



RAPPAPORT FAMILY FOUNDATION

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Dear Students,

On behalf of The Rappaport Family Foundation, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Mobilize.org Target 2020 California Summit. You are here because of the potential Mobilize.org and we see in you to contribute ideas that will improve the ways our campuses, communities, and state support students in achieving their academic goals and I commend you for being selected.

As community college students, your unique experiences equip you with the insight needed to create changes that will benefit all citizens. Whether it is increasing awareness among your peers about financial aid options, organizing students in response to the budget crisis, or identifying ways to offer additional academic support to those balancing work and school, you are well-equipped to use the challenges you've already overcome to develop solutions. The people and organizations you will hear from during Target 2020 California are here to be a resource and to offer you their support.

While you are here, don't be afraid to speak up. Actively participate in all conversations, raise your hand and ask questions, be mindful of the people you know who are not here, and make sure that through your voice, their voices are also heard. I also encourage you to listen closely to your peers and understand that lively debate is only a part of the democratic process. Your task is to find connections within each conversation and use them to unite students in a way that drives your passion towards tangible ideas that will lead to sustainable change.

I congratulate you on the work you've done so far that helped secure your place at Target 2020 California. And now the real work begins: that of you being agents of change in your community.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely,

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