

College Day 2021 - I Own My Future

October Edition

A Note from Santa Clara County Office of Education

Welcome to our October Newsletter. College Day 2021 is fast approaching, and we encourage all to take part in the day's events by participating in any one of the amazing workshops on October 27, and also building the excitement and encouragement of your students dreaming big and seeing how they can say, "I Own My Future!"



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

Save the Date! October 27, 2021 College Day 2021 - I Own My Future

Save the date for our annual College Day 2021 - I Own My Future! Our Kickoff will be live streamed from Caroline Davis Middle School. The day will feature virtual webinars, including The College Application Timeline: From Search to Acceptance, Earn and Learn: Opportunities in Apprenticeships, Setting Yourself up in Middle School to Pursue Your Dream Career, San Jose Public Library: Using Free Resources for Student Success, Financial Aid and Cash for College. Use the registration link below to sign up for the live kickoff and webinars that day.



COLLEGE DAY 2021

I Own MY FUTURE

WHAT TOOLS WILL HELP ME GET THERE?

Join us for a virtual event that will *inspire* you and provide resources to help you move forward with *college* and *career*.

PRESENTATIONS

- Find YOUR Path to Success
- Earn and Learn - Opportunities in Apprenticeship
- So Many Possibilities for your Future!
- Your Right to Library
- #WisdomWednesday With Your Local Scholarships
- The College Application Timeline: From Search to Acceptance
- How to Pay for College? Financial Aid/Cash for College (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)
- *Sammy's Big Dream* (Read Aloud)

OCTOBER 27, 2021

KICK-OFF EVENT STARTS 8:15 A.M.

REGISTRATION

<https://na.eventscloud.com/635565>



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Joell Hanson at johanson@sccoe.org

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, *County Superintendent of Schools*
- Ginelyn Kudsi, *Principal, Davis Intermediate School*
- Jose Manzo, *Superintendent, Oak Grove School District*

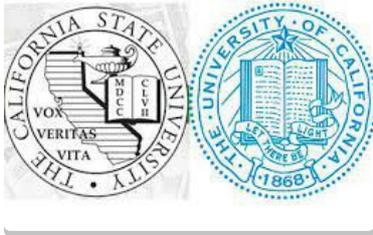


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Click on this link to register for College Day 2021!

COLLEGE RESOURCE CORNER



Virtual College Fairs Coming to You This October!

The California State University ([CSU](#)), University of California ([UC](#)) and Association of Independent California College and Universities ([AICCU](#)) are partnering together to provide seven virtual college fairs this October. All UC and CSU campuses, and a majority of independent colleges and universities from the AICCU, will participate.

Use the links below to register for these free fairs!

Students and counselors can register by visiting [CACollegeFairs.org](#) and creating an account on [Visit Days](#). The fairs are scheduled for:

High School Fairs

[Northern California](#): Saturday, October 2 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PDT

[Southern California 1](#): Wednesday, October 6 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. PDT

[Central California](#): Saturday, October 9 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PDT

[Southern California 2](#): Saturday, October 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PDT

California Community College Fairs

[Northern California](#): Tuesday, October 12 from noon – 2:30 p.m. PDT

[All \(evening\)](#): Wednesday, October 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. PDT

[Southern California](#): Thursday, October 14 from noon – 2:30 p.m. PDT

Attendees will be able to join live sessions, watch campus videos and visit campus booths to live chat and/or meet with campus representatives.

UC Santa Cruz invites you to join one of four virtual tour options!

We look forward to meeting your students at [our Virtual Events](#) this fall! We're offering many options to experience the UC Santa Cruz campus community and connect with current students and staff as students begin their university journey.

Prospective students are invited to join:

- LIVE Ask Me Anything Sessions with our knowledgeable Student Life & University Guides (S.L.U.G.s)
- Information Sessions and UC Application Workshops for High School Students
- Transfer Information Sessions for Prospective Transfers
- A variety of in-person and virtual tour options for students and families (see below)

Four options for tours!

- 1- [LIVE virtual tours](#) with student tour guides leading and answering questions. Registration required.
- 2- Prerecorded [virtual tours](#) offered in five languages.
- 3- Self-guided tours are available for in-person visits. [Register for digital maps & materials](#).
- 4- New! [A campus tour video series](#) featuring student tour guides and campus footage.



Introducing our October College Student graduate, Gabriela Gonzalez Gomez

Name: Gabriela Gonzalez Gomez

Graduation Year: 2020

School: University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Major: Family Social Science B.S, Teaching English as a Second Language Minor/Certificate

Hometown: From everywhere! I was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, raised in the Bay Area, and moved around in my teenage years.



