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**COLLEGE AND
CAREER EXPO**
FEBRUARY 12, 2022
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM ON ZOOM

EXPO WORKBOOK



COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**FINANCIAL AID AND COLLEGE
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FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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SETTING GOALS: UNDERSTANDING AND MEETING COLLEGE ENTRANCE CRITERIA

This session touches on setting SMART goals going into high school, getting involved, and touches upon a variety of things to start looking at when considering colleges.

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

ESTABLECIENDO METAS: COMPRENDIENDO Y CUMPLIENDO LOS CRITERIOS PARA INGRESAR A LA UNIVERSIDAD (ESPAÑOL)

Esta sesión trata sobre el establecimiento de metas inteligentes (SMART) al ingresar a la preparatoria, cómo participar en actividades extra curriculares, y otras cosas que deben ser consideradas cuando los estudiantes empiezan a buscar la universidad adecuada.

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EDUCACION FINANCIERA (ESPAÑOL)

Esta sesión discutirá cómo hacer un presupuesto y como ayudar a los estudiantes a prepararse para administrar sus paquetes de ayuda financiera de su estudiante universitario.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

CTE SPOTLIGHT

Flor Sandoval will highlight a few of the most popular Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, Nursing and Automotive Technology and give information on the benefits of CTE. The latter part of the presentation will focus on the Early Childhood Education pathway.

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FINANCIAL AID 101

Identify types of financial aid available and how to apply.

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AYUDA FINANCIERA 101: TIPOS DE AYUDA (ESPAÑOL)

Identifique los tipos de ayuda financiera disponibles y cómo solicitarla.

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MAJOR & CAREER EXPLORATION: THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER 1ST!

This interactive session will emphasize the importance of career exploration when picking a major. Students will participate in activities to help them learn about the different career exploration tools available to them. Reflect on your values and listen to a guest speaker as we navigate the world of careers in connection to your educational goals.

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

CAREER PANEL - THE ARTS

Join us for an informal discussion with four professionals to learn about their unique journey, what their work entails on a day-to-day basis and their advice to students interested in pursuing a career in the arts.

1:30 PM - 2:55 PM

COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

Numerous 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 community partners.

12:40 PM - 1:40 PM

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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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COLLEGE RESOURCES

Join us as our First-Year Persistence Specialists to discuss the different resources available to students on college campuses and why they are so important. For example, did you know that many campuses offer services to students with disabilities? Or free tutoring?

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

RECURSOS UNIVERSITARIOS (ESPAÑOL)

Únase a nuestros especialistas para discutir los diferentes recursos disponibles para los estudiantes en los campus universitarios y por qué son tan importantes. Por ejemplo, ¿sabía que muchos campus ofrecen servicios a estudiantes con discapacidades? ¿O tutoría gratuita?

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER OF ADMISSION

Join us as we discuss the impact that financial aid, campus resources, and location have on your college decision. Learn how to accept your admission offer and submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) in May. Participants will also learn how to determine which schools present better aid packages.

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

COMO AYUDAR A MI ESTUDIANTE COMBATIR LA DESERCIÓN DEL VERANO (ESPAÑOL)

Que es la transición a la universidad y como puedo ayudar a mi estudiante combatir la deserción del verano? Esta presentación hablara de los tipos de apoyo y recursos disponibles en las instituciones postsecundarias, y los retos comunes.

