



JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL
COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO
FEBRUARY 13TH | 20TH | 27TH
SATURDAYS FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM ON ZOOM

EXPO WORKBOOK



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WITH STUDY SMART TUTORS AND CAL-SOAP LONG BEACH

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COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION

FEBRUARY 13: FINANCIAL AID AND COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

WITH CALSOAP LONG BEACH AND STUDY SMART TUTORS

FINANCIAL AID 101: TYPES OF AID (ENGLISH)

Identify types of financial aid available and how to apply.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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AYUDA FINANCIERA 101: TIPOS DE AYUDA (ESPAÑOL)

Identifique los tipos de ayuda financiera disponibles y cómo solicitarla.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID: ALL ABOUT THE FAFSA

Tips and tricks for completing and submitting your FAFSA application.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT AND RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Tips and tricks for completing and submitting your CADA application and resources for undocumented students and families.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY: PAYING AND BUDGETING FOR COLLEGE

Learn how to better manage your income and prepare for spending decisions as a college student.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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CALSOAP LA CASH FOR COLLEGE

CALSOAP LA staff will be available to help you fill out your FAFSA/CADAA applications. [Click here](#) to print a list of documents you will need to bring in order to submit your application.

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FEBRUARY 20: FIRST-YEAR PERSISTENCE

WITH CALSOAP LA AND ELAC FOUNDATION

MI GENTE: A PERSPECTIVE FROM CURRENT FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Panelists will speak on overcoming some of the hardships of being a first-generation college student, such as facing college applications, financial aid letters, moving for school, choosing a major, separation of family, and more. We aim to encourage first-generation students to achieve higher education while also providing a relatable perspective from current students who may have experienced similar challenges.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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MAJOR AND CAREER EXPLORATION: HOW TO NARROW DOWN THE OPTIONS

This interactive session will emphasize the importance of career exploration when picking a major. The workshop will use a facts page, short videos, guest speaker, and activities to help students learn about the different career exploration tools available.

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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TRANSFER OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH THE ELAC TRANSFER CENTER

Are you attending or thinking about attending a community college? Come and learn about the transfer opportunities available at East Los Angeles College (ELAC). You will hear about the requirements to transfer from a California Community College to a UC, CSU, or private university. Get answers to your transfer questions from an ELAC Transfer Center expert!

At 10 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1 PM

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VIRTUAL COLLEGE OFFICE

CALSOAP LA Student Success Coaches will be available to help students with anything college-related. Whether you are in high school or attending college already, we are here to help. Have questions about financial aid? Want to complete your community college application? Need to know more about Career Technical Education? Drop in anytime between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to get individualized assistance.

From 10 AM to 2 PM

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FEBRUARY 27: COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION

WITH LOS ANGELES PROMISE WORKS AND UPWARDS OF 30 EXHIBITORS

CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL: UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE CAREER PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS

A Q&A panel of professionals sharing their careers and educational journey to get to their current industry.

At 10 AM and 11:30 AM

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CAREER PATHWAYS: BRIDGING THE GAP FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

A panel of professionals who personally know and understand the experience of the undocumented journey in the US through both education and their navigation of life after school and into their careers.

At 10 AM and 11:30 AM

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LOS ANGELES PROMISE AND LOS ANGELES PROMISE WORKS

Los Angeles College Promise (LACP) Works is a new jobs and career readiness program for LACP students. LACP Works provides LACP students with a dedicated team of career coaches to help them navigate on-campus career resources, as well as City of LA, County, and off-campus jobs programs. LACP Works also offers more than 500 paid opportunities, as well as special programming and career workshops for students to level up their skills.

At 10 AM and 11:30 AM

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COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO

Over 50 exhibitors from UC, CSU, community colleges, private universities, and career experts will be available to answer your questions. Along with a wealth of information about college admissions from universities throughout California, the College and Career Expo will also feature an array of speakers across many different career paths, including trades and public service positions.

From 12:30 PM to 2 PM

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WELCOME TO THE 2ND ANNUAL CALSOAP LA COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO!

The CALSOAP LA College and Career Expo is an event open to the public, although our primary focus is the underserved students of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). As the second-largest school district in the country, LAUSD currently enrolls over 420,000 students. Over three quarters of the district's students come from low-income households, and the majority of students are Black or Latinx. Sadly, LAUSD has struggled with substantial achievement gaps for Black, Latinx, and low-income students. LAUSD reports that only 60 percent of students exhibit UC and CSU readiness, which drops when accounting for factors like race, ethnicity, foster system involvement, disability, gender, immigration status, and socioeconomic disadvantage. Through the Expo, we hope to bring you resources about colleges and universities, career and technical education pathways, scholarship opportunities, and much more so that you can successfully set and reach your academic goals. Thank you for attending the 2nd Annual CALSOAP LA College and Career Expo!

