PROGRAM UPDATES

🏆 AND THE WINNER OF OUR INAUGURAL COLLEGE CASH CUP IS... 🏆



1st Place: Rialto Unified School District (43%)
2nd Place: Apple Valley Unified School District (39%)
3rd Place: Victor Valley Union High School District (37%)
Based on Race to Submit dashboard, on March 3rd at 9:00 AM

Thank you to all our districts for supporting students in completing their financial aid applications by the CA priority deadline.

Need more time? Still want to make sure your students get their cash for college? CSAC is allowing districts to request a 30-day deadline postponement for financial aid applications. The request form is due by March 7th and can be located here.

🎉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.

NEWLY Added BONUS: Register Here: **https://bit.ly/CalSoapSigningDay** by March, 11th to secure a commemorative t-shirt for your students!



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**

STUDENT/FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES:

Jet Propulsion Laboratory Summer Internship Opportunity
Application Deadline: Mar 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
The JPL Summer Internship Program offers 10-week, full-time, summer internship opportunities at JPL to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Requirements:

- Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics disciplines from accredited U.S. universities.
- Minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA. The cumulative GPA must originate from the institution where the student has a current active status.
- Open to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPRs).
- First internship experience must be 10 weeks or more. Subsequent internship terms are flexible.
- Students must be available full time (40 hours per week) for at least 10-weeks in the summer.

Gardner Institute Undergraduate Student Internship Opportunity
The application is due March 15 at 5 pm ET.
The John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education (Gardner Institute) is looking for an Undergraduate Intern for Summer 2022!

Interns are given the opportunity to collaborate alongside Gardner Institute staff on work related to student success and increasing equity in higher education. Each intern is expected to complete a project by the end of their term.

Interns will receive a stipend of $1,500 per semester and academic credit may also be available. All internships are online at this time.

To apply for one of our internships, please complete the **Internship Form**

My Impact Challenge - The Bill of Rights Institute - National Civics Contest
Submission must be received by 11:59 pm PT on Sunday, May 1, 2022.
Now Accepting Applications! Submit your project to win cash. $40,000 in total student and teacher prizes including a $10,000 student Grand Prize will be awarded. Submission is open to US citizens and US based young people between the ages of 13 and 19 years old on January 1, 2021.

Herbert Lehman Education Fund Scholarship
Deadline: April 1, 2022
The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. scholarship is open to high school seniors, college freshman, and students transferring who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, full-time at a four-year college or university. Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, financial need, and a commitment to public service. Up to $2,000 per year over four years will be awarded.

Community Health Worker Training
Application opens on March 3, 2022 and closes on April 12, 2022
Open to San Bernardino County Seniors (Class of 2022)
Dates: June 20 - July 15, 2022: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Dorothy Inghram Learning Center, 670 E. Carnegie Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92408

Free classes & training (valued at $2,700)
$500 stipend to students upon completion
Open to seniors (Class of 2022)
Guaranteed interviews with employers
Resumé building & networking
Certificate of Completion

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

CSAC & Immigrants Rising: CA Dream Act Bootcamp
March 10 & 17th (must attend both days): 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
This event is geared towards financial aid counselors and undocumented student personnel looking to build better strategies with their financial aid department.
Participants will:

- Get equipped with specific language and messaging that increases student comfort and participation.
- Be exposed to key information and resources to include on departmental websites, student portals, outreach materials and student emails.
- Learn to implement departmental practices that can increase award and paid rates for eligible students.

Open Educational Resources for Addressing Disrupted Learning
March 8th, 2022: 3:00 p.m.
Since our organization's inception, The NROC Project has been dedicated to making vetted, high-quality open educational resources (OER) available to individuals. To celebrate Open Education Week (March 7 – 11), we invite you to explore how EdReady, an adaptive learning platform, can accelerate and personalize students' math and English mastery. We'll also show you how you can take advantage of HippoCampus, a repository of multimedia learning content, as well as NROC's math and English textbooks.

Secondary/Postsecondary Partnerships that Open Doors to College
Mar 10, 2022 03:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)
More than ever, colleges and high schools are collaborating to meet their respective missions and to ensure they are contributing to the development of a strong and diverse talent pipeline. Join our esteemed panelists for a closer look at three different models that are preparing high school students to reach for college opportunities.

Aeronaut-X – Senses of Sound
Event Date: March 7 at 6 p.m. EST
Can we hear, see, or feel sound? Join us for an overview of NASA's "Senses of Sound" activity and explore several principles of sound. Review the history of X-planes and NASA aeronautical research and learn about the future of NASA aeronautics innovation. Discover the science of

sound, sonic booms, and the future of commercial supersonic flight. Learn how NASA has been studying aircraft noise to reduce noise emissions, and learn about NASA's newest X-plane, the X-59 Quiet SuperSonic Technology (QueSST).

NASA STEM – Women's History Month: NASA's Hidden to Modern Figures
Event Date: March 8 at 5 p.m. EST
Join us to celebrate Women's History Month by exploring the history that women are making every day at NASA. In the 1960s, the U.S. was on an ambitious journey to the Moon, and Katherine Johnson and her fellow human computers helped get NASA there. Bring the excitement of their story to your classroom with the **NASA Modern Figures Toolkit**. Discover videos, historical references, and exciting NASA STEM resources to inspire the next generation of innovators

Explore Humans in Space – Biotechnical and Medical Science Spinoffs
Event Date: March 8 at 7 p.m. EST
NASA has a long history of transferring technologies from their original mission applications to secondary uses. Learn about the latest edition of the "NASA Spinoff" publication that has highlighted over 2,000 different ways that NASA spinoff technology affects our daily lives, specifically the biotechnical and medical spinoffs. We will also be celebrating space station science as part of a yearlong celebration for the International Space Station. Attendees will receive a standards-aligned slideshow presentation that includes embedded videos and links that is ready to use in the classroom, at home, or online.

