

# FAFSA - #1 in the STATE!

## How did Santiago do it?

### Race to Submit Timeline

**September** = Introduce FAFSA at Senior Presentations

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** (PSAT day) = seniors work on college applications, FAFSA, BROAD Scholarship

**December** = Classroom presentations on FAFSA through language arts classes

Flyer included – FAFSA/CAL GRANT = when and how to apply

**January** = Classroom presentations through Gov/Econ - FAFSA, Broad Prize

Scholarship, local and general scholarships

**February** = FAFSA race is on! Application workshops and teacher competition

Example: 1 raffle ticket for every 10 submissions

\*\*\*Extra credit, class assignments, gift cards to highest number of applicants (students must bring proof of submission)

**March** = Deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Request report from FAFSA department for students that have not applied. **College and Career Tech calls every student in that has not completed the form.** Computers are available to complete the form on the spot! Parents are called to explain the importance of completing the FAFSA if there is some resistance or questions.

**Open House** – FAFSA workshop available

**April** = College and Career Tech continues to call in students and assist them with the FAFSA. Reports are run every two weeks to stay updated on completion. Students are to print out confirmation pages showing completion.

**May** = Final lap of the race. College and Career Tech continues to call in students to complete the FAFSA.

### Key Players

**Mariana Machado** – College and Career Tech, counseling team, Gov/Econ teachers, LA teachers, ASB, administration, community businesses

## **Batch Upload Data**

Non-SSN Upload – Class of 2014 minimum gains = \$376, 893.00 in Cal Grants for CNUSD

This is a LOW estimate as some of these students could have earned \$12,000 instead of \$1551 if they attended a UC. Also, if some students received a grant, but chose to go out of state, then the grant money would not be reflected in these numbers because they are not claiming their grant.

Corona and Norco took the initiative to take advantage of the batch upload to get a head start on the Cal Grant submission. Great job!

## **Barriers or Myths for Submitting**

- Those students getting full ride scholarships still need to feel out the FAFSA. This is how they will get those \$\$\$ once they get to the colleges. (They have to fill it out anyway at the college)
- Parents don't want to apply  
Contact parents and give them the reasons why they should apply.
- Students don't know if they want to go to college in the fall?  
Still have them apply because if they end up deciding on going they will not have FAFSA available or as much if they wait to apply in August
- Students are going into the military?  
Still apply in case you plan on attending school before you training
- My parents make too much money?  
Remind students of Blue and Gold \$\$\$ Available for them, the middle class scholarship and that they won't know until they apply. It won't hurt to apply.
- My parents/grandparents/uncle/godparent is paying for my college tuition?  
Why have them pay if you can get free money from FAFSA. Apply and see what is offered to you and then have them pay for the rest.