Sincerely,

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CASH FOR COLLEGE: PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Financial aid is funds given to students and families that helps them pay for college. Your financial aid package is structured in the form of:

Grants: free money provided to students attending college or career school by the federal government that generally does not have to be repaid.



Scholarships: Aid from a university or private / organization that does not have to be paid back.



Work Study: Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need.



Loans: Borrowed money that must be repaid beginning 6 months after college graduation.



When do I apply for financial aid?

The financial aid application opens for priority aid each year from October 1 to March 2. You apply during the spring semester of your senior year!

What is the difference between the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act application (CADAA)?

Students should only complete one of the applications (not both), according to the citizenship requirements below:

1. You are eligible to complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov if you are a:

- U.S Citizen
- Permanent Resident

- Eligible non-citizen
- T Visa holder

2. You are eligible to complete the CADAA at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov> if you are:

- Undocumented
- Have a valid or expired DACA
- U Visa holders



CASH FOR COLLEGE: PAYING FOR COLLEGE

When you begin your FAFSA or CADAA application you will need several documents. Here is a list for future reference.



FAFSA DOCUMENTS LIST

- Student Social Security (US Citizens) or permanent resident number
- Parent/Guardian 2019 Income Taxes (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) and W-2 Forms
- Student Income Taxes (If Applicable) and W-2 form
- Parent/Guardian Social Security (if applicable) or permanent Registration Number (non-US citizens)
- Records of untaxed income such as child support received, disability, WIC, SNAP, TANF, CalWorks, etc
- Parent/Guardian personal info: Birthdates, when they arrived to the country, date of marriage, date of divorce (if applicable)

CADAA DOCUMENTS LIST

- Student must be AB540 eligible have attended high school in CA for 3 years and will graduate in from high school
- 2019 Parent Income Taxes (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)
- Parent/Guardian Social Security (if applicable) or permanent Registration Number (non-US citizens)
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DAY 2: FEBRUARY 20

MAJOR & CAREER EXPLORATION: HOW TO NARROW DOWN YOUR OPTIONS

PRESENTED BY: KIMBERLY GOMEZ & DAVID GODINEZ

Do all careers require the same type of training, skills, education? The answer is no, there is beauty in the diversity of education. There are different levels of education required for every career. Some careers require as little as 2 years of school and other require 6+ years of school! Deciding on a major and career can be difficult. So many options, so much to consider. Here are a few steps you can follow to ensure you're confident in your decision.

- Understand the importance of picking a career.
- Make a list of different college majors connected to your career of interest.
- Consider the level education and training you will need for your career.
- Identify values that students should consider when choosing a career.
- Some of the values you want and require in your work or career probably involve qualities and opportunities that enhance your interest in the field.
- Learn how to use research tools as a component in career exploration.
- Explore your career interest by using resources such as career exploration quizzes, attending workshops, resources available at your school, etc.



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Union Bank Branch Service
Officer and Community
Outreach Specialist Low-
income, first-generation,
Latinx student

TIPS:

- Know Yourself
- Research Possible Occupations
- Get experience

CAREER EXPLORATION TOOLS

- <https://pasadena.edu/explore-your-career/career-exploration.php>
- <https://www.cccco.edu/>

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MI GENTE: A COLLEGE PERSPECTIVE FROM CURRENT FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

The first generation student panel aims to share relatable stories of college going experiences. While some aspects of these stories will be similar, each carries their own uniqueness that exemplifies how diverse the college experience can be for a first generation college student. Some of these stories will focus on being the oldest child paving the way for their siblings to go to college, the difficulties of transferring to a 4 year after a Community College, and the rigor of going through scholarship opportunities. As first-gen students, going into college is a new, scary, and exciting experience. While the speakers may be the first generation in their families to go to college, they each have words of wisdom for students stepping into their shoes.

