

Testimonial – Omar Marquez, CaliforniaColleges.edu for Career Pathways Transcript

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Omar: My name is Omar Marquez. I am currently serving as Assistant Principal at Valley View High School, which is part of the Moreno Valley Unified School District.

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

Omar: What we've noticed is usually when students are not engaged on our campus, it's because they don't have a goal in mind as to what they want to do after high school. We have students that are looking at other options that might not require two or four year. For the past few years, we've definitely jumped on using the career inventories tools

Narrator: Throughout the video, the CaliforniaColleges.edu website is shown highlighting its career search tool, career assessments, and career activities-related reports.

Omar: And just making sure that students figure out what careers do work with their personalities and their aptitudes. Our whole guidance department uses it, our counselors, our guidance assistant, our success coaches, allied health academies, and other different pathways. It should be more than just a counselor. It should be the whole staff that gets around it and understands the power of, you know, kids knowing what career they're going to pursue in the future, and then also what type of schooling they're going to need for that career. And we have so many different pathways and electives that a lot of times based off of that data, we can start pushing in towards certain pathways.

Narrator: What has the impact been on your students?

Omar: For example, our automotive program is usually about 99% male. Well, you know, we have female students that might have done the career inventory and have interest in that area, but maybe they don't know that they can take an automotive class and actually be part of a pathway. We want to make sure that we use that as a tool. Or how about we start placing you in some concurrent enrollment classes at Moreno Valley College to help you prepare for that possible career, to graduate high school. It's just another tool in our counselors' belt to be able to give better college and career guidance to our students.

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