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Opportunities for Students

GO...BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

“Don’t follow your dreams, chase them.”

Greetings,

It is the start of a New Year and a new Financial Aid application season. We would like to introduce Go! Beyond High School, the new name of the College Access grant work being done through the Decade of Difference. This generous grant, funded by College Access Foundation of California (CAFC), allows the Decade of Difference Initiative to support the financial aid application process for all area high school graduating seniors, increase the sharing of financial aid information among the professional community providing student support, and offer a renewable scholarship to those students demonstrating financial need and who may be the first in their family to attend college. Our goal is to help every student fund their dreams to GO! Beyond High School. Sue Benzinger and Cherie Zygaczenko

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Scholarship Notes From a college student

When I was in high school I never imagined I could go to our local community college, much less to a university. There weren’t many people in my family I could turn to for guidance as I was the first to attend a university, so even applying to school was a challenge. It wasn’t until I received the North Coast College Access scholarship that it felt like this dream of actually being able to attend a university was real.

I am about to start my last semester of undergraduate studies. My whole college experience has been unbelievable and I have made some unforgettable memories; I have studied and learned things I had never imagined I would. Most importantly it has made me the happy, confident independent person I am today. My parents have always been very supportive of my studies and they are just as excited and eager to see me walk across the graduation stage with my cap and gown as I am.

Financial Aid: Cash for College Events

The Go! Beyond High school team is sponsoring Cash for College events this month. This is a chance for seniors and their parents to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, or the Dream Act. Both provide financial aid for college or vocational training. See link at left for dates and times.



Cash for College!

Middle Class Scholarship

New this year: A Middle Class Scholarship offered by the state of California, for students who complete their financial aid applications and attend a CSU or UC campus. The income bracket for qualifying for financial aid is up to \$150,000. This is only for students who complete and submit a FAFSA or Dream Act and apply for a Cal Grant, meeting the March 2nd deadline.



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