

RESOURCES



Financial Aid

**U.S. Department of Education
Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)**
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
TTY: 1-800-730-8913
www.ed.gov

**California Student Aid Commission
Student Support Services**
P.O. Box 419027
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9027
1-888-CA-GRANT (224-7268)
www.csac.ca.gov

**California Golden State ScholarShare Program
California's Tax-Deferred College Savings Program**
P. O. Box 60009
Los Angeles, CA 90060-0009
1-877-728-4338
www.scholarshare.com

FinAid
The SmartStudent Guide
to Financial Aid
www.finaid.org

*Congresswoman Solis discusses the
importance of higher education with
local students visiting Washington, DC.*



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SUPPORTING COLLEGE AID FOR AREA STUDENTS



Dear Friend:

College tuition has increased by 57% at public universities and by 32% at private universities since 2001. As a result, more students and families are unable to afford the high price tag of college, or they are dealing with staggering student loan debt. Meanwhile, the Republican leadership in Washington, DC, has cut college student aid by \$12 billion.

Five years of failed student aid policies have taken America in the wrong direction. We need a new direction which includes expanding Pell Grants, making college tuition tax deductible, and lowering interest rates on student loans.

Enclosed is information about my efforts in Congress to make college affordable for all students.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis
HILDA L. SOLIS
Member of Congress



"Higher education is the foundation of opportunity in this country. Nothing will do more to prepare our children for the future." *Hilda L. Solis*

CONGRESSWOMAN SOLIS SUPPORTS:

- ✓ **Making college more affordable** by increasing the maximum Pell Grant, doubling the HOPE Scholarship tax credit, and making the HOPE tax credit refundable (H.R. 2960, The College Opportunity for All Act).
- ✓ **Reducing the cost of student loans** by lowering interest rates on student loans (H.R. 5150, Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act).
- ✓ **Expanding access to college** by increasing support for GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program), which encourages more young people from low-income families to aspire to and prepare early for college, and TRIO, which helps low-income children attend and complete college (H.R. 2960).
- ✓ **Providing student loan relief for teachers and graduates who enter public schools** by forgiving the student loans of highly qualified public service teachers who commit to five years in low-income schools (H.R. 2960).



Congresswoman Solis discusses her strong support of TRIO programs with San Gabriel Valley TRIO advocates in her Washington, DC, office.

MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Congresswoman Solis has the privilege of nominating young men and women to the U.S. Service academies, including the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy. The academies offer students a fully paid college education leading to a career in the U.S. military. For more information, contact her El Monte District Office at (626) 448-1271 or visit www.house.gov/solis.



CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Each year Congresswoman Solis participates in "An Artistic Discovery," the annual high school art competition conducted by Members of Congress. The winning piece is displayed in a year-long national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the U.S. Capitol. This year's first place winner, Chen Lin (Michael) Yung Chang, traveled to Washington, DC, in June to attend the opening of the exhibition.

Congresswoman Solis stands with participants from this year's Artistic Discovery art competition, including first place winner Michael Yung Chang of Arroyo High School in El Monte (center).



INTERNSHIPS

Congresswoman Solis offers internships in her East Los Angeles, El Monte, and Washington, DC, offices. Internships can be an excellent opportunity for high school and college students and recent college graduates to learn how Congress works. For more information, visit www.house.gov/solis or contact one of Congresswoman Solis' offices.



Congresswoman Solis with interns from her Washington, DC, office.

VETERANS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Congresswoman Solis continues to push for full funding for veterans' education programs that help pay tuition, fees and living expenses so that veterans can continue or further their education. For information about education benefits for veterans, call the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551.



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