

Spring 2018

DAY AT THE CAPITAL

Led by our VP of State Issues, Aprí Medina, members of the 2018 Executive Council visited our State Capital on March 20th. Visits included:

- Senator Glazer
- Assemblyman Jose Medina
–Committee Chair on
Higher Education
- Assemblywoman Catharine
Baker
- Senator Portantino
- Lupita Cortez-Alcalá,
Executive Director CSAC

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VISITS SACRAMENTO



*“We support additional Cal Grant eligibility
and simplification efforts...”*

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Is your campus interested in beginning or expanding their financial literacy efforts on campus? Looking for a conference to learn more? The Higher Education Financial Wellness Summit (HEFWS) will hold their conference in Portland, Oregon July 15-17, 2018. For details go to www.hefwa.org

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual CASFAA Conference will be held at the JW Marriott Resort in Palm Desert, October 27th – 30th. Join us as we offer over 50 sessions, including training from CSAC and Department of Education! Stay tuned for more details... **United Toward Access**





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DAY AT THE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS...

CASFAA provided supportive and constructive feedback on several bills related to additional Cal Grant access and eligibility, transparency of costs, Dream support services, and income share agreements.

While there are efforts to improve student access to college and the student's understanding of costs, CASFAA representatives voiced concerns about implementation and consideration of the unintended consequences some of the legislative details may have if passed.

Below is a highlight of proposed bills and some of our feedback:

Highlights

AB 1037 provides 2,500 awards on a first-come first-served Dream App filing basis to Dreamers without work authorization to take on an internship experience.

AB 2563 would require campuses participating in Cal Grant and that have a bookstore to set up a reimbursement model for books for students on aid. We are concerned about the ability of all campuses to set up this type of scenario with limited resources.

AB 1961 allows on-campus students to choose whether they purchase a meal plan. We raised concerns about how this may further impact hunger issues on campuses.

AB 3213 would require CSU and private postsecondary campuses to detail additional items in the cost of attendance, institute a refund like a paycheck model, and post average earnings by major. We raised several issues, including federal COA requirements, negative impact to students with monthly rent due at the start of the term, and the additional labor needed to accomplish the details of this bill. For more information visit the **March 2018 link** on our State Issues page at:

<http://www.casfaa.org/segmental-resources-state>

