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Gov. Brown rails against CSU funding; 30,000 qualified students turned away yearly

At Governor Brown’s news conference on his 2018-19 state budget plan last week, a reporter asked him about the [CFA PopUp Art Installation](#) outside calling for more funding to admit 18,000 more qualified students to the CSU.

Brown dismissed the thought, declaring, “They are going to have to live within their means.” CFA is not sure who the Governor thinks “they” are, but we do know who will suffer the consequences of his indifference—current CSU students, and tens of thousands of eligible students who have not been admitted.

- [See Governor Brown’s Jan. 10 news conference](#) (CSU funding discussed starting at time 15:27)
- [See Facebook posts and video of CFA faculty docents discussing the funding for the CSU at a Pop-Up Art Installation at the State Capitol during Governor Brown’s news conference last week.](#) (Please share)



“Responsible leaders know that the CSU—the state’s People’s University—is critical to California,” said CFA President Jennifer Eagan. “We all, including the Governor, have an obligation to do everything we can to ensure that more students get the opportunity to enter the university and to graduate without incurring crippling debt.”

She added, “If, after they have followed all of the rules and have qualified to attend college, we fail to give our students an opportunity in the CSU, then we have not only failed them but we fail California. All the research shows that our state’s economy needs every college educated citizen we can graduate. We ignore making a greater investment in public higher education at our peril.”

Furthermore, CFA points out, as have many religious leaders over decades, that a budget is a moral document. It expresses a society’s values and priorities. In that context, CFA Vice President [Charles Toombs pointed out to KPBS-NPR in San Diego](#) that CFA’s call for funding to add 18,000 slots for students is about providing access for the state’s high school graduates, who are now [predominantly students of color](#). “Those are the students we’re turning away now,” Toombs said

- [View CFA's news release responding to the governor's budget plan and comments about the CSU](#)

The story is spreading widely. On social media and through the news, the word is finally getting out that the CSU is turning away some 30,000 qualified students who are fully eligible under the state's Master Plan for Higher Education.

[Learn more here](#), and [see news reports here](#).

PHOTO: CFA docents discussed inadequate state funding for CSU enrollment with news media and legislative aides at an Art PopUp at the State Capitol. Left to right: CFA President Jennifer Eagan, CFA CSU Sacramento Chapter President Margarita Berta-Ávila, and CFA Associate Vice President-Affirmative Action Cecil Canton.

Court order restarts DACA renewals—see links for help

On January 9, [a federal judge temporarily halted Trump's termination of DACA](#), the program to protect young people brought to the U.S. as children, including thousands of CSU students. The temporary action is to allow lawsuits against Trump's order, including one by the state of California, to play out. Trump's [Justice Dept. asked yesterday for an immediate Supreme Court review](#) and is appealing the judge's order.

Nevertheless, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has announced it will accept renewal applications for DACA waivers and work authorizations from immigrants who had the status when the Trump administration issued its order on September 5.

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) that immigrant rights activists urge DACA beneficiaries to seek renewals quickly.

The California State University administration has created [a web page of resources specifically about the judge's order](#), and [posted a statement](#) saying, "CSU is included in the California Attorney General's lawsuit challenging the termination of DACA, and provided evidence to support the preliminary injunction by demonstrating the harm caused to the university community as a result of the rescission of the DACA program. CSU will continue to support the state's legal challenge and will continue to strive for a permanent and immediate legislative solution."

- [Click here to find resources by CSU campus](#)
- [Click here to find additional resources on the CFA web site](#)

Meanwhile, "[AB 21: Access to Higher Education for Every Student](#)," regarding immigration enforcement on higher education campuses, became state law on January 1 this year. The law was developed by CFA and Assemblymember Ash Kalra to specify measures the CSU and Community College administration will take to defend and help the undocumented on CSU campuses, and urges the UC administration to do the same.



“Full implementation of AB 21 on our campuses is urgent right now,” said Lillian Taiz, Chair of CFA’s Political Action & Legislation Committee. “CFA campus chapters stand ready to assist the CSU to make sure our Undocu-Scholars and colleagues are helped in every way possible.”

Finally, CFA joins our affiliate organizations including the NEA in calling on Congress to pass a Clean Dream Act. NEA explains: “The Dream Act is the most inclusive solution for DACA recipients and others brought to the United States as children; it provides multiple pathways to citizenship via higher education, military service, or employment.” [Click here to learn how you can take action.](#)

Join CFA at Women’s Marches this Saturday, Jan 20

This Saturday, Jan. 20, people who support a broad range of social justice issues will join in the second Women’s March and events all over the U.S. And, CFA will be there.

CSU faculty are invited to join CFA contingents. Wear your CFA gear! Need gear? [Contact your CFA campus chapter.](#) Here are details...



OAKLAND

SIGN-MAKING WITH THE CFA EAST BAY CHAPTER, JAN 19

Join in Friday 2-4 pm on campus in Room 160 of the A&E Building. BYO materials. Let your students know too!

MARCH WITH THE CFA EAST BAY CHAPTER

9:30 am: Meet the CFA East Bay contingent at 9th & Fallon in front of Laney College. Let our colleague [Katie Strom](#) know you are coming and she will say “Welcome!” The march will wind through Oakland to Frank Ogawa Plaza at City Hall for a rally.

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

OPENING CEREMONY

8:30 am: CFA Southern California Organizing Director Michelle Cerecerez will participate in the opening ceremonial indigenous blessing and prayer, standing with the Native Tongva People. Pershing Square at 5th and Hill Streets. At 10 am, the march is to leave Pershing Square for Grand Park.