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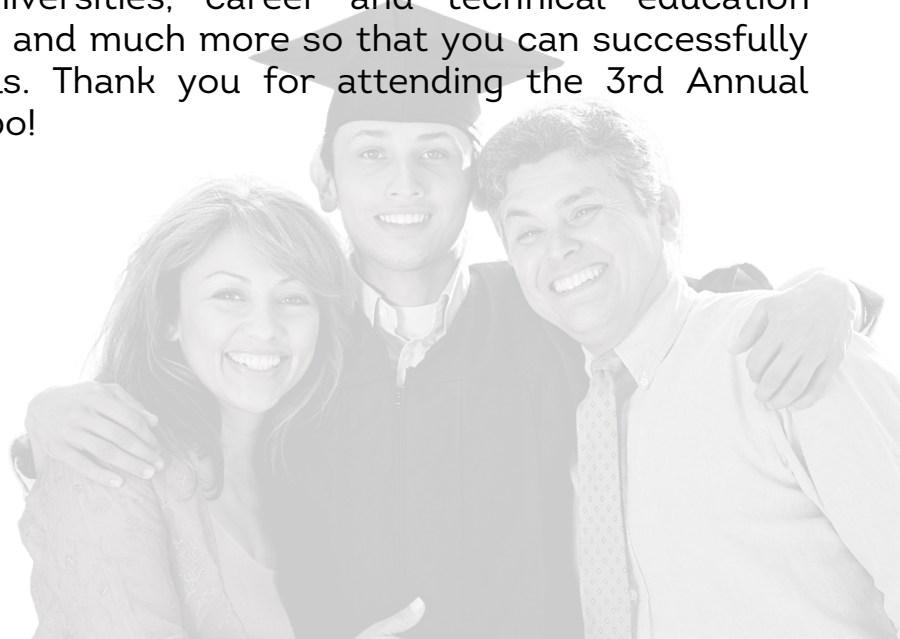
WELCOME TO THE THIRD ANNUAL CALSOAP LA COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO!

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 3rd Annual CALSOAP LA College and Career Expo!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yicel'.

YICEL PAEZ
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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 X Social Security (US Citizens) or permanent
- Parent/Guardian 2020 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 your 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 (undocumented) have attended high school in CA for 3 years and will graduate in from high school
- 2020 Parent Income Taxes (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)
- Student Social Security Number as provided by DACA (optional) or Individual Taxpayer ID Number (ITIN)
- Parent/Guardian Social Security (if applicable) or permanent Registration Number (non-US citizens)
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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.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



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

WELCOME BY CALSOAP COACHES

Juan Gutierrez

B.S. Kinesiology,
California State University,
Northridge



Kim Gomez

CSUN B.A. Psychology,
USC Rossier candidate 2022
Educational Counseling

FINANCIAL AID AND COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY MAJOR AND CAREER EXPLORATION: THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREER 1ST! 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

PRESENTED BY KIMBERLY GOMEZ AND JOSE CASTRO

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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.



KIMBERLY GOMEZ
CSUN B.A. Psychology,
USC Rossier candidate 2022
Educational Counseling



JOSE CASTRO
Aerospace Engineering
Base11 Intern at Caltech

TIPS:

- **Know Yourself**
- **Research Possible Occupations**
- **Get experience**

Career Exploration Tools

- [Pasadena City College Career Exploration](#)
- [California Community Colleges](#)



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EDUCATION (CTE) SPOTLIGHT
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FLOR SANDOVAL
University of Southern
California (USC)

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SILVIA TORRES
Program Manager,
Families In Schools

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Here you will find unique and innovative career pathways. Join us and you will have the opportunity to meet various professionals in Gaming Industry, Aerospace, Philanthropy, and Consumer Insights. Our amazing professionals will share their careers and educational journeys.

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LINK TO REGISTER
calsoap.live/artspanel



DARLENE ZARAZU
Senior Admissions
Counselor at LMU

Modertated by Darlene Zarazu

Darlene is a first-generation college student and is the first in her family to pursue a Master's degree. She has worked in college access for the past eight years specifically focusing on community college transfer students. She is passionate on equity, diversity, opportunity, and access for all students and is committed to the individual goals of every student she serves.



