

Testimonial – Dominic Espeleta, School Site Counselor Implementation Transcript

Narrator: CaliforniaColleges.edu. Discover. Plan. Launch. The State of California's Official College and Career Planning Platform.

Dominic: My name is Dominic Espeleta. I'm a school counselor at Glenview High School. It's in Beaumont Unified.

Narrator: How have you used CaliforniaColleges.edu to support your students?

Dominic: A lot of our students come from, you know, working class families low, typically low socioeconomic status, so a lot of times they don't really get exposed to the college and career side aspect of it. Utilizing CaliforniaColleges.edu has been really, really helpful in that regard 'cause it kind of broadens that horizon for them.

Narrator: Throughout the video, the CaliforniaColleges.edu website is shown highlighting its Career Assessments, Career Search Tool, and Financial Aid Lessons.

Dominic: I do push it in presentations, into the government, the English 12 classes, so our senior level classes. We also have back to school nights for our parents to come. I'll also do online presentations, just some of the basic breakdowns for you for that website, and I'll kind of send it to the parents as well.

We'll get to the website, I try to reiterate that this is kind of like the best one-stop shop that you can get for financial aid, college and career tools, college and career interest inventories, and then some of the students that aren't able to get too much of it done within those presentations, usually I'll work with them one-to-one, and if some of them have questions, we can actually bring some of their parents in and that's when I'll meet with them personally as well.

Narrator: What has the impact been on your students?

Dominic: Something that we really appreciate and something that we're really trying to work on is trying to get more of our FAFSA applications turned in. Something that's really awesome to see after filling out these applications is finding out that they qualify for that money and just seeing their opportunities kind of open up because of it. And I think a lot of these students, just every student in general deserves that, right? That's what's one of the greatest things about the website is that it has very in detail, step-by-step ability to show you how to navigate it. And so that allows them to go home and explain it to their parents, should they not be around. Just that windows of opportunity that are open after they completed has been really awesome to kind of witness.

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