

**College Access  
Foundation of California**

College Access Foundation of California is pleased to announce grants to 11 outstanding community-based organizations across the state providing support to students with financial need. These grants, totaling \$3,275,999, will fund scholarships and operating expenses for grantees that serve urban and rural low-income populations in Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Alameda, San Francisco and Kern counties.

College Access Foundation welcomes its new grantees: A Place Called Home, Barrio Logan College Institute, Central Coast Cal-SOAP Consortium, Centro Legal de la Raza and San Diego Education Fund. The foundation also welcomes returning grantees California Cash for College, Catch The Dream Program, Glendale Community Foundation, Larkin Street Youth Services, Southern San Joaquin Valley Cal-SOAP and UNITE-LA.

"These organizations are doing critical work for students in their communities and statewide," said foundation president Caroline O. Boitano. "We rely on their expertise and their immediate contact with these students to inform, inspire and encourage these students to reach their educational goals." [www.collegeaccessfoundation.org](http://www.collegeaccessfoundation.org)

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**College Forward**, the only nonprofit in Texas offering both college preparatory and college retention services, has received a grant from TG for over \$60,000 to substantially expand its retention program.

**College Forward**

College Forward's initiative, known as the College Retention for Student Success Project, will provide support to ensure the success of over 90 low-income and/or first-generation college students. Based on two years of program evaluation and observed needs, the initiative will include career development workshops, academic advising, transfer support, and a summer transition program. The project will also augment College Forward's existing retention services, including reunions, frequent telephone contacts and care packages.

College Forward will closely track the results and successes of their model and will seek to share their effective methods with universities and programs around the nation. [www.collegeforward.org](http://www.collegeforward.org)

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College Forward's two new College Retention coordinators, AmeriCorps Texas members **Saul Ramos** and **Lauren Contreras**, stand with Outreach and Special Projects Manager **Daniel Riegel**. The three, who are spearheading College Forward's expanded retention program, hold time capsules to be opened upon students' graduation.