LOUIS GONZALES
Director & Story Artist,
Pixar Animation Studios

Louis Gonzalez started in animation in 1996 at Warner Brothers Feature Animation in their Training program, where he studied both Layout and Animation. After graduating from the WBFA internship program, he worked on Quest for Camelot, Iron Giant, and Osmosis Jones. In 2000 Louis moved to Pixar to work starting as a CG Layout artist on Monsters inc. and quickly made his way to the Story department on the Incredibles. His credits at Pixar include Monsters University, Finding Nemo, Finding Dory, Ratatouille, Cars, Cars 3, Brave, The Incredibles 1 & 2, and other shorts & films. He currently works as a Director at Pixar Animation Studios, where he has directed 2 short films. "Nona" & "Know Your Rights." He is now in development, working on his next project.

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FINANCIAL AID AND COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY CAREER PANEL - THE ARTS



**MARJORIE
(GINGEE)**
Musician

Gingee is a producer, DJ and vocalist from Los Angeles. Her eclectic dance music blends sounds from across the globe, with percussion and vocals. Her live set incorporates diverse elements, from Philippine kulintang gongs, to finger drumming. She has released several EPs and an LP including 2018's "Solstice/Equinox," a four part project corresponding to each season and peppered with collaborations from her travels. She's played the Sahara stage at Coachella, South by Southwest official, Grand Performances, and Levitt Pavilion as well as toured in Europe and Asia. She's been a featured artist on Globalization Sessions (Sirius XM), Red Bull Radio and Arte TV's "Music on the Road" series. She is also the founder of Magic Garage, a community art collective which brings together creatives across cultures, mediums and genres.



ÁLVARO D. MÁRQUEZ
Education Specialist
for School Communities,
J. Paul Getty Museum

Álvaro D. Márquez is a working artist and museum professional. They are committed to making art that speaks to the experiences of marginalized communities. In their work as a museum professional, they are committed to making art institutions accessible to communities who have historically been neglected and ignored. As Education Specialist for School Communities at the J. Paul Getty Museum, they oversee the on-site field trip program that provides free field trips to low-income schools across the L.A. Metropolitan region, as well virtual visits to school across the nation and globe. They hold a BA from Brown University, an MA from USC, and an MFA from CSU Long Beach.



CAMELLA COOPER
Los Angeles Based
Stage Manager

Camella has been working in the theater and education industry for over 10 years. She has been passionate about theater since she was a child. Shows like *Two Trains Running* by August Wilson, *Ruined* by Lynn Nottage, *Brain Problems* by Malcom Barrett are a few shows she has stage managed and had great fun with.

She is currently working on *Slave Play* by Jeremy O'Harris at the Mark Taper forum.

After graduating from UC Santa Cruz with her degree in Theatre, she worked with arts education organizations and then moved to Seattle and received her Masters in Education for Antioch University, writing a play to teach teachers how to integrate theater into the Common Core Standards. She has since moved back to her home town, stage managing and working with education non-profits. She is also the Co-founder and Director of Operations for Black Stage Everything, a networking and education platform for BIPOC theater practitioners, and the Co-Artistic Director of Ammunition Theatre Company.

JOIN THESE EXHIBITORS 12:40 PM - 1:40 PM

Meet Representatives from Community Colleges, California State Universities, Universities of California, private universities, and community organizations that support your educational and career goals.

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Tracking Code: **LACP205**

Dear High School Graduate,

Congratulations! I have some fantastic news to share with you and your family. You are guaranteed admission at any of the Los Angeles Community College District's nine colleges and you can attend full time for the next two years absolutely **TUITION FREE!**

Let me tell you that again: guaranteed college enrollment AND free tuition for two years!

It's all part of the Los Angeles College Promise Program designed to help you achieve your educational and career goals! Any first-time, full-time student can now receive the Promise Program's tuition scholarship for two years—regardless of income, age, academic standing, or immigration status. As a Los Angeles College Promise student, you will also receive:

- Priority registration for classes
- Your choice among hundreds of certificates and degree programs
- Dedicated academic counseling support
- Additional financial support to assist with transportation, books, or food
- A free laptop
- Access to emergency aid funds
- The option to obtain an Associate's degree for guaranteed transfer into the California State University system to complete a four-year bachelor's degree

We realize that right now you probably feel a little uncertain about your future. The COVID-19 public health emergency has changed many things, but two things it cannot change are your ability to successfully deal with unprecedented challenges and our unwavering commitment to help you successfully transition to college!

