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Young people learn how to make college happen

A partnership of local community and educational organizations, including Sacramento State, is once again reaching out to sixth-through ninth-grade students, urging them to start planning now for their college education.

The 20th annual “College: Making it Happen” (www.csus.edu/cmih) is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, on the Sac State campus. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. at the University Union Ballroom and includes a special welcome from Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson at 8:30 a.m. Workshops and presentations will be offered until 2 p.m., with a keynote address by artist and arts advocate Milton Bowen at noon. The event is designed to communicate the importance of early academic and financial planning.

Workshops for parents and students include:

- A meeting with college admission counselors
- Finding out how to pay for college
- Information on parent advocacy

There also are interactive workshops about college majors and careers in teaching, medicine, public safety and law enforcement, engineering and computer science, athletics and more.

Presentations in Spanish and Hmong also will be available.

The event is free, but participants must register ahead of time by going to the website. Registrations will be accepted through Friday, March 28.

Partners include the Los Rios Community College District, the UC Davis Undergraduate Admissions & Early Academic Outreach Program, the Sacramento CalSOAP Consortium, Breakthrough Sacramento, Saint Mary’s College and ScholarShare.

For more information, visit the website, call (916) 278-2481 or email cmih@csus.edu. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho

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