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CONSULATE GENERAL OF MEXICO HOSTS STEPS TO COLLEGE 2018

2018 Steps to College Invites Local High School Students to College Financial Aid & Admissions Fair

Sacramento, CA – (2018) – The California Student Aid Commission; the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento, *Cien Amigos*; the Mexican Cultural Center of Northern California; and the University of California invite you to attend **Steps to College 2018** on Saturday, February 3, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento. The address is 2093 Arena Boulevard in the Natomas neighborhood of Sacramento. This event is FREE.

Steps to College 2018 will highlight the importance of higher education for local high school students. This event is presented in both Spanish and English and parents are invited to attend. Students will have the opportunity to apply on-site with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act for Cal Grants, federal grants, campus aid, and private scholarships. The college financial aid application period in California began on October 1, 2017 and is open until March 2, 2018. Visit www.csac.ca.gov for more detailed information. Register online at www.stepstocollegesac.org.

According to Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission, “Now more than ever, it’s imperative for students to take advantage of the state’s generous grant aid and seek a higher education for economic and social mobility. This year, we have also invited students who have already applied for financial aid to learn about next steps.”

“This year’s *Pasos a la Universidad* is expected to attract thousands of students and their families,” commented Liliana Ferrer, Consul General of Mexico in Sacramento. All of the people, institutions and organizations, involved with Steps to College 2018 are committed to the goal of encouraging high school students to get a college education or career training. There will be representatives from public and private California colleges and Mexican universities providing information about their admission and financial aid processes.

The objective of **Steps to College 2018** is: 1.) To provide student and parent workshops on public and private higher education and planning for college 2.) To provide student and parent workshops on financial aid; and 3.) To assist students in completing their financial aid applications. Students and parents may also participate in a college tour of Sacramento State University or the University of California at Davis.

For more information please contact Patti Colston at 916.206.1285. View a video clip of a previous Steps to College event visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJudZTX0548>.

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