Your college education is one of the most important investments you can make to improve your future earning power and lifetime income—and LACCD's Promise Program will be there to assist you every step of the way as you complete the first two years of your educational journey.

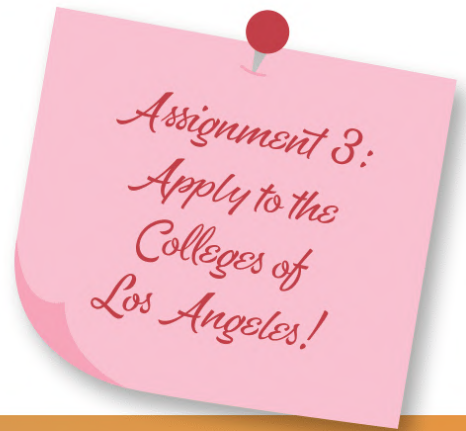
Follow the initial steps outlined in this Welcome Kit to create an enrollment application in the California Community College system and select one of LACCD's nine colleges: City; East; Harbor; Mission; Pierce; Southwest; Trade-Technical; Valley or West! Next, fill out the Los Angeles College Promise online form, and complete the federal or state financial aid application. We'll contact you after that, or, if you have questions, email us at asklaccp@laccd.edu.

College is a big step, but you've got this! Remember to make the right choice by making the Colleges of Los Angeles your first choice. We believe in you, so let our outstanding faculty and staff help you obtain the high quality, affordable higher education you deserve.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Los Angeles Community College District



Registration Steps: Apply to Your College of Choice



Step 1

Find out more about our nine colleges at <http://laccd.edu/About/Pages/Our-Colleges.aspx>



Step 2

Apply to your LACCD college of choice at laccd.edu/apply

You need an "OpenCCC" account with the California Community College system to apply. You will be prompted at this step to create an account if you do not already have one.

Step 3

Use your Student ID to declare interest in free tuition at lacollegepromise.org/apply.html

Once you submit your college application in Step 2, you will receive email with a new Student ID. Use the Student ID and TRACKING CODE **LACP205** in Step 3.

Step 4

Apply for Financial Aid, either Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov or California Dream Act at dream.csac.ca.gov

To be eligible for maximum aid, complete your financial aid application as soon as possible.

That's it! We'll contact you ASAP about additional steps to claim your free tuition in the Los Angeles College Promise program—just be sure to check your new LACCD email address!

Questions? Find your college of choice contact at lacollegepromise.org/contact.html

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 2020 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 2020 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



CALSOAP LOS ANGELES

CALSOAP Los Angeles seeks to increase the academic and college preparation skills of eligible disadvantaged students. CALSOAP Los Angeles provides support, services, resources, and opportunities to underrepresented students and families in the greater Los Angeles area in order to increase post-secondary participation and success.

SERVICES



College & Career Planning



Financial Aid Assistance



Peer Counseling



CALSOAP LA TV



Student/Family Workshops



College & Career Expo



First Year Persistence



CALSOAP LEAGUE

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Open to CALSOAP LA high school students regardless of GPA, citizenship, or income.



SCAN ME

THE STUDENT'S ROLE

1

Set goals for college and careers.
Dream big!

2

Know what you need to do to prepare for college and careers.

3

Seek support to reach your goals.

"You have to believe in yourself to reach your dreams and you have to plan for college because it is possible to get there."

– Student

STUDENTS

In Middle School...

