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Library of Virtual College Tours and Resources



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Hello,

Welcome to the Library of Virtual College Tours and Resources. This library serves as a one-stop resource for students and families interested in learning more about going to college. To make all of the resources in this library easy to navigate, we have divided the following guide into two sections:

Virtual College Tours

Explore our library of virtual college tours, which provide an in-depth look at local, state, and national colleges. Each college tour is led by a Partnership team member who is also an alumnae of that college or university.

College Going Resources

The journey to college can be overwhelming. To support you on your journey, we have put together a series of workshops and resources from our University Day 2021 to help you understand the types of colleges and financial aid available, and the tools that you will need to make informed decisions on your journey.

We are so proud of you as you take this next step in learning more about how to get to college. We are cheering you on every step of the way.

Onward!

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The California State University (CSU) System



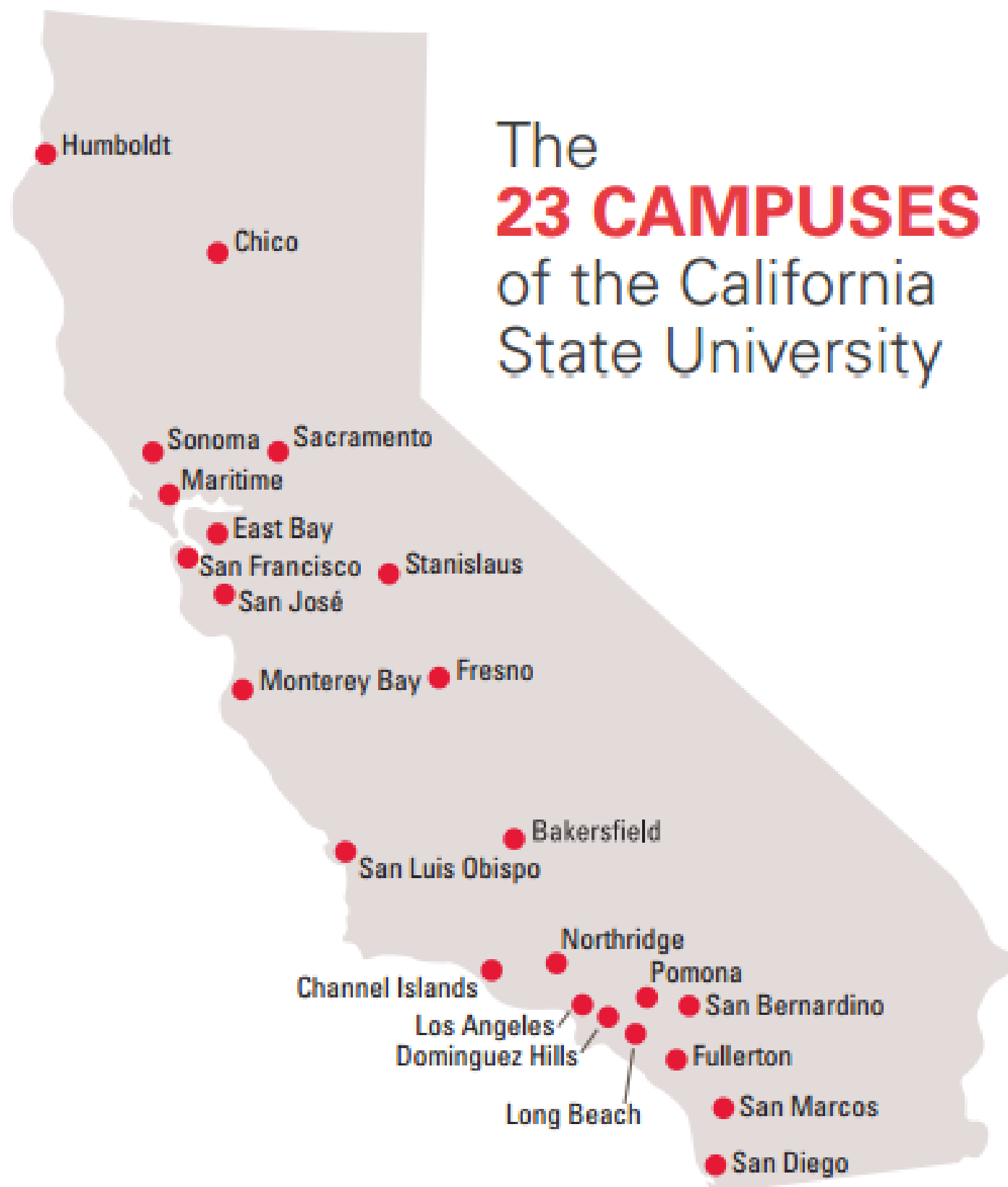
The California State University (CSU) system is composed of 23 campuses brought together in 1960 by the Donahoe Higher Education Act. San José State University is the oldest campus founded in 1857 and became the first institution of public higher education in California. Today, the CSU system educates about 485,000 students every year with 95 percent of students coming from California and nearly one-third of students are first in their families to attend college.



