

**College Access
Foundation of California**

College Access Foundation of California has approved more than \$4 million for scholarship grants to 21 outstanding community-based organizations that provide support, guidance and financial aid to students from low-college going populations in the Bay Area, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, Los Angeles and Sacramento regions.

"Despite the large amount of public and private aid to students state- and nationwide, there remains a substantial gap in meeting the needs of low college-going populations, particularly Latino and African-American students," said College Access Foundation President Caroline O. Boitano. "Our grantees understand those needs, and work to fill them so that these promising students can attend and succeed in college."

For more information on College Access Foundation and its grantees, please contact Kristen Stancik at 310.656.1001 or www.collegeaccessfoundation.org.

College Forward

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, **College Forward** held its largest ever *College/Universidad 101* workshop for low-income parents at Southwestern University in Austin, TX. Developed with seed funding from the College Board, *College/Universidad 101* features interactive discussions and activities, led in both English and Spanish by College Forward staff and prominent Texas college counseling professionals.

More than 80 families spent the day learning about admissions, financial aid, and support strategies while bonding and building a support network of engaged parents who share the goal of higher education for their children.

In a survey, 99 percent of participants felt they left the workshop with a better understanding of how they can support their student through the college experience.

"*College/Universidad 101* is very exciting and motivating," said College Forward parent Annabell Cabrera. "Especially with me being a single mother, all the help we are getting, it is just like a family." The next workshop will be held March 29, 2008 at Texas State University. www.collegeforward.org



College Forward parents participated in interactive, hands-on activities at the *College/Universidad 101* workshop.