

CEO Report November 27, 2017

Great work is happening throughout the organization. This report is meant to highlight several of the functional areas with updates for the Board of Directors:

Academic Affairs

- Two scholars, one from CCS San Diego and one from CCS Los Angeles, have meet the graduation requirements to earn their high school diploma.
- The Counseling Services Department presented 18 presentations/workshops for scholars in grades 6-12 during September November. The counseling core curriculum promotes content in the areas of academic achievement, college/career readiness, and personal social growth.
- Counseling Services, in collaboration with the Records Department, successfully submitted Cal Grant GPA's per Ed Code to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for all 12th grade scholars, with exception of those who opted out.
- Counseling Services, in collaboration with Strategic Initiatives, launched the "Race to Submit." This state-wide campaign encourages all qualified high school seniors to compete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA).
- Our inaugural Online Program Parent Teacher Conferences were hosted from November 6th through the 17th. These have been very well received by our learning coaches and teacher as it continues to build upon the relationships between teachers and our families.
- The Special Education Department is working closely with our Options Program to offer more parent/scholar support sessions.
- Our Special Education program has contracted out with six new providers across the state to support our various and unique scholar needs.
- Scholar of the Month recognition program continues. *See enclosed press releases.*

Information Services

- The CBEDS-ORA Report was successfully certified prior to the October 31st deadline.
- The Information Services Department is collaborating with all departments and our partners at StrongMind to enhance our reports to better serve and support our scholars.

Operations

- Organizational changes have transpired since the last meeting. *See enclosed worksheet.*
- Investment ladder has matured with JP Morgan Chase. We have rolled these funds over per policy. *See enclosed portfolio report.*

Strategic Initiatives

- *Compass Chronicle* quarterly eNewsletter for all stakeholders on past activities and upcoming opportunities for scholars, families and staff. *See enclosed issues.*
- We are a sponsor of the Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego's *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* on December 15, with a booth at the theatre and showing our new promotional video during the movie previews.
- We hosted a community event in Fresno called Scholar Fun Day. CCS families were invited along with members of the community. It was held at The Learning Village, one of our partners, and activities such as rocket creation and launching, bicycle safety inspections, and dry ice bubbles were offered along with child-related vendors and food trucks. PBS' Peg+Cat was also on hand for photos with the children.
- CCS participated in a number of recruiting fairs and marketing events, including the Ultimate Womens' Expo in San Diego and Los Angeles, Women's Expo in Fresno, Clovis Night Out, Thousand Oaks Street Fair, Fresno Street Fair, and the Oxnard Mexican Independence Day Parade.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

- We have submitted Year-End Reports for 2016-17 to all of our authorizers, sharing key points of pride for the year. *See enclosed presentations.*
- Three members of our Leadership Team will be attending the 2017 Accountability Leadership Institute for English Learner, Immigrant, and Migrant Student Programs on December 4th and 5th. We anticipate that their participation and collaboration will help us better serve our unique scholar populations.

A lot of great work is taking place, thanks to our dedicated staff, to continue to improve the educational experience we provide our scholars. My thanks to our team for everything they do each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted,

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J.J. Lewis President & CEO