CFA MEMBERS MARCH ALONGSIDE CTA

10 am: CFA members will join the contingent of the California Teachers Association Assembly, which will gather outside the Bonaventure Hotel (404 S. Figueroa St). At 10:30 am they will march toward Grand Park (200 N. Grand Ave.) for a program near the steps of Los Angeles City Hall.

SACRAMENTO

MARCH WITH THE CFA CAPITOL & STANISLAUS CHAPTERS

9:30 am: Meet the CFA contingent at the left side of the big mural in Southside Park (6th and T Streets). Look for CFA banners and the 10-foot tall paper mâché Lady Liberty. March is scheduled to start at 10 am.

SAN DIEGO

MARCH WITH CFA SAN DIEGO

9 am: Meet the CFA contingent heading to the "Hear Our Vote" Women's March in front of the SDSU trolley station. We will travel together by trolley to the County Administration Building (by the Bay!) for the March, that begins at 10 am and ends at 1 pm.

SAN FRANCISCO

CFA MEMBERS MARCH WITH THE SF LABOR COUNCIL

1:30 pm: CFA members join the [SF Labor Council](#) across from the Civic Center at Larkin and Fulton (between the Asian Art Museum and SF Public Library) to form a united labor contingent for a march on Market Street at 2 pm. Look for the Firefighters 798 truck and the Teamsters 856 van to carry those who aren't up for the full march but wish to ride along.

ORANGE COUNTY

RALLY

12:20 pm: CFA Field Representative Audrena Redmond will speak for Black Lives Matter. Flower & Civic Center in Downtown Santa Ana.

[Find other marches and rallies around the state](#)

PHOTO: Ann Strahm, Stanislaus CFA Chapter Vice President, and Jey Strangfeld, Stanislaus CFA Chapter Treasurer, at the 2017 Womens March.

In Other News

CFA MARCHES ON MLK DAY IN SEASIDE: CFA members joined Californians around the state who marched for racial and social justice to mark Martin Luther King Day on Monday.

PHOTO: CFA Associate Vice President Rafael Gómez marched with California State Senator Bill Monning.

CFA EQUITY CONFERENCE, MARCH 16-17: The biannual conference returns, and among the many panelists and speakers will be Columbia U. Psychology and Education professor Derald Wing Sue. Sue's studies focus on multicultural competency, and he is one of the nation's foremost experts in [the study of micro-aggressions](#). Registration, underway now, is done through [your campus CFA campus chapter](#)



EXPRESS YOUR FACULTY POWER: Our union CFA is the mechanism to assert our power and our rights. Share the word through signs and stickers on your door and laptop. Try on [Proud CFA member](#), [Teaching is an Art](#), [I'm Stickin' with the Union](#) and [more](#). Download from the links or get one from [your campus CFA chapter](#). Then take it to a higher level—Tell someone about CFA. And if you are not yet a member, [click here to join](#) today.

ICYMI—"RADIO FREE CSU" STRONGER TOGETHER PODCAST #2: CFA host Audrena Redmond and CSU San Marcos Professor Sharon Elise discuss the concept and history of race in America. In this [latest "Stronger Together" podcast](#), they consider how CFA's anti-racism effort has

affected Elise as a faculty member of color, and what others can expect to come from the union's Anti-Racism and Social Justice Transformation work.

Faculty Rights Tip: We've got your back

In the post-election environment, faculty may feel we are under attack from emboldened political groups wishing to intimidate us. Allegations or actions taken by these groups could lead to campus investigations. And to avoid perceived negative media coverage or appease political interests, the campus may not do a thorough investigation and attempt to unjustly impose sanctions upon the faculty.



Don't Worry. CFA has your back.

Faculty have the [right to bring an advocate on board](#) as soon as any investigation begins. Our Faculty Contract guarantees due process rights including the [right to appeal discipline](#). If the administration insists on imposing discipline, faculty have the right to a hearing before an independent arbitrator, the State Personnel Board, or before a Faculty Hearing Committee.

CFA will aggressively defend the rights of all faculty, as guaranteed by our contract, and we want to hear from you if you are under attack from anti-union and anti-academic freedom forces. Faculty in the CSU should not feel intimidated or threatened by the partisan political activities or allegations of any political group, and now more than ever we need to stand together in solidarity.

[Contact your campus faculty rights rep](#) if you need help or want to join with us in fighting for public higher education and the faculty of the CSU.

See [previous Faculty Rights Tips](#) on a range of topics in our contract.

If you have questions about a faculty rights tip or would like to suggest a tip [please write us](#) with the subject line "Faculty Rights Tip."

Links of the Week

Gov. Brown proposes California's first fully online public community college
[EdSource](#)

Study: Counseling Boosts Completion Rates
[Inside Higher Ed](#)

Intensive college counseling provided to college-seeking, low-income students shifts their enrollment toward four-year colleges that are both relatively inexpensive and have better graduation rates than other institutions, according to a [research paper](#) published last week in *Education and Finance Policy*.

Beyond Tuition: How Student Loan Debt for California's Low-Income College Grads Reveals Real College Affordability Challenges
[HuffPost](#)

Intuitively, the description of the financial aid system in California might lead you to believe that low-income students are taken care of—they don't have to worry about tuition, so all is good, right? Not quite. (Co-author of this article is Maggie White, Pres. Of CSSA and a former student member of the CSU Board of Trustees)

California Makes History as Nation's First Sanctuary State
[NBC – Bay Area](#)

Since 2010, Santa Clara County has elected not to help federal immigration officials round up undocumented people. Now, the entire state is required to do the same.

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