



School Counselor on the Go Webinar Series - Actions You Can Take Now For Seniors For Postsecondary Success

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Q: Should incoming freshmen anticipate a decrease in their Cal Grant or Chafee Grant? I have a foster youth that was told by RCC that she might or might not receive the full Chafee grant for the upcoming school year due to budget.

A: No the CHAFEE Grant and Cal Grants were not cut for foster youth. There was a federal deduction of \$400,000 for CA because of inaccurate enrollment reported last year, but this will not affect your current seniors. Please read the attached press release for further information and I would connect with the campus to inform them that they must research this information before they provide advice or recommendations.

https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/may_revision_2020-21_press_release.pdf

Q: Can this be sent to Superintendents? Such powerful reasons why School Counselors are needed in the summer.

A: Yes we will be organizing material and information for our districts but you are your greatest advocate. It is important that you have data to demonstrate your effectiveness and impact. Next week on May 27th and 28th we will be hosting webinars the latest budget updates and tools on how to demonstrate how important and essential school counselors are.

Q: Robin, can you elaborate on how you keep up with students applying to community colleges and following through the matriculation steps?

A: Val Verde USD has a close partnership with their local community college including a data sharing agreement. Val Verde is also in partnership with CA Colleges <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/> and they can monitor all community college applications and completion.

Q: Is it possible to get more information on Adulting 101?

A: Robin Ellison will provide further information on this course so we can post at www.rcec.us

Q: For summer hours, how do you get compensated?

A: As a result of their outcome data including the highest FAFSA completion rate for a large school in CA, Robin's district has allocated resources for a certain number of days per high school site where counselors are compensated. They have also applied and received external awards and grants. Counselors in Riverside County have also volunteered their time and flexed their work year calendar.

Q: Do you use student personal email or school email? Which do you suggest would be the best email to reach them?

A: They have used both emails in their outreach as well as ask for student's social media handles.

Q: Where can we find this presentation and resources?

A: It can be found on www.rcec.us. You must be logged in to access the materials.

Tips and Tricks

If you are from Riverside County and need support with accessing your FAFSA and CA Dream Act data please email us at ccifuentes@rcoe.us and we'll pull your latest report. If you are outside of Riverside County but in CA please feel free to email us as well and we can support you getting access ASAP.

Interactive dashboard on FAFSA completion in the time of Covid:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/api/publish/COVID-19andFAFSACompletion/COVID-19FAFSA>

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Summer melt toolkit: https://www.ncan.org/resource/resmgr/NCAN_Summer_Melt_Toolkit.pdf

For text messages: Abt Associate's "Find the Fit"

<https://findthefit.abtassociates.com/text-messages.html>

For tech tools log into www.rcec.us and watch the webinar from Nichol Web on Everything Tech.