- Tell your teachers and counselors about your plans to go to college.
- Develop strong time management and study skills.
- Take challenging classes in English, math, science, history, geography, the arts, and a foreign language.
- Get A and B grades, especially in your English and math classes.
- Join clubs or programs that can develop your skills.
- Build a network of friends who also want to go to college.
- Participate in programs that enable you to visit colleges, take college classes, and experience college life.
- Take Algebra I, and pass with a C or better.
- If you are taking Algebra, take the PSAT exam in 8th grade (October).
- Explore a variety of high school options and programs (e.g. charter schools, magnet schools, etc.) and choose one that suits your interests and academic needs and that will prepare you for your college and career goals.

In High School...

- Let your teachers and counselors know about your plans to go to college.
- Take the PSAT exam in 9th, 10th, and especially 11th grade to qualify for merit scholarships.
- Visit your school's career and college counselors frequently.
- Seek academic support and tutoring to help you maintain a 3.0 GPA or better.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities at school or in the community.
- Pass your A-G classes with a C or better. Repeat an A-G class if you received lower than a C.
- If eligible, take community college classes.

In 11th grade...

- During the spring semester of 11th grade, register to take the SAT and ACT exams.
- Create a list of exam, application, and financial aid deadlines that you'll need to meet your senior year.
- Visit college campuses.
- Make a list of colleges and scholarships that interest you; practice your applications and personal essays.

In 12th grade...

- Submit your college applications during the fall semester. Have a college representative review them before you submit, and make sure to follow all instructions.
- Apply for financial aid beginning October 1st of senior year. Don't miss deadlines!
- Be patient. Colleges will notify you of their acceptance decisions in late spring.
- Select a college that fits your interests and academic needs.



**Congratulations,
you made it!**

THE FAMILY'S ROLE

1

Set high expectations with your child. Include college as a goal!

2

Monitor your child's progress in school.

3

Take steps with your child to prepare him/her for college.

"The best thing I can do to ensure my child's future is to help my child stay focused and study hard. There are many opportunities for her, and it is possible to reach high goals."

– Parent

FAMILIES

In Middle School...

- Meet often with the school counselor to discuss your child's academic progress.
- Attend school-sponsored field trips to colleges and participate in workshops about college preparation.
- Help your child maintain a high Grade Point Average (GPA), especially in English and mathematics. Math and foreign language classes begin to count for college eligibility as early as 7th and 8th grade, so monitor those grades too!
- Encourage your child to participate in academic enrichment and extracurricular activities during out-of-school time.
- If your child has taken Algebra I, encourage him/her to take the PSAT exam in 8th grade (October).
- Explore the high school options that best suit your child's needs and interests (e.g. charter schools, magnet schools, etc.).
- Visit your child's future high school and meet with a guidance counselor before she/he begins high school.

In High School...

- Meet often with school counselor(s) to discuss your child's academic progress. Tell the counselors that you want your child to prepare for college.
- Help your child maintain a 3.0+ GPA in college preparatory (A-G) classes.
- Ask about programs and activities to help you and your child transition smoothly into high school.
- Learn early about financial aid options and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) by visiting the Federal Student Aid website at: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- Attend workshops to learn about financial aid and the college and career preparation process.
- Encourage your child to participate in academic enrichment and extracurricular activities (i.e. summer programs, college classes, etc.).
- Help your child keep track of application deadlines for scholarships, colleges, and financial aid.
- During the fall semester of senior year, encourage your child to apply to a variety of colleges.
- During the spring semester of senior year, apply for federal and state financial aid.
- Visit college campuses with your child, and encourage them to keep all options open.
- Help your child select the college that best meets his/her interests and career goals.



COLLEGE PLANNING RESOURCES

Cal-SOAP Los Angeles
www.calsoapla.org

California Colleges
www.californiacolleges.edu

Los Angeles College Promise
<http://lacollegepromise.org/>

Common Black College Application
<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

College Board
www.collegeboard.com

California Career Zone
<https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

Big Future (CollegeBoard)
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>



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/>

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.



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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.

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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



