



## Financial Aid Update *February 2024*

<b>Increase in Students Receiving the Pell Grant</b>	<p>As of Friday, February 2, 2024, we have an 18% increase in students receiving the Pell Grant compared to this time last year. This is nearly an additional 3,000 students to date!</p> <p>Kudos to the amazing financial aid team; as well as our partners in a variety of areas—IT, Counseling, Admissions, Outreach, and more! It definitely takes a village.</p>
<b>FAFSA/CADAA Update</b>	<p>The Department of Education has identified 19 technical issues related to the 24-25 FAFSA, only three of those issues have been resolved.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> for a full list of detailed issues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Below are links to helpful information</u></p> <p>CSAC offers free <a href="#">Cash for College webinars</a> designed to answer common questions about applying for financial aid. During these webinars, financial aid experts are available live to answer questions for students and families.</p> <p><a href="#">Financial Aid Workshops offered by community partners</a></p> <p><a href="#">FSA YouTube Channel</a></p> <p>For those staff who work closely with students through the financial aid process, the Department of Education has released a prototype. Click <a href="#">here</a> to access the prototype.</p> <p><a href="#">How to Get an FSAID for Individuals Without a Social Security Number</a></p>
<b>Financial Aid Offices to be closed Friday, February 23, 2024</b>	<p>The Financial Aid Offices will be closed on Friday, February 23, 2024 for staff training and development. Financial Aid department signage and webpages have been updated to notify students of the training day closure.</p>
<b>Announcement of New District FA Director</b>	<p>We are excited to announce that Ali Padash will serve as the District’s Financial Aid Director. Pending Board approval, Ali will begin his role on February 15, 2024.</p> <p>Since 2012, Ali has served as FLC’s Financial Aid Supervisor. Most recently, Ali was the interim Dean of Student Services at FLC and since last November has served as the interim District Financial Aid Director while continuing to oversee the financial aid office at FLC.</p> <p>Given Ali’s financial aid expertise; knowledge of Los Rios’ processes, colleges, and students; and his passion for student success, we could not be more excited to have Ali in the Director role. Please join me in congratulating Ali as our District Financial Aid Director!</p>

For more information: <https://employees.losrios.edu/our-organization/departments-and-offices/student-services>