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**MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF 36
"CASH FOR COLLEGE" FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES AREA**

LOS ANGELES – Today, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, along with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Superintendent Admiral David L. Brewer III, LAUSD Board President Mónica García, members of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and representatives from the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, announced the opening of 36 "Cash for College" Financial Aid Workshop locations throughout the Los Angeles area.

"With rising costs, college is becoming increasingly out of reach, especially for our low-income students and first generation college-goers," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Every student should have the opportunity to earn a college degree, and Cash for College brings the dream of higher education closer to thousands of Los Angeles students and their families."

The Cash for College workshops will be structured to help students and their families navigate through the process of finding money to pay for college. The workshops will assist students and parents through the process of applying for financial aid by providing families with hands-on assistance in completing their financial aid forms. In addition, the Cash for College workshops will inform students and their parents about Cal Grants, Pell Grants and other private funding options available to help finance a college education.

In the past five years, the average cost of in-state tuition and fees at public colleges has jumped 35%. The average cost of a year at a four-year public school costs more than \$16,000 today -- and private school costs about twice that.

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To assist with the cost of college tuition, more than \$105 billion in financial aid is offered to students each and every year from the federal and state governments, and from private organizations.

“While the cost of tuition continues to rise, keep in mind, so does the number of available financial aid options --- so regardless of age, income or academic history, there is money available,” said Mayor Villaraigosa. “The Cash for College workshops will help students and their families navigate through the process of finding money to pay for college.”

To date, the Cash for College workshops have helped more than 24,000 students and parents secure millions of dollars in money for college tuition and expenses.

Listed below are the 36 Cash for College Locations:

CASH FOR COLLAGE WORKSHOP LOCATIONS:

**Alhambra High School
Bell High School
Canoga Park High School
Eagle Rock High School**

**Aliso Pico Recreation Center
Belmont High School
Discovery Charter Preparatory
East L.A. College**

**El Proyecto del Barrio
Fremont High School
Inglewood High School
L.A. Mission College**

**Franklin High School
Hollywood High School
L.A. Harbor College
L.A. Southwest College**

**L.A. Trade Tech
Leuzinger High School
Manual Arts High School
Marshall High School**

**Central City Value High School
Lennox Academy
Mar Vista Family Center
Monroe High School**

**Reseda High School
San Gabriel High School
Santee Education Complex
South Gate High School**

**Roosevelt High School
Santa Monica High School
South El Monte High School
Venice High School**

**Wilson High School
Los Angeles High School
Youth Opportunity Movement - Watts,
Community Charter Early College High School**