



July 2024 Network Updates

ICYMI: "Rising Costs in California": Implications for Middle Leaders in Designing Campuses for Students Who Are Low-Income

In February, we introduced the first "[Rising Costs in California](#)" *Voices* blog on supporting college students as they navigate a spectrum of financial considerations. In the second blog, author Dr. Thad R. Nodine explores challenges and misconceptions faced by low-income CSU students regarding the value of their degree, emphasizing the critical role of middle leaders in providing support. The third blog discusses the rising economic challenges faced by low-income CSU students and outlines the university's efforts through the Basic Needs Initiative. The final blog explores actionable steps that CSU staff and faculty can implement to better support students from low-income backgrounds.



[Read "Rising Costs in California"](#)



2024-25 Middle Leadership Academy

We are thrilled to announce that the application period for the 2024-25



Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Us Round: The Fight for African American Educational Freedom and Success in the CSU

On April 23, 2024, we commemorated the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education with [a](#)

MLA will open on August 1. We invite cross-functional teams of staff, students, administrators, and faculty from each campus to apply. The Academy is grounded in a problem-based learning model that motivates participants to "lead from the middle" as they explore and apply strategies to support equitable student learning, engagement, progression, and success on their campuses.

[How to Apply](#)

[convening focused on the ongoing fight for African American educational freedom](#) and success in the California State University (CSU) system. This event highlighted the historical roots of educational justice in California, dating back to the Tape v. Hurley case in 1885, and included personal reflections from CSU collaborators on their family histories of school segregation. For insights from the webinar, read Network Director Shonda Goward's reflection.

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