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**English, B.S. Human
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M.A. Child Development**



OLIVER RODAS

**Duke University, Questbridge
Scholar, Electrical & Computer
Engineering and Computer
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ANTHONY CHAVEZ
**UC Berkeley Molecular &
Cellular Biology - Emphasis in
Cell and Developmental Biology**



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FOR STUDENTS AT
THE COMMUNITY
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PRESENTED BY: LAURA ANAYA. EAST LA
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CAREER PATHWAYS PANEL
BRIDGING THE GAP FOR UNDOCUMENTED
STUDENTS

MELODY KLINGENFUSS

Statewide Organizer for
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JEROME KAMUS

Community organizer at
Pilipino Workers Center

<https://www.pwcsc.org>

DAY 3: FEBRUARY 27
COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ELECTED OFFICIALS
DEDICATED TO HIGHER EDUCATION

HILDA SOLIS

**Los Angeles County Supervisor,
First District**



GRACIELA ORTIZ

**Huntington Park Vice Mayor
and Former Councilwoman**



MONICA RODRIGUEZ

**Los Angeles City Councilwoman,
Council District 7**

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UNIQUE AND INNOVATIVE CAREER
PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS



SHARON JAIN

**Consumer Insights Expert/Market
Research Consultant**

ERIC MEDINA

**Asian Americans/Pacific
Islanders in Philanthropy
(AAPIP)**

<https://aapip.org/jobs>



JIM HUGHES

**Head of Production Management
at Maxis Electronics Arts (EA)
EA Games**

<https://www.ea.com/careers>



NKOSAZANA BAMBATA

Air Traffic Controller FAA

https://www.faa.gov/jobs/career_fields/aviation_careers/



DAY 3: FEBRUARY 27
LAUNCH YOUR CAREER WITH
LA COLLEGE PROMISE WORKS

PRESENTED BY: CASANDRA MELGAR, CAREER COACH, LA COLLEGE PROMISE WORKS

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Steps to FAFSA/CADAA Submission

1

CREATE AN FSA ID

Go to [FSAID.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)

The FSA ID serves as your legal, electronic signature for FAFSA

The FSA ID replaces the FSA PIN. (Note: **FSA ID not required for CA Dream Act Application (CADAA)**)

Need help creating the FSA ID?

Follow our step by step video "How to Create a FSA ID" at <https://calsoapla.org/tv/>

Note: Creating an FSA ID only takes a few minutes, but it can take a day or two to process, so it is best to do it ahead of time if you plan to attend a Cash for College workshop.

2

FILL OUT THE FAFSA/CADAA

Go to [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

Go to dream.csac.ca.gov

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE STARTING OCTOBER 1.

What you will need:

STUDENTS:

- Your student FSA ID to create the application
- Driver's license, if you have one
- Your Social Security card or number (Alien registration #, if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Student 2019 income & tax information (if applicable)
- List of colleges you are interested in attending

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN:

- FSA ID for at least one parent/guardian (see step #1)
- Parent/Guardian Social Security card or number (Alien registration #, if not a U.S. citizen)
- Parent/Legal Guardian's 2019 income & tax information
- Any records of untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, worker's compensation, etc.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 2ND!

3

NEED HELP? ATTEND A CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP!

Workshops throughout the year | See schedule at calsoap.live/webinars

- Small Group Assistance
- One-on-one assistance
- Spanish language assistance available
- Answer to specific financial aid questions
- Review your application before submitting
- Line by line application assistance

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The **CALSOAP LA Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program** will give students the opportunity to explore different career pathways available at local community colleges.



LEARN MORE AT [CALSOAP.LIVE/CTE](https://calsoap.live/cte)

CTE INTRODUCTION

This presentation is an introduction of Career and Technical Education pathways and the various areas of study.

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

This presentation will focus on the four types of Financial aid to help students fund their education.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

In this presentation students will identify ways in which to be financially responsible as a young adult, learn to manage a budget, prepare a personal spending diary, and discuss the components of personal budgeting.

COLLEGE & CAREER EXPLORATION

This presentation will help students learn the various ways to explore careers and community colleges.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

This is a workshop designed to assist students in applying to their desired college.

CAREER PREPARATION SKILLS

This presentation will help students learn how to complete career badges through NexusEdge. Students can earn up to 7 badges on 7 different career preparation topics. Topics include (resume building, how to create a cover letter, interview preparation, dressing for success, learning how to network and internship etiquette).

WHAT ARE YOUR SKILLS?

Students will learn what skills they possess that can be used towards their future careers. This presentation will include an activity skills test.

FAFSA/DREAM ACT

This is a workshop intended to help students apply for FAFSA or Dream Act application with the guidance of a facilitator.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This presentation will help students learn about internship opportunities and the advantages of gaining first-hand exposure of working in the real world, work experience, critical network connections and how it allows students to harness skills and knowledge.

SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION TODAY!