Click play below for a virtual tour from a Partnership staff!



[Click here to learn about the admission process!](#)



Senior Manager of Student Recruitment & Strategy



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[CSU Long Beach with Miriam \(Spanish tour\)](#)

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[CSU San Diego with Stacy](#)

The University of California (UC) System

The University of California (UC) is a public research university system composed of the 10 campuses with 9 offering undergraduate education programs. The University of California began in 1869 with just 40 students in Oakland, CA. Today, the UC system serves more than 280,000 students with 82 percent reporting California as their home, and 41 percent being first in their family to attend college. In addition to the campuses, the UC system includes 5 medical centers and 3 national laboratories.



Click play below for a virtual tour from a Family Engagement Teacher Lead!

Santee Education Complex
2020-2021 Teacher Lead



Ambar Damian



[UCLA with Ms. Damian](#)



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Development Manager of
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Alex Batson



[UC Berkeley with Alex](#)

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The University of California (UC) System Tours (continued)



Click play below for a virtual tour from a Partnership staff!

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[UC Riverside with Melanie & Alphonso](#)

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[UCLA with some of our Partnership Bruins](#)



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Joseph Chang



Private Colleges

There are many options to choose from when it comes to selecting a college. In addition to public universities, there are also private colleges. Private colleges are privately funded and independently operated which allows them to set their own policies and goals. Private colleges can be affiliated with a specific religion, gender, or simply related to the humanities and liberal studies, which influences the course curriculum and student activities offered by each college.

In California, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) was established in 1955. The Association is composed of 85 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, and together, these 85 institutions create the Independent California Colleges and Universities sector (ICCU). The ICCU awards 22% of all bachelor's degrees and 58% of all graduate degrees in California, making them the state's largest preparers of advanced workforce.



[Click here learn about the admission process!](#)



[Click here for a List of all AICCU campuses!](#)



Click play below for a virtual tour from a Partnership staff!

Operations Associate



Rachel Geller



[Scripps College with Rachel](#)

Director of Strategy & Growth



Becca Velasco

Vice President of Policy & Planning



Chase Stafford

Director of Digital Learning & Innovation



Erick Marquez



[Stanford University with Becca Velasco, Chase Stafford & Erick Marquez](#)

Out-of-State Colleges

In addition to public and private colleges in California, there are also many colleges in other states. An out-of-state college is any college in another state that is not one's home state. With over 4,000 institutions in the United States, and even more academic programs, there are options for everyone. Out-of-state colleges may offer nationally ranked academic programs and research opportunities that attract students from across the nation.



[Interested in exploring more college possibilities? Click here!](#)

One key difference between in-state and out-of-state colleges is cost of attendance. Since each state funds their own public institution through public tax funds, state residents are able to attend public institutions at a lower cost when compared to out-of-state students. The term in-state tuition refers to the cost to the state residents while out-of-state tuition refers to the cost to residents from other states.



