

What We Accomplished in 2016

Strong **PARTNERSHIPS**



Michele Siqueiros with Young Invincibles, the Southern California Access Network, and California Business Roundtable in Washington, D.C.



Jessie Ryan and Michele Siqueiros with representatives of CSU, Sacramento at our transfer champions celebration in Sacramento.



Michele Siqueiros with new California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and Larry Gordon in Los Angeles.

Advocated for key **POLICIES** to improve higher education



Strengthened Remedial Education

Pushed for an ongoing investment of \$30 million to support redesigned remedial education practices at community colleges and provide a second round of Basic Skills Transformation Program grants due to unmet demand.



Increased Access to UC & CSU for Underserved Students

Supported the CA Senate Pro Tempore's efforts to improve college readiness for underserved students and increase their access to and enrollment in the University of California and California State University.



Kept the Spotlight on Transfer

Released "Keeping the Promise: Going the Distance on Transfer Reform" which highlighted progress and challenges in the development of our signature 2010 legislation to create an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) pathway between the community colleges and the CSU system and guaranteed admission to the CSU for students. We also continued to target outreach to local Board of Trustees in key regions in order to share localized data with them and encourage deeper progress in developing this pathway. Currently over 2,000 (2,079) ADT's are being offered across California Community Colleges.



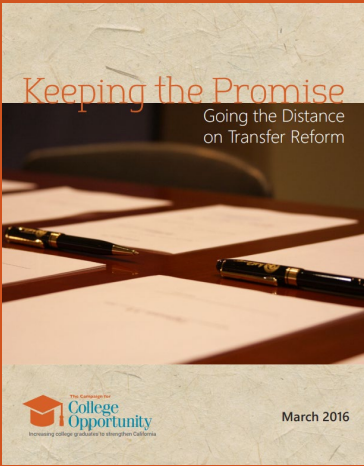
Focused on Keeping College Affordable through Federal Financial Aid Advocacy

Raised awareness about the need for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) simplification and federal financial aid policy reforms through an outreach and educational campaign that included:

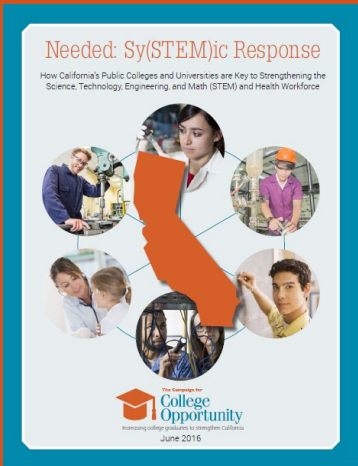
- A roundtable in Sacramento with key policymakers about the implications of federal financial aid reforms on California students;
- Meetings with Congressional members and staff in their districts and in Washington D.C.
- Traveling with a strong delegation of student ambassadors, business, and civil rights leaders to Washington D.C. for congressional visits and hosting a Capitol Hill briefing on the topic of college affordability.

Increased **PUBLIC AWARENESS** through the release of 29 new publications including:

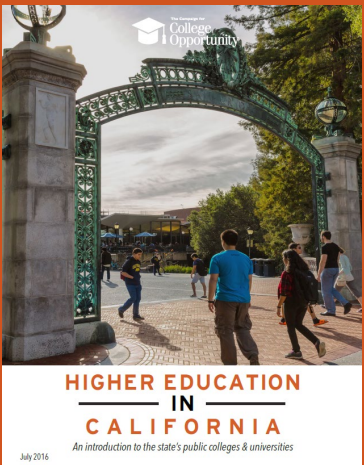
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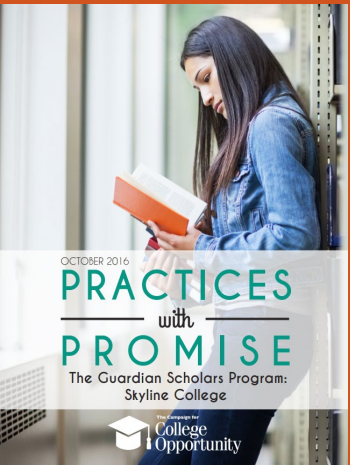
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Higher Education in California



Practices with Promise



CONNECTED with Californians
across the state



254

news articles
featuring our work
and/or staff



21,785

stakeholders
engaged through
outreach events



2,921

pages likes



4,272

followers

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\$1.33 million
thanks to

- The Angell Foundation
- Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, and Romo
- California Business Roundtable
- California Education Policy Fund
- California Community Foundation
- The California Wellness Foundation
- ECMC Foundation
- Federal Financial Aid Advocacy Fund
- Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros Foundation
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