Patsy Rodriguez, CTE Specialist (patsyrodriquez.calsoapla@gmail.com)

ADULTING 101

Basic Life Skills:

- ☐ I know my family's phone numbers by memory
- ☐ I know my mailing address
- ☐ I know where my birth certificate, social security card, and other important documents are
- ☐ I know how to separate and wash clothes and laundry
- ☐ I know how to fold laundry
- ☐ I know how to use a washer and a dryer
- ☐ I know how to use basic kitchen appliances (coffee maker, toaster oven, blender, etc...)
- ☐ I know how to use a stove
- ☐ I know how to use an oven
- ☐ I know how to cook at least 3 basic meals (scrambled eggs, grilled chicken, vegetables, etc..)
- ☐ I know how to properly clean a bathroom/toilet
- ☐ I know how to unclog a toilet
- ☐ I know how to wash dishes
- ☐ I know how to use a vacuum
- ☐ I know how to make a bed
- ☐ I know how to sweep and mop
- ☐ I know what cleaning products to use and which to avoid
- ☐ I know how to use tools such as a hammer and screwdriver
- ☐ I know how to change a lightbulb
- ☐ I know how to go grocery shopping
- ☐ I know how to store food
- ☐ I know how to use public transportation
- ☐ I know how to drive
- ☐ I know how to use a map
- ☐ I know how to change a tire
- ☐ I know how to fill up a gas tank
- ☐ I know how to fill out an application
- ☐ I know how to apply for a driver's license and/or passport.
- ☐ I know how to budget my money
- ☐ I know how to open a bank account
- ☐ I know how to calculate a tip (at restaurants, etc.)
- ☐ I know how to deposit a check
- ☐ I know how to write a check
- ☐ I know how to use a debit card
- ☐ I know how to use a credit card responsibly
- ☐ I know how/when to do my taxes
- ☐ I know how/when to pay bills
- ☐ I know when rent is due
- ☐ I know how to make a doctor's appointment
- ☐ I know how to tie a tie
- ☐ I know how to iron clothing
- ☐ I know how to sew a button
- ☐ I know how to book a flight/train/bus ticket
- ☐ I know how to pack a suitcase
- ☐ I know what to do if I hurt myself (basic first aid)
- ☐ I am safety conscious
- ☐ I am aware of my surroundings
- ☐ I know where my medical information is





FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

Let CALSOAP L.A. help you apply for financial aid. Attend a CALSOAP L.A. Cash for College Workshop and receive help completing your FAFSA or CADAA application.



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

The CALSOAP L.A. Career & Technical Education Program (CTE) will give students the opportunity to explore different career pathways available at local community colleges. Our curriculum will engage students into exploring their skills & strengths. Our lessons on financial literacy, interview skills, and resume building will help students strengthen their soft skills. These lessons are also a great option for parents/families.



FIRST-YEAR PERSISTENCE (FYP)

The CALSOAP L.A. First-Year Persistence (FYP) Program provides real-time advising, guidance, and social emotional support to help first-year college students in navigating the resources available in higher education.



CALSOAP L.A. TV

CALSOAP L.A. TV is now live! Tune in for virtual resources. Our team will help guide you through topics including financial aid, applying for college, choosing what college is right for you, and more. Don't forget to keep up with the adventures of the CALSOAP League of Los Angeles.



Questions to Ask University Representatives

Are you visiting a college campus, attending a college fair, or meeting with a university representative? Don't know where to begin? These questions can serve as a guide.

WHAT IS YOUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY LIKE

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban, or rural setting?
- What types of social, cultural, recreational activities are available on the campus community?
- Will I need a car to get around? Does public transportation provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled?
- Are you on a semester or quarter system?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROGRAMS

- Do you offer my major?
- What programs do you offer that will support my major?
- Does my major offer evening, weekend, or online courses?
- Can I take courses in my major during the summer?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus or in the community?
- Is my major impacted?

HOW DO I APPLY FOR ADMISSION

- Where, when, and how do I apply for admission?
- When do I have to submit my transcripts, AP test scores and other admission materials?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted or denied?
- If I am denied admission, can I appeal? By when?
- What other requirements do I need?
- Do I need to have a major before I apply? Can I apply as undeclared?

ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW

- How do I make arrangements to visit your campus and meet with an admissions counselor?
- Do you offer housing for freshman/transfer students? Is it guaranteed?
- Do you offer payment plans for tuition?
- What is the student life like?
- Who do I contact to get more information?

*Adapted from Rio Hondo College 2015 Transfer Guide
<https://www.riohondo.edu/transfer-center/>

NOTES



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