What or who inspired you or motivated you to pursue a college degree?

My family moved to this country with dreams of a better future and a better education.

The idea of going to college was always just that; an idea. I never really thought about college as a tangible thing until I got to high school. Since I moved around a lot, my focus was always on adapting to the new place that I was in and not necessarily looking towards the future.

At that time, college seemed more like a looming cloud than a bright future. Although my dad has always been a huge support in all other aspects of my life, navigating college and education as a first-generation student was very difficult. It wasn't until a multicultural counselor at my school invited me on a college field trip and told me that I could go to college. He encouraged me to apply to schools and helped fill out my applications. In the end, it was a combination of all of these things that motivated me to pursue higher education. The encouragement from my counselor, the need to honor dad's sacrifices and make him proud, and my drive to prove that I could go to college despite all the challenges.

2. How did you choose the University of Minnesota? What factors contributed to your decision?

I was in Minnesota at that time, and the University of Minnesota was my top choice. The U is the largest public University in the state, and I had always wanted to go to a big school in a city where I could feel like I was in a different world even if I was close to home. The campus overlooks the Mississippi River and is located both in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Once on campus, I made friends and found a support system through my adviser and student programs.

3. Looking back on your time at the University of Minnesota, what are you most proud of and why?

I would highlight my work with Orientation & First-Year Programs. I started as an Orientation Leader and then eventually became a Parent Coordinator, where I had the opportunity to interact and support Spanish-speaking families. This experience helped me understand the schools' responsibility to provide high-quality services for families that speak a language other than English.

As a student who went through this process, what can educators do to help first-generation high school students navigate their path to college?

Make information widely accessible, regardless of your perceived notions about what students might or might not already know or that student's ability to succeed. One of the things that I ran into a lot as a first-gen student was being shamed for asking a question because it was something that "everyone should already know." Sometimes it isn't that students aren't asking questions but that they don't know what to ask.

If you could go back in time and tell your younger you something you wish you knew to help you on this journey, what would it be and why

Don't be afraid to explore your options! There are so many resources out there to help you get through this. You are not alone, don't be afraid to ask questions when you need to. In the end, it will only hurt you if you don't get the information you need. Your experiences are valid, you belong, and you are enough

COLLEGE DAY ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

My Career and College Dreams Collage

Ask students to create a personal collage of their possible dream jobs/careers. Suggest that they identify the first step (entry level) job for work they find interesting. They should find corresponding photos in magazines, on the computer, or create a drawing for that position. Then, they should look for pictures (or draw one) of someone in the middle of their career in this field. Finally, they should be encouraged to look for images of someone who is a master or at the top of their career. For younger students, it is useful to encourage students to connect specific jobs to "career clusters" while older students can connect career clusters, educational expectations, and salaries.

Click on the link below for the resources:

[ACT CAREER CLUSTERS AND CAREER AREAS \(A-Z\)](#)

COLLEGE DAY TIP OF THE MONTH



[Free Downloadable Curriculum for K5, 6-8, and 9-12](#)

The National Association of College Admission and Counseling provides free curriculum and resources for educators, students and parents. Check out the downloadable pdf templates for college and career awareness activities!



Silicon Valley College Promise Program!

All community colleges in Silicon Valley help students pay for college through College Promise programs. Help students navigate and explore how to find financial support. Explore this easy to use digital tool to help you find the program that offers you the most financial support.

[Please Click Here to Learn More](#)





Mission College

Interested in learning more about Mission College and the services Mission offers for prospective students? This resource link provides valuable information, including videos from faculty explaining their exciting programs.

For more info, please [click here](#).



West Valley College

Curious about West Valley College and what awaits for future students? Watch the welcome videos from the Administrators and Deans across the campus to hear about the many opportunities and exciting careers West Valley has to offer.

For more info, please [click here](#).



San Jose State University

San Jose State University has an amazing Student Outreach and Recruitment team dedicated to supporting future Spartans!

For more info, please [click here](#).

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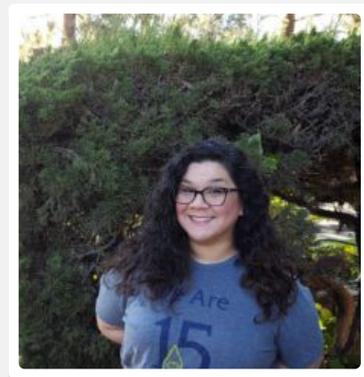
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