North Coast Cal-SOAP

North Coast California Student Opportunity Access Program (Cal-SOAP) seeks to increase college preparedness of underrepresented students in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties by providing support, services, resources, and opportunities to middle and high school students, and first year college students, in order to increase financial aid awareness, FAFSA/CADAA completion, and post-secondary participation and success.

Professional Development For Counselors & College Access Staff

North Coast Cal-SOAP has compiled high quality financial aid trainings, resources, and support for high school counselors and college access staff.

Financial Aid Workshops and College Access Resources for Counselors

College Success Program for High School Students

Cal-SOAP Success Coaches are placed at high schools and work with school counselors to help increase FAFSA/CADAA completion and college-going rates in students. They serve as advisors, assist with events, promote a school-wide college-going culture, and support students and their families in the financial aid & college application processes.

Cal-SOAP Success Coaches Recruitment Video
College Success Program Brochure
Success Coach Flyer
Cash for College Flyer
Success Coach Job Description

College Persistence Program for Incoming College Freshman

Summer Link Program: This program is designed to keep our local college-bound students on-track by offering information and support during the transitional summer season before college to prevent "summer melt", a surprisingly common scenario in which high school graduates apply, are accepted, and plan to enroll in college but don’t follow-through.

Financial Aid College Persistence Coaches: Cal-SOAP Persistence Coaches are placed with financial aid departments at College of the Redwoods and Cal Poly Humboldt to assist freshmen with their FAFSA/CADAA renewals and to connect them with resources and supports to be successful in college.

College & Career Events

North Coast Cal-SOAP offers a continuum of events for middle to high school students to educate, empower, and encourage students to reach for higher education.

Redwood Days at College of the Redwoods (All 7th Graders)
I’ve Been Admitted to College at Cal Poly Humboldt (All 8th Graders)
Making College Happen at Cal Poly Humboldt (10th Graders)
North Coast College & Career Expo at College of the Redwoods (9th - 12th Graders)
College Career Connect at Cal Poly Humboldt & College of the Redwoods (9th - 12th Graders)

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2023-2024 College Success Coach Placements

Alder Grove Charter High School
Arcata High School
Del Norte High School
Eureka High School
Fortuna High School
Humboldt County Office of Education
HCOE Court & Community Schools
McKinleyville High School
South Fork High School
Six Rivers Charter High School

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