

Counseling Corner @raid.ersrise

November Dates to Remember:

- November 8 College Application Workshop 1:30-2:30 in Raider cafe
- November 15 FSA ID Workshop 1:30-2:30 in Raider cafe
- November 17.18 Virtual HBCU Festival
- November 21 Deadline to register for December SAT
- November 30 College Applications due to CSU / UC



Check out the SPECIAL EDITION - [Spotlight on Financial Aid!](#)

Important Financial Aid information:

- ★ [Financial Aid : Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- ★ [FAFSA Changes Overview](#)
- ★ Senior Assembly [Slides](#) for Financial Aid
- ★ **ALL IN FOR FAFSA / CADAA:** Assembly Bill 469, which established a new expectation that California high schools and school districts ensure all 12th graders complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA), unless the student formally submits an opt-out waiver.
All Seniors must turn in an **All in for FAFSA/CADAA form** indicating what option they intend to choose. The form will be available online in multiple languages and in the Counseling Office.



Reminders!

Need Letters of Recommendation (**LOR**)? Don't wait until the last minute! Use the form [here](#). **Be sure to make your requests at least 2 weeks in advance of their due date.** Be mindful that teachers and administrators have many students. Only request letters from those who know you best.

Service Learning for **Mid Year Graduates** is due **December 11th, 2023**. Students graduating early must also request a check out sheet from their Counselor and complete a survey online in order to have their graduation processed and their records released. Please note, transcripts will not be available for pickup until **January 26, 2024**.

RISE CENTER Counselor of the Day - November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Ozeroff	Mrs. Clark	Mrs. Cramer	Ms. Straessler	Ms. Price

Welcome to the **2023 Annual HBCU (Historically Black College & University) College Festival**

Greetings on behalf of the Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU Festival Committee,
We are excited to announce that registration is now open for our 21st Annual HBCU Festival:

<https://hbcufest.alfredstreet.org/e/hbcu-fest>

Please note, each attendee must pre-register and have their own ticket (QR code) to enter the festival. The festival will be held Virtually: **November 17th** from **4-8pm** and **November 18th** from **9am-4pm**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR HBCU FESTIVAL & MORE INFORMATION](#)

THE ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND ASBC FOUNDATION



ANNUAL **HBCU FESTIVAL** (HYBRID) (HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY)

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2023

NOVEMBER 17
4-8PM (VIRTUAL ONLY)

NOVEMBER 18
9AM-4PM (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)

LOCATION: THE SAINT JAMES | 6805 INDUSTRIAL RD. | SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151

EMAIL: HBCUFESTIVAL@ALFREDSTREET.ORG
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



Greetings Families,

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” completion! CSAC is the state agency responsible for administering state financial aid. With the implementation of California Assembly Bill 469 ([AB 469](#)), we are working with your local high school to ensure your student has the resources they need to apply for financial aid for education beyond high school.

What is “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act”?

“All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” is the initiative that assists school districts with ensuring that high school seniors complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Completing these applications increase students’ access to financial aid, which includes the Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Community College Promise Grant, and so much more. By connecting students to critical financial aid, “All in for FAFSA/CA Dream Act” supports California’s vision to increase access to higher education and connect more students with over \$3.5 billion in state-based financial aid each year.

How does this impact you and your student?

Receiving financial aid can help you and your student handle the costs associated with higher education. By completing and submitting the FAFSA or CADAA, students will be processed for federal aid (FAFSA applicants only), state aid, institutional aid, and student loan eligibility, unless the student has completed the formal opt-out process. Students will have an estimate of most of the financial aid they can receive within a short time of submitting their application. This can help with making an informed decision about pursuing a college, university, or vocational school.

Here's how we can help

We provide the resources needed for you and your student to complete the application. For this year only, the 2024-2025 cycle of FAFSA and CADAA open in late December and you should submit by April 2nd to maximize federal and state financial aid opportunities. You and your student can attend Cash for College Workshops – both virtual and in person – for free assistance with completing the FAFSA or the CADAA. The application takes just a short amount of time to fill out and you can find a list of items that you will need to complete the applications and nearby workshops here.

Questions?

For more information visit our website at: csac.ca.gov

Why fill out a FAFSA or CADAA Application?

Before each year of college you must apply for **grants, work-study, and loans**. This is collectively called **Financial Aid**.

In order to be considered for federal or state funds you need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA®**) or **CADAA** form.

- Your college uses your application data to determine your aid eligibility.
- Many states and colleges use this data to award their own aid.
- You must submit a **FAFSA** or **CADAA** in order to qualify for the **Community College and West Sacramento Grant**.

The California Dream Act Application (**CADAA**) are for students who are not U.S. Citizens, National or Permanent residents or do not fulfill ALL of the FAFSA requirements. The DREAM application is unique to California promoting access to all students regardless of immigration statues and/or documentation.

WHAT FINANCIAL AID CAN A DREAMER APPLY FOR?

- Entitlement Cal Grant A & B, C
- Chafee Grant
- Middle Class Scholarship
- UC Grants
- State University Grants
- California Community College (CCC) BOG Fee Waiver
- EOP/EOPS
- Some University scholarships
- Some private scholarships administered by campuses