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(Information Item)

Update on FAFSA and CADAA Submissions

SUMMARY:

The current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) submission cycle began on October 1, 2020 for the 2021-22 academic year. The data show that FAFSA submissions are well ahead of last year's cycle, due in large part to increases in submissions by junior and senior undergraduate students and graduate student filers. However, submissions for first-time freshmen are significantly down over prior years. CADAA submissions also are running well below prior years' levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action is required.

BACKGROUND:

The Data, Analysis and Research Team (DART) has created a new web based FAFSA/CADAA Dashboard that includes significant enhancements to our reporting on FAFSA/CADAA submissions, including any number of new crosstabs and historical trend visualizations. Staff will provide an update to current trends in FAFSA and CADAA submissions and will show the new Tableau modules that are currently available on the CSAC website (<https://www.csac.ca.gov/data>).

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Update on FAFSA CADAA Submissions presentation presented on June 23, 2021