Streamlining the College Application Process

Narrator: CaliforniaColleges.edu. Discover. Plan. Launch. "Streamlining the college application process". Crystal Castaneda, Samantha Cruz, and Darnell R. Bailey, Jr. Cal-SOAP College Success Coaches. Crystal Castaneda. Student at Cal Poly Pomona. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Crystal: So, as a College Success Coach at Cal-SOAP, I help students with their college applications and their federal aid applications.

Narrator: Darnell R. Bailey Jr. Student at Mt. San Jacinto College. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Darnell: I help them with the technical sides as well, helping them input information, selecting their right options, how to use the tools that are there.

Narrator: Samantha Cruz. Student at California State University, Long Beach. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Samantha: I would say we have probably helped around 700 students this year. Had we had to do those applications remotely during COVID without California Colleges, that number would've decreased probably in half, if not more because the time to do an application doubles.

Narrator: Managed by the California College Guidance Initiative, CCGI, californiacolleges.edu streamlines the application process for California's public colleges. Samantha Cruz. Student at California State University, Long Beach. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Samantha: I remember me and my mom like, sat down for hours one night and just like, printed out all my transcripts and like, entered everything both, for the CSU, and the UC applications.

Narrator: Darnell R. Bailey Jr. Student at Mt. San Jacinto College. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Darnell: Entering the transcript information is really taxing and takes a lot of time when you don't have that CCGI component.

Narrator: Samantha Cruz. Student at California State University, Long Beach. Cal-

SOAP College Success Coach.

Samantha: Doing Cal State applications were the best because CCGI just made it so easy to enter their courses and their grades. There was no work to do. They just pressed the little button and everything just transferred over.

Narrator: Crystal Castaneda. Student at Cal Poly Pomona. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Crystal: To transport their grades and all of their information from CCGI to the CSU applications, it's just basically two buttons, and you're good to go.

Narrator: Darnell R. Bailey Jr. Student at Mt. San Jacinto College. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Darnell: I can't think of a single student that wanted to quit and give up, and then when they get to the end, as soon as they're like, "I did it?", and then "Oh, thank you so much!".

Narrator: Crystal Castaneda. Student at Cal Poly Pomona. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Crystal: They're just like, "Wait, that was it?" After you helped them and they're like, "I thought it was going to be so hard!" It's such a good feeling for them and me.

Narrator: Samantha Cruz. Student at California State University, Long Beach. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Samantha: Making college applications easier for students plays a huge role in whether they're going to apply or not.

Narrator: Crystal Castaneda. Student at Cal Poly Pomona. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach.

Crystal: We want students to go to college. We want them to get their higher education. So, by making it more simple and easy they're more motivated to go to college, and it helps them to believe that they can do this, and they will do a good job.

Narrator: Darnell R. Bailey Jr. Student at Mt. San Jacinto College. Cal-SOAP College Success Coach. Darnell: And then, you know, just getting them to the door in the sense of actually filling out the application like, getting to see what that process is like, and

kind of making it easy for them really helps. If a student knows that there's gold on the other side of a door, and it says you have to solve a Rubik's Cube to get through the door there's going to be more students that get through the door if it's a simple twist of a knob versus the Rubik's Cube.

Narrator: Learn more by visiting CaliforniaColleges.edu.

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