[Click here to learn how out-of-state students can pay in-state tuition!](#)

Click play below for a virtual tour from a Partnership staff!

Interim Director of Restorative Communities



Julija Zubac



[A trip to the University of Pennsylvania with Julija](#)

Director of College-Going Culture



Karlo Silbiger



[Traveling to Boston University with Karlo](#)

Senior Vice President of Leadership Development



Jeffrey Garrett



[Journey to Dartmouth College with Jeffrey](#)

College-Going Resources

After having a chance to learn about different college experiences from our Partnership team, there may be questions about the resources available to support students on their academic journeys. Below are workshops from our virtual 2021 University Day event with helpful information and resources to help students to-and-through college. This year's event was held virtually due to the impact of COVID-19. Traditionally, University Day is a yearly event where Partnership for Los Angeles Schools invites families from the network on a tour of a college campus to learn more about the journey to-and-through-college. The workshops offer an opportunity to learn how to promote a college-going culture at home and how to support students on their journey to and through college. In addition to the workshops, the student panel provides an opportunity to learn about the college experience from current students.

Higher Education 101

with Karlo and Erik

Earning a high school diploma opens the opportunity to attend a college or university. Colleges and universities are educational institutions where students can learn about a specific field of study and learn skills to prepare them for careers. Our Higher Education 101 workshop explores the options students have when it comes to colleges, and with so many options, there is sure to be a match for everyone!

Director of
College-Going Culture



Karlo Silbiger

Family Engagement
Associate



Erik Valdez-Diaz



[Click here to view the University Day 2021 workshop!](#)

Goal-Setting & Growth Mindset

with Abigail, Cindy, and Elizabeth

A fixed mindset perceives the world as is, with little room for improvement. A growth mindset considers the steps and challenges to develop new skills for achieving new goals. Goal-setting and having a growth mindset are important traits to achieve the success we desire. Join Abigail, Elizabeth, and Cindy as they discuss what practices are best to promote a growth mindset!

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Elizabeth Mascarenas

2020-2021 VISTA
College Success Advisor



Cindy Montoya



[Click here to view the University Day 2021 workshop!](#)

College-Going Resources (continued)

Financing College

with Karen and Laura

Financial Aid can be a big help to students as they explore resources to pay for college. Every college has different factors that contribute to the costs to attendance and each college offers unique opportunities for financial aid. Join Karen and Laura as they discuss types costs and financial aid resources available to students!

Coordinator of Family Engagement



Karen Martell

2020-2021 VISTA College Success Advisor



Laura Gomez



[Click here to view the University Day 2021 workshop!](#)

Navigating To-and-Through College

with Diana & Icela

Today's students are tomorrow's teachers. The college experience is unique to every individual, therefore other's experiences are a powerful resource to learn from. Join Diana and Icela as they learn about what kind of challenges and opportunities Los Angeles Unified alumni and current college students have faced and are currently navigating.

Director of Family Engagement Programs



Diana Ruiz

Director of Operations & Strategy



Icela Santiago



[Click here to view the University Day 2021 Student Panel and learn about their journeys!](#)

Angel Garcia Ballesteros



A Roosevelt High School alumnus navigating his first year at the University of California Berkeley.

Stephanie Ortiz



A MSTMA at Roosevelt alumna navigating her first year at the University of California Riverside

Jaden Pitts



A Santee Education Complex alumnus navigating his third year at Chapman University



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Dear reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about college and about resources available to support your students. Please visit our Parents and Families [webpage](#) to learn more about our work. If you are interested in future learning opportunities, Parent College is our parent empowerment workshop series with a focus on college readiness, restorative justice/social emotional learning, parent leadership and advocacy, and health and wellness. We invite you to connect with us and receive updates by joining our [Partnership Family Center Facebook Group](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at families@partnershipla.org.

-The Family Engagement Team