

More information about the FAFSA Workshop

Career Center is proud to announce that the first-ever virtual FAFSA workshop was a smashing success!

Out of 33 seniors, 14 attended the FAFSA workshop. Out of the 11 students in the Work Readiness Program, 4 attended the FAFSA Workshop. (Other seniors were given the option of completing the FAFSA application on their own with the support of their families.)

Of the seniors who opted to not attend the workshop, 9 seniors and 2 Work Readiness Program students finished their application before the workshop, not needing support during the workshop. A total of 18 students attended the workshop and completed their application with support.

For those that attended the workshop but were not able to complete the application during their appointment, 12 students received or will receive additional support after the workshop to complete their application.

During the FAFSA workshop, which took place from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., a total of 25 staff and support staff were present during the Zoom event and provided support in different capacities.

- 12 Career Center staff
- 2 Student Life staff
- 4 volunteers from East Bay Consortium
- 1 volunteer from Ohlone College
- 3 Spanish Speaking Interpreters
- 3 ASL interpreters

Not only students showed up for the workshop! Students had to bring their parents, so a total of 57 people participated in the workshop during the evening.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- **Vanessa Cristobal** for spearheading the whole event, in collaboration with our FAFSA team: Rona Lev, Amy Eshelman, Frank Lester, Stefanie O'Brien, Elly Swartzmeyer, and JJ Huang.
- **Stefanie O'Brien** and **Elly Swartzmeyer** for supporting students prior, during and after the workshop.
- **East Bay Consortium** for having 4 volunteers available to us during the workshop. Because of our unique needs, they were able to extend the workshop hours by one hour, giving students more 1:1 time for their appointments.
- **Evelyn Diaz Sanchez** from Ohlone College for making herself available during and after the workshop.

- **BACA and Spanish Speaking Interpreters** for their flexibility and for extending their time beyond their assigned time.
- **Career Center staff** for providing variety of support such as being the host; communication support including interpreting; navigating Zoom rooms; timekeeping; and for managing situations as they arose during students' appointments.
- And to **the participating students' families** – your support in attending the FAFSA workshop. It greatly helped with completing another step towards your child's college plans.