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Dear Friend of Coliseum College Prep Academy,

Over the past few weeks, our seniors – the members of CCPA's first-ever graduating class – began applying to colleges, a milestone that puts them one step closer to their goal: acceptance letters in the spring, and enrollment at a college this coming fall.

As an assistant principal here for a year, and now as CCPA's new principal, I have watched our students take advantage of several college-going programs, from Summer Search to internships to "concurrent enrollment" at nearby Laney College. In the enclosed *Communicator*, we highlight another piece of this college-focused culture: the impact of our Family and College Resource Center.

In my first year as principal, I am determined to build on the ambitious college-prep work of our founding principal Aaron Townsend and CCPA's amazing community of students, staff, and families. We must not lose our momentum in bringing high-impact college-prep resources and programs to *all* of our students, across grades 6 through 12. Unfortunately, our budget was cut by more than \$200,000 this year -- after hundreds of thousands in cuts over the previous several years.

**We hope you will consider a tax-deductible contribution to help us continue offering the programs that have put our seniors on the cusp of college.**

Below are just some of the ways your donation can support our kids:

- **\$55** covers the fee of one college application for a CCPA senior.
- **\$100** funds part of the cost of coordinating our students' participation in college-prep programs such as College Track and Pre-Collegiate Academy (less than \$10 a month when you set up a recurring donation online).
- **\$250** sponsors one student's entire We Make the Road internship experience.
- **\$500** helps one CCPA student take a class at nearby Laney College (covering course fees, books, supplies, and transportation).

You can make a one-time or recurring tax-deductible contribution of any amount online at [www.coliseumcollegeprep.org/donate](http://www.coliseumcollegeprep.org/donate) or by mail ("OSF/CCPA," P.O. Box 20238, Oakland, CA 94620). Thank for your support, and thanks to all of you who've donated already this year!

Sincerely,

Amy Carozza, Principal