

Most college students study and work in the region they call home. Their success in obtaining a post-secondary certificate or degree can be promoted by alignment and collaboration across all educational segments in their region.

College Next is a joint effort of the California
College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) California
Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and the
California State University Office of the Chancellor
to unify how K-12 districts and higher education
institutions help students plan for and transition
to college and career. College Next enables
K-12 districts to partner free of charge with the
California College Guidance Initiative.

The College Next partnership represents a vital intersegmental collaboration that will bolster the collegegoing culture in key regions of the state and pave the way for improved educational outcomes for students.

Together, the chancellor's offices of the California

Community Colleges and the California State University are investing in a unified approach to help our students prepare for and successfully transition to college.

## **ELOY ORTIZ OAKLEY**

Chancellor,
California Community Colleges

The **California College Guidance Initiative** manages **CaliforniaColleges.edu**, the state's college and career planning platform, and provides technical assistance to maximize the use of the platform's data-informed tools. CCGI aims to:

- Help all high school students graduate with clear post-secondary goals and a plan for how to achieve them.
- Ensure that students' academic transcript data follow them so that it can inform key decisions about admissions, academic course placement, guidance and financial aid.

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As a first-generation student, like so many in California, my undergraduate experience started at Diablo
Valley College before continuing to the California
State University and University of California.

## The new partnerships taking place

in the College Next regions today represent what is possible when students' college and career goals are met with the tools to achieve them. I celebrate school districts, colleges and universities for creating these new opportunities. This is a clear example of our transformative power when we work together for students and communities.

## **TIMOTHY P. WHITE**

Chancellor, California State University

## Data-informed Tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu

**CaliforniaColleges.edu** and its associated 6th-12th grade college and career planning curriculum help students and families navigate the college planning and application process, while providing K-12, community college and California State University educators with actionable data to support decision making that impacts students' trajectories.

- During high school, students and families
   can track progress on key college eligibility
   standards such as the completion of a-g
   coursework. Educators can run reports that
   summarize college preparation and application
   activities and support critical interventions.
- When students apply to California
  Community Colleges or California State
  University campuses through their account on
  CaliforniaColleges.edu their coursework is
  shared with the receiving institution to support
  important decisions about admissions,
  placement and guidance.
- Students can begin the financial aid process by launching their FAFSA or CA Dream Act application on CaliforniaColleges.edu, which can help to reduce the time it takes the California Student Aid Commission to determine Cal Grant eligibility.









