-CSU Transfer Success Series: Understanding transfer— Advising students on paths to UC and CSU

3/17/22 High School 9 a.m. Next steps for admitted freshmen

Conceptualizing Racial Inequity
Thursday, February 24, 2022: 12:00pm (Noon) to 1:00pm
This talk will focus on conceptualization of antiracism by a survey of how the law and equity advocates frame and understand racism and equal protection. Associate Provost Yildirim will discuss the evolution of U.S. Supreme Court decisions that have defined equity and equal protection, and their impact on antiracist advocacy. She will also focus on how antiracism and equal protection advocates have reframed and argued for a more purposeful approach to combating racism and the lessons we can learn as a university community from these frameworks.

FUNDING/OTHER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES:

Nominate a Student with Perseverance
The "You've Got Perseverance!" opportunity is for students who have demonstrated perseverance in their academic pursuits. Teachers, educators, and community leaders are encouraged to nominate students who've shown that nothing will deter them from their educational journey.

NASA's Perseverance mission team is no stranger to challenges, as the team has faced and overcome many hurdles to get the rover to Mars. The team wants to encourage students to persevere, to embrace the idea of not giving up when things get tough and to overcome seemingly impossible challenges. We want to hear how your students persevered! Selected students will:

- Get a special message sent directly from the Perseverance rover on Mars!

- Chat with the rover team members from mission control at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Get a printed materials award pack loaded with mission essentials

Requirements:

- Students must be currently enrolled in grades 6th through 8th (in a public, private or homeschool)
- Nominator must be an educator, principal, school counselor or community leader (no parent or student submissions)

6-16% of CA's Homeless Youth Can Be Served With Federal Homeless Response, New Dashboard Shows

California has enough federally-assisted homelessness beds for 6-16% of youth experiencing homelessness, according to data made publicly available in the **California Homeless Youth Project**'s new You Count interactive **dashboard**.

CSUSB Celebration of Teaching 2022

Thursday, March 24th 2022: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CSUSB - Santos Manuel Student Union

The College of Education and College of Natural Sciences in partnership will be hosting the annual Celebration of Teaching event on March 24 in an effort to showcase teaching as a meaningful profession and encourage students to explore a career in the classroom at a time when instructors are in short supply.

ARTICLES AND RESEARCH OF INTEREST:

New CalYouth Study Finds Greater Investments Needed to Support College Students with Foster Care Backgrounds

A new report from Chapin Hall found that foster youth from California are enrolling in college campuses across the state and nation. A review of records of close to 8,000 youth found enrollment in 515 distinct college campuses, which includes 217 institutions in California and 298 out-of-state institutions. California public 2-year colleges were by far the most attended institutions, with 82.2% of students first enrolling in one of these schools.

Fertile Ground: Teachers' Growth Mindsets Support Successful Interventions for Students

Every seed has the potential to grow, but the ability of any given seedling to sprout depends largely on the quality of its environment. Similarly, students' academic outcomes are often impacted by their teachers' mindsets, according to **research by David S. Yeager (The University of Texas at Austin) and colleagues in *Psychological Science*.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, February 26th, 2022, at 9:00 AM - Virtual Cash for College

https://bit.ly/cashforcollege2021-22

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.

