



California
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Vision in Action

Systemwide news, resources and best practices
moving the *Vision for Success* forward.

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The 20th annual Dr. John W. Rice Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 1:45 p.m. The ceremony will feature special guests Dr. Condoleezza Rice, daughter of Dr. John W. Rice and 66th U.S. Secretary of State, and Mrs. Clara Rice, wife of Dr. John W. Rice. Join us via [Livestream](#).



2020-2021 APPLICATION

Get the most aid available.

NEWLY DESIGNED, STUDENT-FOCUSED CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT APPLICATION LAUNCHES TODAY

The California Community Colleges provides tuition and fee waivers to nearly one million students through the California College Promise Grant. But far too many students still think they are not eligible for financial aid or don't know how to start the process and don't apply as a result. The Chancellor's Office and its [Student Centered Design Lab](#) has redesigned the California College Promise Grant application to help

remove student barriers to access financial aid. The simplified tuition and fee waiver application takes about half the time to complete.

According to Danielle R., a student at El Camino College who tested the new form, **“If there were more documents like that—simple, straight to the point—I feel like a lot of people would submit their documents on time instead of waiting until the last minute, or not even doing it at all.”**

The simplified California College Promise Grant application has been reduced from four pages to two pages, and includes more student-friendly language and a clearer pathway guiding students to completion. Additionally, colleges may add customized information including a college or district logo, submission instructions and contact information for the financial aid office. Once customized, the simplified application can be used immediately for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The new PDF application is available now in English and Spanish and the [online version within CCCApply](#) is being updated this fall. Marketing resources for colleges are also available on the [I Can Afford College website](#) to help increase student awareness of financial aid. Contact [Gina Browne](#) for more information.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Board of Governors

The California Community Colleges [Board of Governors](#) met [this week](#) and added three new members. Gov. Gavin Newsom over the weekend signed legislation adding Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis as an ex officio member of the board. [Read Board President Tom Epstein's statement here](#). Gov. Newsom last month

also appointed Joseph Williams and Iulia Tarasova to the board. [Read President Epstein’s statement](#) on their appointments.

Chancellor’s Office

The virtual [Pathways to Equity](#) conference gets underway on **Tuesday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** The conference will bring together a diverse community of college practitioners and students to discuss the implementation of the Guided Pathways framework with an equity lens. Registration is full but the opening sessions, keynote addresses and closing sessions will be [streamed live](#). All break-out sessions will be recorded and posted to the Vision Resource Center after the event.

The Chancellor’s Office is committed to keeping everyone informed during this uncertain time. We encourage administrators, faculty, staff and students to regularly check the [Chancellor’s Office COVID-19 resource page](#) and the [Chancellor’s Office Communications to Colleges section](#) for ongoing executive orders, guidance memos and announcements. Current and prospective students can also get connected with their local college to find out specific resources and support services available as well as enroll in their local community college.



ONLINE INSTRUCTION/WEBINARS

We invite you to join us for the biweekly webinars as the Chancellor’s Office provides tools and resources to make progress on the [Vision for Success](#). Our webinars will continue to feature campus leaders and best practices from colleges and districts. **The next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. and will serve as the kick-off to Undocumented Student Action**

Week.

Deputy Chancellor Dr. Daisy Gonzales is among the speakers in an upcoming discussion on [diversity in community college faculty and leadership](#). The discussion, sponsored by EdSource and Wheelhouse: The Center for Community College Leadership and Research, will explore what California’s community colleges are doing to increase the diversity of their faculty and leadership, why it matters and what more needs to be done. **The discussion is Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m.** [Register at this link.](#)

Mark your calendars for the next Chancellor’s Office and POST forum, Evidence-Based Policing: Fundamentals and Concepts. In this forum, a panel of experts will define this promising methodology and explain how it can better equip policymakers, from elected and police chiefs to front-line supervisors and rank-and-file officers, to make strategic and tactical decisions about a range of issues, from police agency management to culture, from training to the deployment of police resources, and from crime prevention to community interactions. **The forum is Tuesday, September 29 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95411287773?pwd=czl6SkN0aXlZUVg4K3NSTCtjazh0Zz09>

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SAVE THE DATE: The LaunchBoard webinar series will begin on October 16. The LaunchBoard, a statewide data system supported by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and hosted by Cal-PASS Plus, provides data on progress, success, employment and earnings outcomes for California community college students. LaunchBoard webinar series dates:

- October 16, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Community College Pipeline (CCP)
- October 22, 2020 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Student Success Metrics (SSM)
- October 27, 2020 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Guided Pathways (GP)
- November 9, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Strong Workforce Program and 17% (Rd 5) –(SWP)

Note: Specific webinar information, including registration links, to come.

On **Saturday, September 26, 2020**, at 11:00 a.m., the [African American Male Education Network Development \(A²MEND\)](#) organization, will be moderating a nationwide discussion titled **"Reform or Dismantle? Beyond Diagnosing Racism!"** Panelists include [Dr. Cornel West](#), [Dr. Michael Eric Dyson](#), and [Dr. Joy DeGruy](#). Participants will be engaged in a discussion on how institutions can move from implicit bias to explicit action with direction from nationwide scholars & activists! Let's show support and encourage our faculty, staff, managers/supervisors and students to participate in this discussion. [Register at this link.](#)



STUDENT SUPPORTS

The fourth annual Undocumented Student Action Week is October 19-23. Undocumented Student Action week is a systemwide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for our undocumented student population. During the week, California’s community colleges are encouraged to engage in advocacy and support efforts in solidarity with undocumented students throughout the

state. Find a marketing toolkit, advocacy and resource materials [at this site](#). Don't forget to [register for the kick-off event](#) on Wednesday, October 14th, where you will hear from Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and other state leaders.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Racism has cost the United States \$16 trillion, according to a [new study released this week](#) by Citigroup, the latest in a body of research that attempts to quantify the economic impact of systemic racism.



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