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ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOSE MEDINA (AD-61) RECOGNIZED FOR PROTECTING COLLEGE ACCESS

Sacramento, CA – The Campaign for College Opportunity recently honored Assemblymember Jose Medina (AD-61) with a *Distinction in Preserving College Dreams* award for his leadership in advocating to ensure students have a path to equitable admissions at California public universities. As the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) considered admissions changes that would have restricted access for Black, Latinx, and low-income students, Medina stepped up and introduced Assembly Bill 1930, which demanded more transparency and coordination in the decision-making process of changing college admissions requirements.

“Our public colleges and universities need a more collaborative and equity-minded process when establishing and changing a student’s eligibility requirements. Assemblymember Medina saw the need for the CSU, UC, K-12, and the state legislature to work together to ensure that our all students are given a fair shot in the college admissions process,” said Jessie Ryan, executive vice president of the Campaign for College Opportunity.

Assemblymember Medina’s *Distinction in Preserving College Dreams* award was presented by California State University Student Trustee Krystal Raynes at the Campaign for College Opportunity’s second annual Legislative Dean’s List Reception, a virtual event celebrating the extraordinary work of California legislators and staffers for their commitment to increasing college access and success, ensuring racial equity, and prioritizing higher education. He was honored on January 27th alongside Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, Los Angeles County Supervisor (2nd District) Holly J. Mitchell, Assemblymember Philip Ting (AD-19), and Aleksandra Reetz, policy advisor to the California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. The event hosted higher education leaders and advocates, elected officials, civic leaders, and students from across the state to honor outstanding legislative leaders for their efforts.

Watch the event recording [here](#).