Explore Moon to Mars: To the Moon!
Event Date: March 9 at 7 p.m. EST
Human beings are returning to the Moon for the first time since 1972! This time we are going differently. 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.

NASA STEAM – 'First Woman on the Moon' Graphic Novels and Technologies
Grade Levels: K-4, 5-8, 9-12, Informal
Event Date: March 10 at 5 p.m. EST
Come explore the "First Woman" graphic novel and lesson plans. The story tells the tale of Callie Rodriguez, the first woman to explore the Moon. While Callie is a fictional character, the first female astronaut and person of color will soon set foot on the Moon – a historic milestone and part of upcoming NASA missions. We will explore a series of graphic novels, digital platforms, and technologies featured in the story.

Explore Space Tech – Spinoff Technologies From NASA' s Langley Research Center
Event Date: March 10 at 7 p.m. EST
Since its founding as the nation's first civilian aeronautics research laboratory, NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia has contributed to advancing NASA's mission in aeronautics, Earth science, and space exploration. Technologies and materials developed in support of that work

have also improved our lives on Earth, often in unexpected ways. Join us as we explore how Langley technology has changed medicine, fire safety, and even protecting structures from insects. Relevant instructional resources will also be included.

Equitable Recovery In Action: Becoming Antiracist, Student Ready Institutions
Mar 16, 2022 12:00 PM
Apr 20, 2022 12:00 PM
May 18, 2022 12:00 PM
Jun 15, 2022 12:00 PM
Jul 20, 2022 12:00 PM
Aug 17, 2022 12:00 PM
In this six-part series of webinars, the California Community College Chancellor's Office will highlight ongoing efforts across the system to adopt, customize and scale equity-advancing strategies, tools and resources to facilitate systemic change and cultivate a more equitable, inclusive and transformative teaching and learning ecosystem.

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Teaming for College Success: Supporting Foster Youth with Postsecondary Matriculation
Wednesday, March 30th from 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Foster youth have long endured myriad challenges reaching their postsecondary educational goals. While nearly 88 percent of foster youth indicate a desire to attend college, more than half report not receiving enough assistance with college planning. To address this concern and the low rate of college completion, the California legislature adopted Senate Bill 12 (SB 12), which went into effect on January 1, 2018. SB 12 requires child welfare and juvenile probation agencies to indicate in the case plans of all foster youth ages 16 and older at least one designated support person who will assist them with college and financial aid applications.

FUNDING/OTHER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES:

Celebrate Pi Day with NASA
Thursday, March 10 - Tuesday, March 15
NASA is joining schools, students and science centers across the U.S. to celebrate one of the most well known and beloved numbers: pi. Used throughout the STEM world – especially for space exploration! – pi is the number that results from dividing the circumference of any circle by its diameter. Pi can be and often is rounded to 3.14 (even though its decimals never end), which is why 3/14 has been designated National Pi Day.

Early Educator Focus Group
Mar 23, 2022 06:30 PM in Pacific Time (US and Canada)
The Education Trust–West wants to hear from the current early learning and care workforce to help inform our advocacy. If you are an early learning and care provider, please register for a focus group on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm to share your current hopes, challenges, equity concerns, and ideas about how the state can support the early learning workforce to best serve California's children of color and children from low-income households. Participants will receive a $30 gift card for their participation.

LEAD: Ethnic Studies IE III
Monday, March 28, 2022: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Virtual via Zoom
Movimiento y Compromiso: "50 Years of Challenges, Accomplishments, and the Continuing Quest for Educational Equity"

About: The ongoing campaign for Ethnic Studies in California, calling on all community advocates, educators, students and their families within the Inland Empire!

Grammy's In the School Fest
Beginning Monday, March 28, 2022
Beginning Monday, March 28, 2022; GRAMMY In The Schools® Fest (GITS Fest) presented by MusicPower, is a four-day virtual festival celebrating music and music education during the week leading up to Music's Biggest Night – the GRAMMY Awards®.

Featuring performances by students and professionals along with engaging, educational panels by artists, educators and other music professionals, GITS Fest will truly localize the GRAMMY Week experience in cities and schools nationwide. Woven throughout the virtual festival will be lessons and other valuable information provided by top practitioners across the broad spectrum of music and music education. Study guides will be made available free of charge to all teachers around the country who register their students to participate.

STEM Program Grants
Deadline: March 30, 2022
The U.S. Department of the Navy seeks proposals to improve STEM education and training for middle and high school students and members of the workforce. Grants are awarded to design, deliver, and sustain research-based educational pathways, outreach, and workforce opportunities. Projects may vary in complexity and size. Grants of up to $1,000,000 will be awarded.

ARTICLES AND RESEARCH OF INTEREST:

California made a historic investment in school counselors. Is it enough?
By Carolyn Jones, *EdSource*
Despite a funding windfall, California still lags near the bottom nationally in student-to-counselor ratio, although some districts improve

College students with young kids - especially mothers - find themselves in a time crunch

Clare Wladis - The Conversation
We found that college students who have children had significantly less time for college than their childless peers – about 4.3 hours less per week, to be specific – and that this "time poverty" is greatest for mothers of preschool-age children. That's according to a 2021 study of 11,195 U.S. college students.

The STEM Gap: Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Women make up only **28%** of the workforce in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and men vastly outnumber women majoring in most STEM fields in college. The gender gaps are particularly high in some of the fastest-growing and highest-paid jobs of the future, like computer science and engineering.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

